



# EMPTY BOWLS

**Dinner and Auction**  
*a benefit for*  
**Pajaro Valley**  
**Loaves & Fishes**

**September 16, 2023**



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Dear Friends,

This year marks the return of our beloved Empty Bowls Dinner and Auction. We invite you to join us as a **SPONSOR** or **DONOR** in support of our work providing nutritious food to thousands of Pajaro Valley residents year-round and in response to emergencies such as the recent floods. This event sustains our community pantry and lunch programs, raising 25% of our operating budget.

On this evening, we gather with our generous community of supporters to reaffirm our commitment to providing healthy lunches and groceries to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Pajaro Dunes North Association provides the scenic Shorebirds Lagoon House as the venue for this event on **Saturday, September 16, 2023**, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Each guest will select a hand-crafted bowl created by a local artist as a reminder of the hunger that persists in our community. Attendees will enjoy live music, fine beer and wines, appetizers, farm to table salad, a trio of delicious hearty soups, and delightful desserts along with a creative selection of silent and live auction items.

**Please join us in our hunger fighting efforts! Donations of wine and live or silent auction items** will also help to make this year's event a success. **Sponsors and donors** are acknowledged in our event program and on our website.

**To donate, please complete and return the attached Sponsor / Donation Form.** Please call or email me for more information. Thank you for your support!

With sincere appreciation,

Mary McKenna  
Committee Chair

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Executive Director