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21st Annual Austin Empty Bowl Project Set for Sunday, November 19th

- **Family-friendly event hosted by local non-profit Austin Empty Bowl Project benefits kids feeding programs at Central Texas Food Bank & Meals on Wheels Central Texas**
- **Pick a bowl (or bowls) for a \$20 donation per bowl, fill it with soup and enjoy live music**
- **Preview party scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 6 – 9 P.M.**

AUSTIN, TX, November 13, 2017 – The 21st annual [Austin Empty Bowl Project](#) to help fight hunger will be held this Sunday, November 19th from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the [Central Texas Food Bank](#), 6500 Metropolis Drive in Austin. This pre-Thanksgiving Austin tradition benefits the Food Bank's Kids Café program and [Meals on Wheels Central Texas](#)' Meals for Kids. The event is family-friendly and open to the public.

The Austin Empty Bowl Project is a non-profit organization created by potters to fight hunger throughout Central Texas. Here's how it works: the potters create and donate bowls of all sizes, shapes, and colors. Thirty-plus restaurants and bakeries donate delicious soups and breads, and musicians donate their time and talent to entertain the crowd. Then, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, friends and families come together to select and purchase a bowl for a donation of \$20, have it filled with soup, and enjoy the live music. Attendees get to keep their bowls as a reminder of those whose bowls are empty. Many attendees select more than one bowl for an additional \$20 donation each to give as holiday gifts. There's also a silent auction of bowls signed by such celebrities as Billy Crystal, Kathy Griffin, David Sedaris and Dana Falconberry.

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Those who love the Austin Empty Bowl Project, but hate the line, can attend the Austin Empty Bowl Preview Party. This year's Preview Party, sponsored by Bill Evans and Austin Real Pros, is set for Saturday, November 18, 2017, from 6 – 9 P.M. at Central Texas Food Bank, 6500 Metropolis Drive.

Preview Party guests will enjoy tasting several gourmet soups, bread, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer and wine, door prizes and, of course, selecting that perfect Empty Bowl. Guests will also get first crack at bidding on the silent auction of celebrity and artist bowls. Bidding closes at 3:00 on Sunday. Preview Party tickets are \$75 per person and are available online at austinemptybowl.org.

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ABOUT THE AUSTIN EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

The Austin Empty Bowl Project (AEBP) was the first of its kind in Texas, founded in 1997 by Kit Adams, the owner of ClayWays Pottery Studio & Gallery. Each year, AEBP has grown in participation by both donors and attendees and, with the help of our generous community, we have raised more than \$1,000,000! In 2011 AEBP became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and can now accept funds directly and those donations are tax deductible. For more information, visit austinemptybowl.org.

ABOUT THE CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

The mission of Central Texas Food Bank is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in the fight against hunger. Founded in 1981, the Food Bank provides food and grocery products through a network of nearly 250 Partner Agencies and nutrition programs, serving nearly 46,000 people every week. Headquartered in Austin, the Food Bank serves 21 counties in Central Texas, an area about twice the size of Massachusetts. For more information on the Food Bank and its programs, visit centraltexasfoodbank.org.