

10TH ANNUAL

Empty Bowls Palm Beach



More than 500 attendees boiled over to support the 10th Annual *Empty Bowls Palm Beach* at the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. The event's proceeds will go directly to the **Palm Beach County Food Bank (PBCFB)** to turn hunger into hope. This year's event was championed by event Chairs, **Rick and Cordella Miessau**, as well as **Johanna Reyers** and **Amy Sullivan**. Honorary Chairs include **Byron and Laura Russell** of Cheney Brothers.

"My wife and I, and the new Co-Chairs Johanna and Amy, are extremely fortunate to represent this year's *Empty Bowls Palm Beach*," said Rick Miessau. "We've seen firsthand the generosity and impact that comes from this event, and we're humbled to bring more inspiration and hope to our neighbors."

Empty Bowls is a national grassroots event that raises money for hunger relief. The unique event invites the public to "eat simply, so others can simply eat." Guests share a basic meal of freshly baked bread from **Old School Bakery**, signature soups donated by local chefs, decadent dessert from **Sweet Endings** and water, all served by community leaders and local celebrities.

"Our 10-year mark for *Empty Bowls Palm Beach* is something we are so proud of," said **Jamie Kendall**, CEO of PBCFB. "But the real credit goes to our community, donors and sponsors who have generously supported the struggling working class and residents in need."

The Palm Beach County Food Bank procures food from grocery stores, farmers, food distributors, wholesalers, and other sources to more than 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 included **The Bath and Tennis Club**, **The Beach Club**, **The Breakers Palm Beach**, **BrickTop's**, **Buccan**, **Cholo Soy Cocina**, **The Colony Hotel**, **Cucina Palm Beach**, **Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa**, **Polpo Palm Beach**, **E.R. Bradley's Saloon**, **Field of Greens**, **Gourmet Galaxy**, **Grato Restaurant**, **Joshua Catering Company**, **La Sirena Restaurant**, **Le Bilboquet**, **Palm Beach Catch**, **Pistache French Bistro**, **Renato's**, **The Regional**, **The Sailfish Club of Florida**, **Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa** and **Trevini Ristorante**.

The year's Presenting Sponsors for the 10th Annual *Empty Bowls Palm Beach* are **Anne and Chris Flowers**. Platinum Ladle Sponsors include **Cheney Brothers**, **Christina MacMillan**, **Smithfield Culinary** and **Perdue Farms**. Gold Ladle Sponsors include **Debbie and Michael Pucillo**, **Sullivan Electric & Pump, Inc.**, **AXIS**, **James R. Borynack** and **Adolfo Zaralegui - Findlay Galleries**. Silver Ladle Sponsors include **Dole**, **Swisher**, **F. Garcia Wholesale & Export, Inc.**, **CenSea**, **Wells Fargo**, **PDS Wealth Management**, **Red Diamond Coffee & Tea**, **Wolverine Packing Company**, **Branding Iron**, **Federal Fisheries**, **Sweet Endings** and **JB Edwards**. In-kind and Underwriters are **Gourmet Galaxy - LaRue's Soup Boss**, **Old School Bakery**, **DSS Incorporated**, **Dave Matthews**, **Cugini Winery**, **Sarafino** and **Dale and Joyce Zimmerman**.

For more information visit pbfoodbank.org.



FIRST ROW: Rick and Cordella Miessau; Johanna Reyers and Amy Sullivan; **SECOND ROW:** Laura Russell and Jamie Kendall; Marti LaTour, Lois Pope and Anne Flowers; **THIRD ROW:** Heath Randolph and Bobby Lindsay; Patsy and Don Mintmire; **FOURTH ROW:** Reverend Tim Schenck, Father Glen Pothier, Rabbi Michael Resnick and Reverend Bob Norris; Paul Leone and Stephanie Glavin. PHOTOS: CAPEHART