

# Empty Bowls VIP Reception



**P**alm Beach County Food Bank (PBCFB) cooked up excitement at its VIP reception for the Eighth Annual *Empty Bowls Delray Beach* at the Arts Warehouse. This year's *Empty Bowls Delray Beach* was hosted at Trinity Delray Lutheran Church and School with event Chairs, **John and Diane Brewer** and **Stephanie Dodge** as the Honorary Chair.

The VIP reception included a beautiful display of handcrafted bowls by Delray's most admired artists as well as silent auction bidding, live music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

"The holidays can be a tough time for many, and that does not exclude local neighbors here in Palm Beach County," said **Jamie Kendall**, PBCFB CEO. "There are 132,000 food-insecure residents in our county, and we typically find that those who are dealing with hunger are also experiencing chronic illness, or other catalysts for loss of income. Difficult decisions and mounting bills can take a toll on an individual's ability to put food on the table this holiday season — and that's where neighbors helping neighbors can assist our agency in stepping in."

Participating restaurants at this year's event included **Palm Trail Grill, Abe and Louie's, Caffe Luna Rosa, Eat Thai, J&J Seafood Bar and Grill, Latitudes at Delray Sands, Longhorn Steakhouse Delray, Space of Mind Community Classroom Project, Tin Muffin and Woodfield Country Club.**

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The PBCFB procures food from grocery stores, farmers, food distributors, wholesalers and other sources and provides it 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.

For more information visit [pbcbfoodbank.org](http://pbcbfoodbank.org) or call 561.670.2518.

**FIRST ROW:** Shelly Himmelrich, Jamie Kendall and Billy Himmelrich; Ron Burkhardt, Stephanie Dodge and Carol Calicchio; **SECOND ROW:** Diane and John Brewer; Erica Posternack and Taylor Dodge; **THIRD ROW:** Stephanie Dodge and Jim Sparhawk; Juli Kagan with Wyn and Kelli Yelin; **FOURTH ROW:** Stacey Halberg, Sara Kelly and Michele Barnett; Patti Jones and Joe Brandon

