



PRESS RELEASE

2nd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser Committed to Supporting Boys & Girls Clubs

County Courthouse Square, Dade City, FL, November 15, 2013: The Lewis Abraham Lacoochee Boys & Girls Clubs has partnered with Feeding America for a second year to host “Empty Bowls” on Friday, November 15th, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in downtown Dade City.

For a donation of \$10, guests attending the event will receive a bowl of soup, a slice of kumquat pie and a bottle of water. All proceeds raised from Empty Bowls will go towards enhancing the food programs at the Lewis Abraham Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club. Last year, the first time event raised almost \$20,000, with every dollar that was raised going directly back to the young people served by the organization.

“We couldn’t have asked for a more successful pilot event last year,” stated Jennifer Pearson-Yingling, Executive Director for the Pasco County Boys & Girls Clubs. “We have been so fortunate to have strong partners, like Feeding America, which have been in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs for years. As we continue to increase awareness, it gives us the opportunity to build new relationships, which make events like these possible – and we are incredibly grateful for the chance to continue this event.”

Empty Bowls was inspired by local elementary students making kiln-fired, hand painted bowls and all participants will receive one hand-crafted, commemorative bowl in recognition of their support.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community for more than 85 years; enabling young people to become productive, responsible and caring citizens through structured programming, safe learning environments and dedicated staff. With a focus on three core priority outcomes – Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Improving Character & Leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay provides opportunities to build new skills that raise each Club Member’s belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments.

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About Feeding America

Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. Our mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger. Through the assistance of local and national food assistance programs, Feeding America is able to provide nutritious, fresh foods to Americans struggling with hunger; safe and nurturing places for children to have a meal; emergency assistance for disaster victims; as well as a chance at self-sufficiency for adults trying to break the cycle of poverty and hunger.

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