

Empty Bowls

On the evening of March 9th, McBride Elementary School hosted the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser. For a \$10.00 donation, guests received a hot bowl of soup in a hand-made pottery bowl which they were allowed to keep, bread and a beverage. This annual event is intended to help raise money for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank which in turn helps members of the community who need assistance providing food for themselves and their families.

This year, local restaurants including Bertucci's, Dockside Steak and Pasta, Houlton Bakery, Nawitka Catering, and Sunshine Pizza provided soup while Starbuck's provided coffee and tea for those who made a donation. Advanced ticket purchases were preferred, but guests were also welcomed at the door. This year, in addition to the Empty Bowl fundraiser, a silent auction was held simultaneously. The bowls were made by students from local schools.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser began in 1990 when a Michigan student was looking for a way to help curb hunger and has since grown into a national project including benefits in Oregon. While this year's event has concluded, anyone interested in attending or helping out for next year's fundraiser can contact the Columbia County Commission at 503-397-7211.

Submitted by Andrew Demko, CCCCB Board Member