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## **Second Annual Bread N' Bowls**

*Summary: The second annual Bread N' Bowls is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Morris Area Elementary School cafeteria. A meal of soup, bread, beverages and desserts will be served. Handmade ceramic bowls will be available as part of the meal's cost on a first-come, first-served basis.*

(April 24, 2009)-The second annual Bread N' Bowls fundraising event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Morris Area Elementary School cafeteria. A meal of soup, bread, beverages and desserts, donated by area businesses and organizations, will be served for \$10, or \$25 for a family of four or more. Handmade ceramic bowls created by students in the Morris Area High School Art Club, University of Minnesota, Morris ceramics classes or local artists will be available as part of the meal's cost on a first-come, first-served basis. The event is the second annual fundraiser for three local community organizations: the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA), the Stevens County Food Shelf, and Someplace Safe.

Business donors include Alberta Bar and Grill, Bello Cucina, Buddie's Bar and Grill, Common Cup Coffeehouse, Coborn's, Dairy Queen, Don's Café, Ecowater, Old #1, Pizza Ranch, Pomme De Terre Food Co-Op, Ranch House, Subway, and Willie's Super Valu. In addition, the Counterweight (a campus student organization) and the Sunshine and Rainbow Homemaker's Club have donated homemade food, and the campus Civic Engagement residence hall floor, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Lutheran Campus Ministries and Minnesota Public Interest Research Group have offered to volunteer to assist with preparation, serving and clean up the weekend of the event. "We're incredibly grateful to the businesses and organizations that have donated," said Julia Conroy, PRCA coordinator.

Last year, the event raised a total of \$1,058 that was divided evenly between the Stevens County Food Shelf and Someplace Safe. Argie Manolis, Morris campus service-learning coordinator, said she hopes to raise at least twice that amount. There are more handmade bowls and food to go around this year, thanks to an increase in donations. "The goal of the event is to raise awareness about violence and hunger in our community, but also to celebrate the efforts to eliminate both," said Manolis. "We added a third organization because there is evidence that arts and culture play a role in the economic vitality of a community and the healing of individuals who have experienced violence and poverty. Also, the event features handmade bowls, so it seemed a natural addition."

Stevens County Someplace Safe's advocate, Becki, said, "We are here to support, educate and empower the individual we work with every step of the way, however we might be needed at the time! Last year's donation went a long way to support survivors of violence."

The money donated to the Stevens County Food Shelf purchased more than 40 pounds of food for people who otherwise might not be able to afford meals.

This year's event promises to be even more vibrant than last year's. There will be prizes available for participants in a drawing organized by Someplace Safe, and children's games organized by PRCA members. "We're hoping it will be a fun, family event," said Manolis.

Tickets will be sold in the campus Student Center the week before the event. Tickets are also available at Morris Area Elementary School on the day of the event.

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