
Our annual Empty Bowl Luncheon is made possible by the many generous donations from individuals like you.

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You may want to make a memorial or gift in honor of someone special. An acknowledgement will be sent to your honoree.

Your gifts are tax deductible.

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My gift of \$_____ is enclosed.

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All checks should be made payable to the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of the Shoals.

Mail or Fax, your pledge to:

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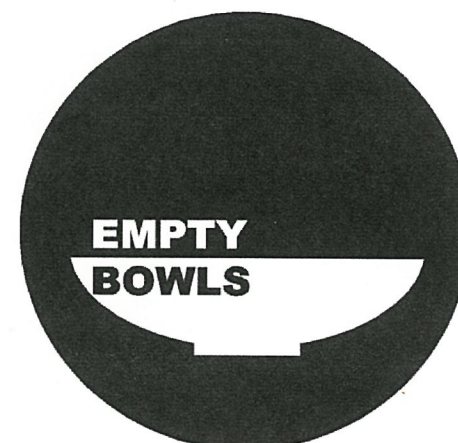
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*The Salvation Army
Women's Auxiliary
of the Shoals
Presents*

The 14th Annual



Luncheon

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

11:00 – 1:00

*Marriott Shoals Conference Center
Florence, Alabama*

Tickets: \$15

*In Advance or At the Door
(Carry Out is Available)*

EMPTY BOWL LUNCHEON

There is a story about a man who left this earth and was taken on a tour of the inner realms.

He was shown a room where he saw a large group of hungry people trying to eat dinner, but because their spoons were longer than their arms, they remained frustrated. "This," his guide told him is hell. "That's terrible!" exclaimed the man; "Please show me heaven!"

"Very well," agreed the guide, and on they went. When they opened Heaven's door, the man was perplexed to see what looked like the same scene: there was a group of hungry people with spoons that were longer than their arms. As he looked more closely, however, he saw happy faces and full tummies, for there was one important difference: the people in Heaven had learned to feed each other.

*from The Dragon Doesn't Live Here Anymore
by Alan Cohen*

We believe that here on earth we can learn to feed one another as well. It is our goal to raise as much money as possible to feed hungry people in the area and to help bring about an attitude that will not allow hunger to exist.

This project will be done through the sponsoring of an "EMPTY BOWL" luncheon. A bowl of soup, a piece of bread and a bottle of water are served. By attending this luncheon you are working together with the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary to help reduce hunger 'ONE BOWL AT A TIME!'

This is a project of the Imagine/RENDER Group, a 501©3 non-profit organization established to create positive social change through the arts and art education.

Handmade ceramic bowls are given to each guest to keep as a reminder of the meal's purpose. Each and every time you use this bowl from your cupboard, you will be reminded that someone's bowl is always empty.

Some of our bowls are made by professional potters and some by non-professional "helping-hands" like you and me. ALL of our ceramic bowls were made with love and concern by people of all ages for those in need in our community.

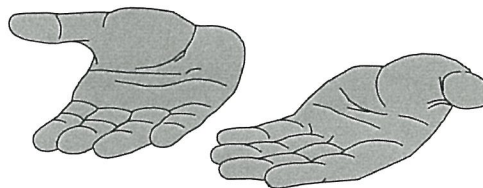
Our guests enjoy fabulous soups and breads provided by local restaurants and bakeries, while listening to the wonderful sounds of local musicians.

Participation in this event will remind you that this is just one occasion when you helped to alleviate hunger and could choose to do so again at anytime.

All funds raised from the sale of tickets and donations (100%) will be used to provide food for the hungry in Lauderdale, Franklin and Colbert Counties.

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary (S.A.W.A.) of the Shoals has agreed to conduct this event annually with the tireless assistance and contributions of many area potters, schools and concerned citizens. We thank you all, as well as the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Conference Center, for your generosity and support of this project.

***Please join hands with us as we fill the
bowls of the less fortunate***



SILENT AUCTION

In addition to our luncheon, the S.A.W.A. conducts a Silent Auction. Our fine local merchants, potters, artists, craftsmen and many friends of the Auxiliary ensure that beautiful gifts await your eye. Guests are given the opportunity to bid on these items throughout the luncheon.

Monies raised by the Silent Auction for pottery items will go into our Hunger Fund. Monies from all other items enable the Auxiliary to work on additional community projects such as: stocking the shelter with necessities, sending at-risk children to summer camp, providing area children with school supplies and helping build the Salvation Army School for Performing Arts (SPA) Program. This program offers weekly music lessons and a hot meal, at no charge, to all area children.

HEART & HANDS GOURMET SHOPPE

The ladies of the S.A.W.A. have prepared delicious baked and canned goods for your pleasure. Please stop by for dessert or take something with you for your families and co-workers. Proceeds from these goods will help to eliminate expenses incurred by our luncheon and silent auction.

THRIFT STORE MODELS

Our Thrift Store Models wear fabulous finds that were available at our two locations – Florence and Sheffield. They raise money to receive the coveted titles of Mr. & MS. Empty Bowls. All proceeds support the Empty Bowl Hunger Project.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Our shuttle buses will take you from your car to the door. Overflow parking at Veterans Park,