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23RD ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER FOR GLEANERS
Gourmet Soup & Fresh Bread Served – Student and Artisan Bowls For Sale and Auction

DETROIT, MI – Feb 9, 2015 – Detroit’s historic Pewabic is hosting its [23rd annual Empty Bowls](#) fundraiser benefitting Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners) on **Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 11AM-2PM**. The event takes place at Pewabic’s studio – **10125 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit**.

Last year’s event raised \$10,000 – 30,000 meals for hungry people in southeastern Michigan.

"Pewabic is proud to host our annual fundraising event for Gleaners," said Christina Devlin, Interim Chief Administrative Officer. "As an east-side neighbor and fellow non profit, our partnership with Gleaners offers Pewabic a special opportunity to leverage the power of functional ceramic objects to engage with our community and make a positive impact on hunger."

Free to attend, the afternoon includes a silent auction of unique bowls and pottery pieces created by artisan potters. Guests will be able to purchase bowls from a selection of over 750 bowls, created and donated by local artists and students. Student bowls are \$5 and artist bowls range from \$15-\$40.

Anyone that purchases a bowl will be treated to a lunch of gourmet soups (with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options), and freshly baked breads. Participating restaurants include:

- **Zoup!** – Tomato Basil (gluten-free and vegetarian) & Chicken Pot Pie
- **Polish Kitchen** – Dill Pickle Soup (vegetarian)
- **LunchTime Detroit** – Buffalo Chicken Soup
- **Beverly Hills Grill** – Beef-Mushroom Barley
- **Russell Street Deli** – Curried Yellow Split Pea (vegan) & Italian Tomato Vegetable (vegan)
- **Sinbad’s** – Clam Chowder
- **Vivio’s** – Spaghetti & Meatball Soup
- **St. John Hospital and Medical Center & Touchpoint** – Cheeseburger Chowder

"I am so very grateful for Pewabic’s longtime friendship and commitment to feeding our hungry neighbors," said Gleaners President Gerry Brisson. "Empty Bowls events not only raise funds to feed those in need, but they also provide a unique and creative way for people of all ages to get involved in solving hunger in our community."

Gleaners’ Bread Program, Julian Brothers Fine Food and Bakery and Crispelli’s Bakery & Pizzeria will provide the event’s freshly baked breads. Patrons can take more than pottery home - Gleaners’ Bread Program will sell bread to raise additional funds.

Pewabic is located at 10125 East Jefferson Ave in Detroit. For more information, go to the events page(s) of www.gcfb.org/pewabic or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1605151469708045/>

ABOUT GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN (GLEANERS):

For over 37 years, Gleaners Community Food Bank has been "feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities." Gleaners helps alleviate hunger by providing the equivalent of nearly 77,000 meals per day to people who otherwise cannot afford the food they need. Headquartered in Detroit, Gleaners operates a total of five distribution centers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe counties, which provide food to 510 partner soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and other agencies throughout southeastern Michigan. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs. One dollar provides three meals. Learn more at www.gcfb.org.

ABOUT PEWABIC:

Pewabic, founded in Detroit in 1903, is a community of makers, educators and innovators devoted to progressing ceramics. We are a non-profit organization focused on making ceramics relevant and accessible to all by supporting artistic innovation and creating meaningful learning experiences. We achieve our mission through a rotation of contemporary ceramic exhibitions, adult and youth educational programs, and the production of ceramic tile and giftware. We encourage the public to tour our National Historic Landmark pottery for free during regular business hours, Monday – Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from noon-4pm. To learn more about Pewabic, visit www.Pewabic.org.