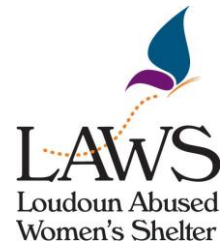




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Empty Bowls Sells Out for a Fifth Year—Raises \$39,000

Loudoun Empty Bowls is very pleased to announce that it has raised \$39,000 from its 2018 event to support Loudoun Hunger Relief and Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. Loudoun Hunger Relief received \$23,000 and Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter received \$16,000. The event was held on September 13, 2018 at the stunning and scenic Stone Tower Winery, the venue sponsor for a fifth year. The event brings together artists, who donate one-of-a-kind handmade bowls, and people who care about eliminating hunger and injustice in our community. The 2018 event sold out, and was at capacity. More than 500 people attended the event receiving soup, bread, and a bowl donated by a local artist for their ticket purchase.

Jennifer Montgomery, Executive Director of Loudoun Hunger Relief, and Judy Hanley, Executive Director of Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, jointly praised the event. They said, "We can never thank the Empty Bowls Event Committee enough. The Empty Bowls team of Jenny Wolfer, Magen Morse, Amy Berringer, Kaarin Nelson, Kristen Swanson, and Christi Palacios put together a warm, welcoming, unique and beautiful event. Their dedication and caring raised \$39,000 to help the people in our community who need it the most. We thank Stone Tower Winery and the Huber family for their generosity in providing a venue, and also donating a portion of wine sales. They are truly dedicated to improving lives in our community."

Montgomery and Hanley went on to say, "We extend our gratitude to each and every artist who contributed a bowl, truly pieces of art, to this effort. We thank the many community restaurants and organizations that provided food. We are grateful to the event sponsors. And we thank every attendee who made this event a wonderful success."

Sponsors: Stone Tower Winery, White House Ceramic Studio, Kaarin Nelson, Jenny Wolfer, Amy Berringer, Food Lion, Wegmans

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The Event Committee expressed its thanks to the many local restaurants and organizations providing soup, bread and desserts, including Andy's Lovettsville, Baker's Crust, Coneflower Catering, The Dinner Belle, Fresh Apron, Leesburg Public House, Lightfoot, Lowry's Crab Shack, Magnolias at the Mill, Market Table Bistro, The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, Roots, Savoir Fare, Tuscarora Mill. Baked goods were provided by: Tully Arlington, Michaela Bennett, Miriam Bennett, Amy Denicore, Shirley Harr, Irene Kosman, Natalie Metzler Moms Club of Sterling, Magen Morse, Kaarin Nelson, Karen Peterson, Michele Reynolds, Sally Swanson, Jill Vang, Rachel Wilkinson.

Thanks are due to the many ceramic artists who participated in the effort as well as White House Ceramic Studios, Monkeytown Pottery, Clay and Metal Loft, Manassas Clay, Round Hill Arts Center, Poppy Hill Ceramics. A complete list of artists can be found at loudounemptybowls.org.

Silent auction items were donated by many individuals, and by Monk's BBQ & Tipped Cow, Finch Sewing Studio, Chick-Fil-A, and Virginia Picnic Basket. A complete list of auction donors can be found at loudounemptybowls.org.

The Committee also extends special thanks to Blue Night Sonata and Northern Lights Dance Orchestra for providing the evening's music. Lark Floral created the beautiful floral arrangements with flowers from Greenstone Fields, and Potomac Vegetable Farms. Kaarin Nelson donated the painting "Gather," for the raffle prize.

About Loudoun Empty Bowls

Loudoun Empty Bowls was founded in 2014 as a local expression of the Empty Bowls movement. The concept of Loudoun Empty Bowls is that ceramic artists, students and community members come together to produce handmade bowls and donate them to a fundraising event. In exchange for a donation, a donor receives a bowl and a meal. Donations support local non-profits primarily assisting those with food insecurity. Events have been held with great success 2014- 2018. You can contact Loudoun Empty Bowls at loudounemptybowls.org.

About Loudoun Hunger Relief

Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun's leader in food assistance has been serving the Loudoun community since 1991. Last year, LHR served 8,000 Loudoun residents. 40% of those served are children and another 13% are senior citizens. LHR truly helps low-income, working families in Loudoun with 68% of those served employed and another 15% actively seeking employment. Residents in need can come twice a month and receive enough food to create three meals for three days for each household member. LHR distributed 1.4 million pounds of food last year. For more information, please visit www.loudounhunger.org or call 703-777-5911.

About Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice/Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS)

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter/Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice is a private, nonprofit organization that provides help and assistance to adult and child victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in Loudoun County, Virginia. With the help of our supporter and community, we empower victims of domestic and sexual violence with support, advocacy, and education so that they may live free from fear and danger. All services are free and confidential. You can contact LAWS at 703-777-6552, or lcsj.org.

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2018 Empty Bowls Committee Presents Checks to LHR Executive Director Jennifer Montgomery and LAWS Executive Director Judy Hanley



L to R: Trish McNeal, Amy Berringer, Judy Hanley, Carol Barbe, Jennifer Montgomery, Jenny Wolfer, Kaarin Nelson, Magen Morse and Kristen Swanson.



Photos courtesy of Loudoun Empty Bowls

