

Empty Bowls - History

Empty Bowls began in 1990 as an art class project in a Michigan high school to raise funds for a food drive. Students made ceramic bowls, served a meal of soup and bread, and invited guests to keep the bowl as a reminder of hunger in the world.

By the following year the organizers had developed this idea into the Empty Bowls Project and established the imagine!RENDER Group, a 501(c)3 organization designed to promote the concept.

Since its inception, this simple project has evolved into a far-reaching program providing support for food banks, soup kitchens, and other organizations that fight hunger. Empty Bowls events have been held throughout the world, raising millions of dollars for use in combating hunger.

Community Sharing Empty Bowl Project - History

Lyle and Denise Tyler brought the concept of Empty Bowls to Community Sharing in 2015, naming it the Empty Bowl Project. Their vision was slightly different in-so-much as they wished the project to be a grass-roots undertaking. This meant having community members from all walks create their own bowl other than artists designing pottery bowls. Thus began "bowl painting" throughout Milford, Highland and surrounding communities. Through their efforts, there have been annual Empty Bowl *Main Events*, and thousands of meals purchased for local families in need from sponsorships, silent auctions and bowl painting proceeds. Every year has been a great success.

Community Sharing is forever thankful to the Tylers for their enduring dedication.

