



Leave No Bowl Empty in 2020. Please be our Sponsor.

Our Story. The Empty Bowls Project is a nationwide, grass roots effort to raise awareness about hunger. In our community, one in five children are considered food insecure. Food insecurity exposes these children to the risk of delayed cognitive development, behavioral problems, and diet-related diseases. The Kids Café Program is one way that we help address this problem.

In 1995, Columbus Parks and Recreation, the Columbus Housing Authority and Feeding the Valley partnered together and started the Kids Café Program for children in our community.

Through our Kids Café Program, we are able to provide **376,000** hot, nutritious meals and after school snacks to children annually. Who are these children we feed? We have sites in public housing neighborhoods, Truth Spring Academy, after school programs at Open Door Community House, the YMCA, all Parks and Recreation sites, Girls Inc., and various after school programs at churches. In the summer, we expand this program and provide meals to more children in our service area. And, throughout the year more than **275** of our partner agencies are trying to meet the needs of assisting families with healthy, nutritious foods.

Our Kids Café Program is partially funded by the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley and the balance is raised through grants and fund raising efforts.



On March 8, 2020, Columbus Parks and Recreation will host the 27th annual Empty Bowls Charity Luncheon in Columbus, Ga. at the Northside Recreation Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hundreds of hand painted and hand crafted bowls are made by Britt David Pottery artists, students, civic groups, clubs and families all year for this event. More than 1,000 guests select a beautiful bowl, enjoy a lunch of a variety of soups, sides, dessert and leave with a beautiful bowl that serves as a symbol of hunger in our community.

This year, we invite you to be a sponsor of this event and make an impact in our community. Your sponsorship will directly help provide meals for children in our Kids Café Program and raise awareness about the issues of food insecurity because no child should be hungry. Sponsorship information is enclosed.

Please make your sponsorship check payable to Feeding the Valley Food Bank Empty Bowl and mail to Feeding the Valley, P.O. Box 8904, Columbus, GA 31908.

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We are grateful for your support.