



For Immediate Release **First Annual Empty Bowls “Students Helping Students”**

Paso Robles Public Schools Service Learning Students Collaborating with Paso Robles Culinary Academy Students and The Food Bank Coalition to Benefit New Summer Program to Feed Children.

Paso Robles Ca. Monday June 20th 11:00am-1:00pm. Paso Robles Culinary Academy 1900 Golden Hill Rd. – Paso Robles Public Schools Service Learning students, Culinary Academy and The Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County have join forces to present the first annual Empty Bowls luncheon “Students Helping Students”.

Proceeds will benefit The Lovin’ Lunchbox, a new Food Bank program providing meals and snacks to children during the summer months. In SLO County over 10,000 children are on free and reduced lunch during the school year and during the summer their families struggle to provide enough nutrition for growing bodies. The Lovin’ Lunchbox will provide 50,000 meals and snacks this summer alone.

The cost is \$25 and includes lunch, beverage and a handmade keep sake bowl . Laura Weber program coordinator said “this is a win/win for everyone! Pottery, art and culinary students learn hands on and get the chance to showcase their skills and talents. Avid members will participate and volunteer their time. The best part is that students will help provide meals to children in their community and learn so many things along the way.” There will also be an auction and a raffle. Sponsor tables will be available and anyone interested in supporting or helping the event please contact Wendy Lewis at 235-0919.

For tickets or information, contact the Food Bank Coalition at (805) 238-4664 or visit www.slofoodbank.org

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About the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County: The organization is the only countywide source of nutritious and low-cost food for low-income families, seniors, children, veterans and the disabled. Through direct programs like the Backpack Program for school children and the Senior Brown Bag Program, and in partnership with over 200 SLO County agencies, the Food Bank Coalition will provide more than 5.5 million pounds of food, helping over 40,000 county residents in 2011.

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