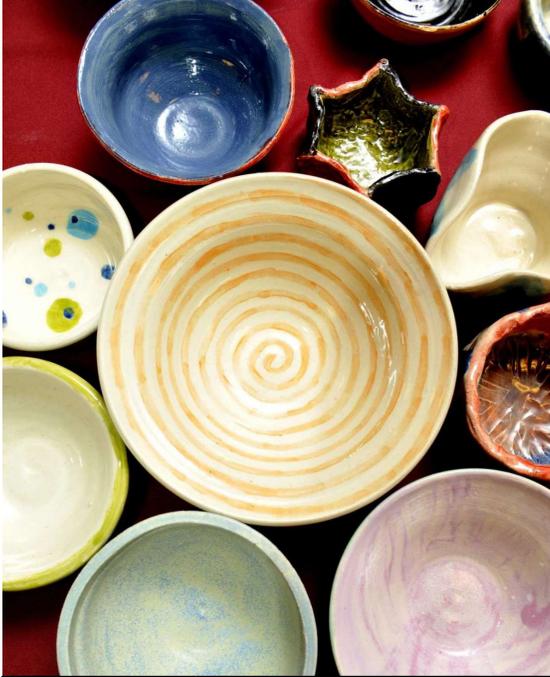


Empty Bowls fundraiser returning on three Saturdays

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All bowls will cost \$20 and will include a coupon good for a free bowl of soup from participating restaurants: Ale House, Brown's Brewing Co., Carol's Place, The Eatery, La Bella Restaurant, Mi Casa, Muddaddy Flats Quesadillary, Muza Restaurant, Park Pub Restaurant, Patricelli's Deli, The Ruck and Spillin' the Beans.

No soup will be served at the farmers market booth.

For its first 13 years, Empty Bowls was held in a conference-style space or banquet room with a table for bowls and restaurant stations at which

attendees could have their bowls filled with participants' soups, chowders and stews. The new format was adopted last fall because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Proceeds from bowl sales will be divided equally among recipients that in the past have included CEO. Hope 7 Food Pantry, Italian Community Center, Joseph's House and Shelter, Mount Ida Community Food Pantry, Provisions Community Food and Storehouse, REACT Inc., Roarke Center, Salvation Army Food Pantry, St. Joseph's Food Pantry, St. Augustine's Church Food Pantry, TLP Food Pantry, Troy Damian Center, Unity House of Troy and YWCA Food Pantry.