

Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network 20th Anniversary Empty Bowl Dinner Event Fact Sheet



What: NPIHN's **Empty Bowl Dinner** is the organization's signature event organized annually to raise funds for NPIHN families and to generate awareness about family homelessness in Philadelphia.

Area restaurants and bakeries donate hot soups, breads, desserts and beverages for an all-you-can-eat feast for this family-friendly event. Hand-made ceramic bowls are donated by local potters for attendees to select, use and keep as a souvenir-reminder that every night in Philadelphia, homeless families are at-risk of going without a meal.

Held just weeks before Thanksgiving, the **Empty Bowl Dinner** is suitable for all ages. It includes live entertainment and fun activities for children. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 for adults, \$8 for students and children.

Proceeds go directly to programmatic support for NPIHN and the advancement of its mission to address family homelessness. The event is coordinated by staff and volunteers and attracts over 2,400 patrons which is expected to increase at the commemorative 20th anniversary event!

Who: The **Empty Bowl Dinner** draws support from Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks Counties. Guests and volunteers include:

- People of all ages, faiths, and income levels
- Residents of the Mt. Airy, Germantown, and Chestnut Hill communities
- Community activists, clergy, college students and other concerned citizens
- A reunion of formerly homeless guest families

When: Wednesday November 14, 2012 at Chestnut Hill College, Sorgenti Auditorium, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (**sponsorship event opportunity**), and Monday November 12, 2012 additional event at Arcadia University 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Chestnut Hill College, Sorgenti Arena, located at 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118
Arcadia University, The Castle, located at 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038 and

How: As an Empty Bowl Dinner sponsor, you can make a difference in the life of a family transitioning from homelessness to stability. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. To become a sponsor or to make a contribution or in-kind donation to NPIHN, please contact Rachel Falkove, Executive Director at 215-247-4663 Ext. 2 or rachel@philashelter.org.

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What makes NPIHN special?

- We do not separate families based on age or gender
- Though based largely on congregational support, the NPIHN program is non-proselytizing
- NPIHN offers meals and childcare to remove barriers to receiving much needed services like therapy, financial literacy and career counseling for all family members



NPIHN serves...

- 80 families (227 individuals) a year
- 76% female, 24% male
- 75% children and teens

The NPIHN network is supported by...

- 30 area churches, synagogues and mosques
- 2 Seminaries
- 3 Universities
- 1,200 volunteers throughout Philadelphia
- Over 30 private, corporate and federal donors



Success rate:

- Since its founding in 1991, NPIHN has moved 300 families (840 individuals) from homelessness to stability
- 92% of families who complete our program, never return to homelessness again
- 60% of our alumni families pursued higher education following their stay with us

Last year's NPIHN Empty Bowl Dinner Results:

Over 2,400 people attended ▪ 120 local restaurants donated soup, desserts and refreshments ▪ 250 volunteers helped to carry out the event ▪ \$24,000 was raised to support NPIHN families, this year's goal is \$50,000!