



# For Immediate Release

## Foodbank of Santa Barbara County

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### *Foodbank Hosts 7th Annual Empty Bowls Signature Fundraising Event at the Santa Maria Fairpark*

**Santa Maria**—The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is hosting its 7th *Empty Bowls* fundraising luncheon on Wednesday, October 22 at a new location, the Santa Maria Fairpark, Park Plaza Pavilion. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the door. This unique event enables attendees to help fight hunger in our community by purchasing a beautiful, handmade soup bowl, donated by local artists and then share a simple meal of gourmet soup, donated by local restaurants including Chef Rick's, the Olive Garden, Jovi's Delights, Tratorria Uliveto, Jack's, Splash Café and many others.

Attendees take the bowl home as a reminder of the many individuals who do not have enough food to meet their daily needs. It is a wonderful opportunity for friends, families and co-workers to enjoy a fun luncheon while making a significant contribution to the Foodbank's efforts to end hunger and food insecurity in Santa Maria. In addition to the beautiful bowls and wonderful soup, attendees can take advantage of the wide array of silent auction items that are available to bid on.

Who: Foodbank of Santa Barbara County

What: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls – Santa Maria

Where: Santa Maria Fairpark  
Park Plaza Pavilion  
937 S. Thornburg St.  
Santa Maria, CA 93458  
Ph: (805) 925-8824

When: Wednesday, October 22  
11:30 -1:30 p.m.

Visuals: Colorful local artist's ceramic bowls, local community leaders serving local chef's soup, and community leaders and celebrity members rallying to fight hunger at a unique and fun event..

Local sponsors for this event includes: Bouna Terra Farming, Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Convention Bureau, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, Party Place & Rental Center, Inc., Martian Ranch and Vineyards, Jolyn and Guy Bardi of Centruy 21, Rabobank and KCOY CBS12.

For more information on the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, the Empty Bowls luncheon, or other ways to help fight hunger, contacts Kerry Main Aller in Santa Maria at (805) 937-3422 x 106.

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***About The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County** – We are the largest hunger-relief organization in the county, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with a network of more than 200 member agencies and programs located between Morro Bay and Carpinteria. In 2006, we distributed over 6.5 million pounds of food locally and our member agencies used this food to feed almost 100,000 people. The programs receiving food from the Foodbank include food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and senior programs. Hungry children make up 43% of the people receiving food from the Foodbank. For more information on The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, please visit [www.foodbanksbc.org](http://www.foodbanksbc.org)*

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