

Empty Bowls

From a Global Movement to Our Pueblo Community

31 YEARS OF ART · SERVICE · COMMUNITY

PSAS CHARTER NETWORK

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WHAT IS EMPTY BOWLS?

Empy Bowls is an international grassroots movement dedicated to fighting hunger through art, community, and giving.

The project began with a simple but powerful idea: artists and community members create hand-crafted bowls, guests gather together to share a meal, and the funds raised are donated to organizations fighting hunger and food insecurity.

The first Empty Bowls event was organized by a Michigan art teacher in 1990 to help support a local food drive. He had his students create ceramic bowls to distribute at a simple fundraising dinner, filled with food donated by local restaurants. Each attendee was able to enjoy a delicious meal, then take home the empty bowl as a keepsake. The intention was to remind them of the hunger that exists in the world—long after the event was over.

Today, Empty Bowls events are held in communities around the world. Each event is independently organized, allowing communities to make the tradition their own while supporting the needs of their neighbors.

The handmade bowl serves as a lasting reminder of the many bowls that remain empty — and of the role each of us can play in helping fill them.



Each hand-crafted bowl is one-of-a-kind, just like the student who made it.

Music, Meals & Community

At the same time, our PSAS music teachers are hard at work preparing students for the performances that help make Empty Bowls such a special evening. In the weeks and months leading up to the event, they dedicate countless hours to selecting music, teaching new skills, rehearsing, encouraging their students, and building their confidence.

Local Pueblo restaurants generously donate the soups and chili served during the event, helping PSAS provide a community meal while allowing more of the funds raised to directly benefit the organizations we support.



Student-made bowls turn art into service for the Pueblo community.

31 Years of Empty Bowls at PSAS

At the Pueblo School for Arts and Sciences Charter Network, Empty Bowls has become a special yearly tradition that brings together what we value most: the arts, education, service, and community.

Throughout the beginning of the PSAS school year, students, guided by their dedicated art teachers, create one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls by hand. These bowls are later sold at the Empty Bowls event, with proceeds helping support our local community.

Over the past 30 years, PSAS has donated nearly \$76,000 through our Empty Bowls event, with every dollar raised helping fight hunger and food insecurity right here in Pueblo.

This year, we are proud to continue that tradition. 100% of the proceeds from Empty Bowls will directly benefit Posada of Pueblo and the Pueblo Soup Kitchen, two local organizations dedicated to providing food, resources, and support to individuals and families in need.

HELPING FILL BOWLS IN PUEBLO

100% OF FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT POSADA OF PUEBLO AND THE PUEBLO SOUP KITCHEN

What makes Empty Bowls especially meaningful to us is that the impact stays right here in our Pueblo community. Thank you for supporting our students and helping us use art to fill bowls — and make a difference — right here in Pueblo.

31 YEARS · ONE COMMUNITY · COUNTLESS BOWLS FILLED



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Empowering Lives, Strengthening Community.