Filling Bowls for the 9th Year—Loudoun Empty Bowls Event Raises $48,000

Loudoun Empty Bowls is very pleased to announce that it has raised $48,000 from its 2022 Empty Bowls event to support Loudoun Hunger Relief, LAWS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (LAWS) and Dulles South Food Pantry. Each of the three organizations received a portion of the event proceeds to fill the bowls of those in need in our community. The event was held on the evening of September 15, 2022 at the stunning and scenic Stone Tower Winery, the venue sponsor for the ninth year. Loudoun Empty Bowls brings together artists, who donate one-of-a-kind handmade bowls, and people who care about eliminating hunger and injustice in our community. The 2022 event sold out within hours.

Jennifer Montgomery, President & CEO of Loudoun Hunger Relief, Debra Gilmore, CEO of LAWS, and Meg Phillips, Executive Director of Dulles South Food Pantry collectively praised the effort. Ms. Gilmore said, “LAWS is so grateful to again receive support for food purchases for those in our domestic violence shelter throughout the year.”

Ms. Montgomery added, “We extend our gratitude to each artist who contributed a bowl, truly pieces of art, to this effort. Kaarin Nelson’s painting for the raffle was, as always, an event highlight. We are grateful to the event sponsors. And we thank every donor who made this event a wonderful success. LHR continues to see high need for food in our community, and these funds make a difference in the work we do every day.”

Speaking for Dulles South Food Pantry, Ms. Phillips said “Dulles South is also seeing an increase in those needing food. We are so grateful to our friends at Loudoun Empty Bowls for their contribution!”

The Empty Bowls team of Jenny Wolfer, Magen Morse, Amy Berringer, Kaarin Nelson, Kristen Swanson, Christine Kalchthaler, and Christi Palacios put together a warm and welcoming event. Their dedication and care raised $48,000 to help the people in our community who need it the most. Fund recipients are grateful to Stone Tower Winery and the Huber family for their hospitality in providing a venue, and their ongoing generosity. Loudoun Empty Bowls is truly dedicated to improving lives in our community.

Venue Sponsor: Stone Tower Winery

Company Tables: Ariel & Jenny Wolfer; Elizabeth & Peter Seegers; Peggy Musgrave & Fortessa Tableware and Sterling Restaurant Supply; Carol Barbe & Backflow Technology, LLC; Amy Bosserman; Broglio Family; Jacobson Family & The HWS Foundation; OTJ Architects, Citi, ACI, Zoom, MillerKnoll; Kevin and Margaret Miller

Soup Donors: Leesburg Public House; Lightfoot Restaurant; Magnolia at the Mill; Salamander Inn & Resort; South Street Under; Stone Tower Winery

Dessert and Bread Donors: Jan Hyland, Natalie Metzler, Magen Morse, Amy Palmer, Angela Russell, Amber Sabin, Kathleen Salter, Robin Wilkinson, Jenny Wolfer, Kristen Swanson, Kaarin Nelson, Kristi Huber.
Additional Donors: White House Ceramics with Kristen Swanson and Carolee Stearns, Poppy Hill Ceramics, Round Hill Art Center, Clay and Metal Loft, Althouse Pottery, Chunk of Happiness, Butterfly Bend Pottery, Leesburg Senior Center, Taylorstown Pottery, Joseph and Jessica Anderson of Moonlight Sonata; Potomac Vegetable Farm; Olga Moreno; Jennifer Bergel; Virginia Aribe; Linda Snow; Sherrie Plowman; Libby Fritsche

Other Food Donors: Costco; Food Lion; Aldi; Wegmans

Bowl Makers: Maureen Alvarez, Amy Berringer, Dasha Berringer, Karen Burkardsmaier, Bruce Bucklin, Richard Busch, Laura Hennessey, Christine Kalchthaler, Meredith Kopp, Sheila Kryston, Maggie Labillois, Bryan Mattrow, Magen Morse, Alice Mullen, Kaarin Nelson, Joanne Rodgers, Carolee Stearns, Cara Stearns, Lori Stearns, Kristen Swanson, Jenny Wolfer, Relief Society members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

We look forward to seeing everyone at Loudoun Empty Bowls for their 10th year in September 2023.

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 2014-2019. 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. LHR provides nutritious food and other personal items to any Loudoun resident in need. In FY2022, LHR distributed more than 2.3 million pounds of food to 12,000 Loudoun residents in 162,000 service encounters through our direct pantry services and various community partners. We are currently serving around 650 families each week. For more information, please visit www.loudounhunger.org or call 703-777-5911.

About Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice/LAWS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (LAWS)
Founded in 1984, the mission of LAWS is to provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse with safety, empowerment and hope services to live as survivors free from the effects of violence. LAWS provides a holistic continuum of services to empower and support survivors as they recover from the trauma of abuse. LAWS’ current services include: emergency domestic violence shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, specialized trauma therapy for child, youth, and adult survivors, legal services, advocacy and case management, and outreach and violence prevention education. LAWS also operates the Loudoun Child Advocacy Center, a safe, child-friendly space for child victims of abuse to talk about what happened and for providing a well-coordinated multidisciplinary response. The Resourceful Woman Thrift Store, benefitting LAWS’ programs, offers free clothing and household items to victims receiving services. Last year, LAWS served 1,148 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and educated thousands of individuals through prevention, outreach and awareness programs. Loudoun Empty Bowls provides nutritious meals for survivors – adults and dependent children – needing emergency shelter.

About the Dulles South Food Pantry
Founded in 2014, the Dulles South Food Pantry provides neighbors in need, in Southeastern Loudoun, with nutritious food, personal supplies and self-sufficiency services, regardless of income, faith or other criteria. In 2020, DSFP was visited 5,426 times and distributed over 491,000 pounds of food through weekly food distributions and the Backpack Buddies program. For more information, visit www.dsfp.org or call 703-507-2795.

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