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Franklin Pierce University's Empty Bowls Fight Hunger

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The community is invited to help participate in Franklin Pierce University's 9th annual Empty Bowls Event on Friday, December 4, 2015 in Spagnuolo Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Empty Bowls combines art, music, and food to bring awareness about the issue of hunger in the community.

"We are excited to host another Empty Bowls at Franklin Pierce University to raise awareness about the reality of hunger in our community. We are especially grateful to our sponsors who will be providing the soups for Friday's luncheon," said organizer and Fine Arts Professor, Susan Silverman.

Attendees can select a one-of-a-kind handmade ceramic bowl (ranging from \$10- \$40), then enjoy a variety of soups from local area restaurants, and music from Franklin Pierce's very own Choral Union. Attendees are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Rindge Food Pantry. Sponsors include Sunflowers Café & Catering (Jaffrey, NH), Hometown Diner, and JP Stephens (Rindge, NH).

Since 2006, Franklin Pierce University's Empty Bowls event has raised over \$12,000 for the Rindge Food Pantry and other non-profit organizations, such as, Keene Community Kitchen, Heifer International, and Kiva.org.

Bowl making and decorating sessions have been held since the beginning of the fall semester. As a result, over 100 bowls will be available. Reservations are not required, but those who come early will have the best selection of bowls to choose from.

Franklin Pierce's Empty Bowls is part of the larger Empty Bowls international grassroots effort to fight hunger where potters, craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Millions of dollars have been raised since the Empty Bowls project began in 1991. It was the brainchild of Michigan high school teacher, John Hartom and his wife Lisa Blackburn, who had his class make ceramic bowls for a fundraising meal. Hartom holds an honorary degree from Franklin Pierce University.

For more information, contact Susan Silverman at silvermans@franklinpierce.edu or call (603) 899-4047.

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