

PALM BEACH COUNTY FOOD BANK  
**EMPTY BOWLS PALM BEACH**



**I**t was a pot worth stirring as the **Palm Beach County Food Bank (PBCFB)** returned with its 11th Annual *Empty Bowls Palm Beach* at Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. The event gives supporters the humble reminder “to eat simply, so others can simply eat.” Since its inception, **Bethesda-by-the-Sea** has underwritten the event in its entirety, with overwhelming support from the community, so that every dollar raised to attend the event directly supports the PBCFB.

*Empty Bowls* is a national grassroots event that raises money for hunger relief. Guests shared a basic meal of freshly baked bread from **Old School Bakery**, signature soups donated by local chefs, water and a delectable bake sale all served by community leaders and local celebrities. This year’s event Chairs were **Amy Sullivan, Johanna Reyers** and **Michael Dobies**.

“In the past 11 years, we have raised \$1 million in the entirety of hosting *Empty Bowls Palm Beach*,” said **Jamie Kendall**, CEO of PBCFB. “Every meal is more than just food. It is children attending school with the energy and focus they need to succeed; it’s senior adults holding on to their health and independence and it’s families being able to pay their bills. Thanks to our valuable partners at Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, we can give back dignity and some peace of mind to our neighbors who are struggling with significant food insecurity.”

The Palm Beach County Food Bank procures food from grocery stores, farmers, food distributors, wholesalers, and other sources to almost 200 local community partners, including food pantries, soup kitchens and residential housing programs. Palm Beach County Food Bank programs reach families, children, and seniors, and connect those in need to available benefits and resources. Partner agencies distribute the products received, including culturally appropriate food and necessities like paper towels and diapers. This process ensures families have access to food when they need it most.

Participating restaurants and soup booths included **BrickTop’s, Buccan, Club Colette, E.R. Bradley’s Saloon, Field of Greens, Gourmet Galaxy, Grato, La Sirena, Le Bilboquet Palm Beach, PB Catch, Pistache, Ravish Off Ocean, Renato’s Palm Beach, Sailfish Club of Florida, The Bath and Tennis Club, The Beach Club, The Ben West Palm, The Breakers Palm Beach, The Colony Palm Beach Hotel, The Lord’s Place Cafe Joshua, Trevini Ristorante** and **Old School Bakery**. The event also proudly presented the event chef **Franny LaRue** of **Gourmet Galaxy Catering**.

**Anne and Chris Flowers** returned as second year Presenting Sponsors. Platinum Sponsors included **Leo Rosner Foundation Inc, Smithfield Foods** and **Perdue**; Gold Ladle Sponsors included **Debbie and Michael Pucillo, Axis Redistribution, Baptist Health South Florida** and **Sullivan Electric & Pump**; and Silver Ladle Sponsors included **American Spice Trading, CenSea Inc., Cindy and Ron McMackin, Cheney Brothers, Dole, F. Garcia Wholesale & Export, Old School Bakery, Swisher Ecolab,** and **Wolverine Packaging**.

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**FIRST ROW:** (STANDING) Chris and Anne Flowers, (SEATED) Bryna Rogers and Tim Schenck; Johanna Reyers and Amy Sullivan; **SECOND ROW:** Marti LaTour and Lois Pope; Jamie Kendall and Honorable Danielle Moore; **THIRD ROW:** Patsy and Don Mintmire; Warren Belmar and Honorable Bobbie Lindsay; **FOURTH ROW:** Ruth Mageria and Matt Constantine; Skip Randolph and Bill Paty. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

