



## Henking Elementary March 19, 2009

### Henking Elementary thanks you for your participation in Empty Bowls Night, 2009!

A student in Glenview was asked if he knew whom the Empty Bowls fundraising event would benefit. Hurricane Katrina victims? Someone in Africa? When told that it was to help hungry people in Glenview, the boy was taken aback. This is exactly what the Empty Bowls project intended to do. There are hungry people all around Glenview and over 500 Henking students now agree that "hunger is unacceptable in our community."

Over 520 beautiful student handmade bowls, 40+ yummy crockpots of soup, over 700 student, parent, Henking Staff (even a few Hoffman), and community members helped to contribute nearly \$3,250, many boxes of canned food, and lots of leftover soup and bread for the Northfield Township Food Pantry! Henking was packed with kind hearts, buzzing with thoughts of sharing, scribbled with student notes saying "give to the food panchee. Help the hugree," and decorated with wishes for peace. Even sweeter was the child who donated all of the change from his piggy bank. Kudos to the entire Henking community in helping the hungry.

Empty Bowls was the culmination in a yearlong project to educate Henking School students about the hungry, and it could not have been done without the hard work and dedication of parents, teachers, students and businesses in the Glenview area. Sincere thanks to our art teacher and inspiration, Candice Wu.

Special thanks to Mary Patronik, the behind-the-scenes powerhouse who gave hundreds of hours to organize, help students prepare, coordinate volunteers and donations, and everything detail in between! You held the entire project together. Thank you.

Dozens of families held the night together. Huge thanks to the families that donated soup; Melissa Walsh and Gaynor Eisenberg for their awesome soup/kitchen coordination; Lori Evans in manning the registration table; Joe Baik and Brett Clark for publicity; Mary Frese for her organization of the RSVPs; Jill Brickman, supervisor of the Northfield Food Pantry for support and speaking to the students about hunger; Jill Brickman and Cindy Parker for trucking leftover soup to the Food Pantry; Niki Dale, Missy Uhlemann and the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts for organizing the canned food donations; Mrs. Iida and the Glenview Community Church youth volunteers; Wesley Childcare for being so flexible and supportive of our space needs; Terry Sinnott for printing invitations; and all the hands that went above and beyond the call of duty to wrap-up the night!

Thank you to our generous donors: Great Lakes Clay, House of Rental, Tablescapes of Chicago, You're Fired, Sara Lee, Corner Bakery Café, Costco Wholesale, Wildfire, Glenview Park Golf Club, Max and Benny's.

Many thanks to the Henking Staff for donating their time, money, ideas, soup, and energy. Your commitment to the project was incredible and your smiling faces while running the kitchen, serving soup and decorating made it extra special for our students. Way to pull together! Thanks to the custodial staff for donating their time and energy-Larry, Maria and Veronica; Mary Sue Smith for pulling together teachers and ideas; Mrs. Doetsch for website design; Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Schiltz for the Hunger Quilt and stories; Mr. Siegellak for his support and bowl donation; Mrs. Sarasin and Ms. Settle for the Character Counts music; Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Niemi, and Mrs. Hoyland in distributing information.

It was wonderful to see the Henking community come together in remembrance that

**"There are always *Empty Bowls* in the world."**

Sincerely, Henking Empty Bowls Crew