

USI's Empty Bowls annual fundraiser set for November 7

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University of Southern Indiana ceramics students have worked with volunteers from across the University and throughout the community to create 1,000 ceramic bowls for the fourth annual Empty Bowls Evansville, a charity event to be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 7 at Kirby's Private Dining, 1119 Parrett St. in the Haynie's Corner Arts District.

Most handmade ceramic bowls can be purchased for \$10, and will be filled with soup provided by Sauced, Dapper Pig, Woodbine and Alex and Joe Lattner. Beverages will be provided by Tropicana.

This year will also include a selection of "Pro-Bowls" made by professional artists such as David Rodenberg, Pete Emery and Alisa "Al" Holen, event organizer and assistant professor of ceramics at USI. These upscale creations will have a higher price point to provide a new experience for people who have supported this project.

Holen and USI ceramics students began making bowls for the event at the beginning of the fall 2015 semester, along with volunteers from Patchwork Central, Deaconess Health, United Caring Services, the City of Evansville and Bosse High School among others.

Proceeds from the sale will go to ECHO Housing Corporation to help start a food pantry for the homeless veterans and families they serve, as well as donations to Patchwork Central and United Caring Services. Last year, Empty Bowls raised over \$10,000 with proceeds divided between to United Caring Services and Aurora, Inc.

Empty Bowls is a national nonprofit organization that lends its name to any organization willing to raise funds to combat hunger by making and selling ceramic bowls. Empty Bowls Evansville is sponsored by the USI Art Department.

In addition to the Empty Bowls event, USI faculty and students will be exhibiting from 6 to 9 p.m. at Kirby's Private Dining. The exhibit "Art of the Table" will be a part of the Haynie's Corner Art District First Friday, a collaborative effort between local businesses, neighborhood representatives, and the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana featuring indoor and outdoor art exhibits and performers.

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