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**Breads N' Bowls provides opportunity to serve and support community groups**

*Summary: Handmade bowls made by UMM ceramics students and Morris Area High School Art Club members are included with the meal purchase.*

(April 26, 2010)-The third annual Bread N' Bowls fundraising event is scheduled from 5 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at the Morris Area Elementary School cafeteria. A meal of soups, homemade breads, beverages, and desserts donated by area businesses, organizations, and individuals will be served for \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four or more. Ceramic bowls made by UMM ceramics and Morris Area High School Art Club members are included with the meal purchase. The event supports three local community organizations: the Stevens County Food Shelf, Someplace Safe, and the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA).

"Our first Bread N' Bowls was three years ago as a service-learning project in Kevin Flicker's ceramics classes," says Argie Manolis, Office of Community Engagement coordinator. "The goal of the event is to raise awareness about, and attempt to stamp out, violence and poverty in our community."

All money from the fundraiser will go to help the Stevens County Food Shelf, Someplace Safe of Stevens County, and the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA). The money donated to PRCA will be used to provide scholarships to children in need to attend the annual Prairie Camp, an arts day camp for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

"Right now, especially with the economic crisis, these places are serving more people with no change in resources," says Manolis. "It is an important time to support these organizations."

Nearly a dozen organizations and businesses contributed to this year's event. Bello Cucina, Buddies Bar and Grill, Dairy Queen, Don's Café, Ecowater, Federated Church, Old No. 1, Pomme de Terre Food Co-op, Pizza Ranch, Subway, and Willie's Super Valu will provide soup, bread, desserts, and supplies. Individuals have also offered to bring homemade bread and bars. "There will be food available for people who have vegan, gluten-free, and vegetarian diets, as well as meat eaters," Manolis noted.

Anna Lund '11, St. Paul, is one of the students who made and donated bowls for the event. She enjoyed participating in a class that's socially minded. "I think it's really great that as a student in beginning ceramics I was able to make something useful and beneficial for others. I'm really happy that someone will buy my bowl in supporting of charitable causes."

The event will include entertainment for people of all ages. The Unusual Suspects, UMM's Improv troupe, as well as other student acts, will provide family friendly entertainment. The PRCA and students in the creative writing class of Argie Manolis will provide children's activities.

For more information about the event, contact [Manolis](#) at 320-589-6276.

Ceramics class [slideshow](#) by Natalie Johnson'11, Wichita, Kansas

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