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Woodturners and Potters Join Chefs to Help Homeless Neighbors

GRASS VALLEY, CA February 13, 2018 - Dozens of artists create beautifully handcrafted bowls to fill with homemade soup for the Hospitality House **Empty Bowl benefit**, slated this year for **Saturday, March 17, 2018**.

Sharing a simple meal of soup and bread is an opportunity for our community to express its compassion for those who are homeless and hungry. Lunch is served at noon and dinner is served at 5 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 828 West Main Street in Grass Valley. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at BriarPatch Community Co-Op, online at hhshelter.org, and at the door. Children under 12 will be admitted free (but will be eligible to receive a bowl only with a paid ticket).

"I love to go to the Empty Bowl with friends and choose bowls together. It's so fun to see which bowl each person chooses! I use my bowl throughout the year for soup or cereal and it always reminds me of how fortunate I am," explains attendee Pat Forman.

The Gold Country Woodturners are collaborating with The Curious Forge to hand-turn 75 wooden bowls, while renowned artists Dik Hotchkiss, Chic Lotz, Yvon Dokter and many other potters will donate beautiful ceramic soup bowls plus large ceramic and wooden bowls for the silent auction.

Attendees will have six soups at any time to choose from, including vegetarian and a vegan option. Local chefs and restaurants will contribute a large variety of delicious soups like thai chicken curry, asparagus, chicken tortilla, cream of cauliflower and minestrone. Hospitality House Serves, the culinary skills training class for guests at Hospitality House, will also offer a seasonal Cream of Spinach soup created in the kitchen at Utah's Place.

Two generous donors will match all contributions made at the event up to \$2500. This means that people can *triple* the money they donate: a \$20 donation will bring \$60 to Hospitality House—or a \$100 donation will bring \$300.

Music is always a part of the Empty Bowl experience. Guests can choose bowls accompanied by harpist Heather MacAdam on vocals & guitar playing jazz, blues, pop, & rock music (noon to 1:30); and Dan Scanlan on vocals and ukelele, playing a variety of Tin Pan Alley, rock & roll, jazz, & folk music. (5:00 to 6:30).

Additional support for Empty Bowl comes from sponsors BriarPatch; Telestream; SPD Markets; YubaNet; Peters Well Drilling; Northern California Mortgage; Port Of Subs; KVMR; Nevada County Realtors Association; Peace Lutheran Church, Kathy Dotson Designs and The Union.

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About Hospitality House: Founded in 2005, Hospitality House is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit community shelter for the homeless in Nevada County. The year-round shelter is a no tolerance safe haven, offering three meals per day. In 2015, Hospitality House sheltered 449 individual men, women, and children, provided a total of 57,387 meals, and helped 100 people into homes of their own. hhshelter.org.