On Saturday, March 9, 2019 Bean’s Cafe will hold its 25th annual Empty Bowl Project fundraiser from to help feed the community. This event is all about calling attention to the fact that we have a lot of individuals, including children, in our community facing the issue of hunger.

This year ConocoPhillips Alaska is the presenting sponsor of this epic event. The Empty Bowl project features handmade bowls, of all mediums, made by Alaskans. For the price of a ticket attendees can choose a bowl to take home and enjoy all they can eat soup and cornbread and unlimited soda. The soups at this event are recipes submitted by the general public and then taste tested and voted on during the soup roadshow in January.
25th Annual Empty Bowl Project

There will be a fabulous kid's zone, art displays, music, and early, private access for VIP ticket holders. Also included in the price of a VIP ticket is attendance at the Un Premier event, held at and underwritten by 49th State Brewing Company. This event is held the evening before Empty Bowl and allows attendees to enjoy a smaller-scale venue with the opportunity for early-bird bowl selection, food, beverages and a live and silent auction, all in the comfort of the barrel rooms at 49th State Brewing Company.

The Empty Bowl Project event will take place on March 9, 2019 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dena’ina Center.

Tickets on Sale February 1st at: beanscafe.org or MyAlaskaTix.com

VIP tickets: $100
Early-Bird Ticket: $30 - includes bowl
Standard: $35 (after Feb. 15) - includes bowl
Soup & Cornbread Only: $15
Tickets at the door: $40 - includes bowl / $20 - soup only

Please join us for Bean’s Cafe biggest fundraiser. Be part of the excitement and help us fill the room with generous community members searching for bowls, eating the endless amount of soup and cornbread, and bidding on the numerous silent auction items. Doors to the event open at 11 a.m. for all general admission attendees and new, beautiful bowls will be put on display for the duration of the event. This is truly an event for the entire family.

We want to extend a special thank you to artist Katie Sevigny who designed this year’s logo.

These wish lists include the most commonly needed and requested items in our programs. You can also like us on Facebook so you’ll get periodic updates.

Bean’s Cafe
• Canned Vegetables
• Canned Fruit
• Oatmeal
• Canned Tomato Products
• Dry Cereal
• Canned Tuna
• Paper Towels
• Toilet Paper
• Coffee, tea, cocoa
• Cooking Oil
• Spices in bulk sizes
• Snack Items (granola bars, fruit snacks, chips, etc.)
• Socks
• Gloves
• Over the counter medications (tums, vitamins, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.)

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
1101 E. 3rd Avenue
7-days a week 8am – 4pm

Children’s Lunchbox
• Whole Wheat Pasta
• Fruit Leather
• Canned Fruit
• Oatmeal
• Dried Fruit
• Granola Bars
• Brown Rice
• Canned Vegetables
• Canned Soup
• Canned Chili
• Easy Mac & Cheese
• Canned Tuna or Chicken

* We appreciate individual size packages whenever possible

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
TCL Kitchen, 1020 E. 4th Avenue
Monday – Friday 8am – 3:30pm
The program is focused on moving participants from homelessness to permanent housing. Bean’s Cafe is partnering with other agencies to proactively address the needs of guests who participate in the shelter program by conducting an intake for each guest, with the goal of helping them plan an exit/housing strategy.

Bean’s Cafe has been providing overnight shelter since December 20, 2018, and will operate it through April 30, 2019, as part of the overnight shelter system. The soup kitchen will maintain normal operational daytime hours maintaining programs and meals 365 days per year.

During the evening, Bean’s Cafe will provide dinner and overnight shelter for up to 100 men and women. The agency will coordinate guest entry into the Alaska Homeless Management Information System (AKHMIS). Working with partner agencies, Bean’s Cafe will focus on connecting guests with services to address their needs.

The goal of the program at Bean’s Cafe is to accommodate guests who also have greater needs, including those who are wheelchair bound or have other physical or behavioral health issues that a smaller shelter could more readily assist with.

On December 8, 2018, Bean’s Cafe reached an agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage to participate in an overnight shelter system designed to provide stable emergency shelter for those in need.

The objective of the overnight shelter system and Bean’s Cafe role in the network is to provide a safe, stable environment for guests.

On a parallel track, Bean’s Cafe will be working with them on workforce readiness, long-term housing plans, and connecting them with services. At Bean’s Cafe, once a guest has stayed at the facility, they will have a spot the following night unless staff is notified otherwise, or the guest violates the rules.

“We are filling this need because it was asked of us, and we believe it is the right thing to do,” said Lisa Sauder, Executive Director. “It is outside of our normal scope of operations but we want to make sure no one in our community goes unsheltered. By working with the Municipality and other agencies, we have arrived at joint goals and objectives and will provide shelter for those in need, while helping many start down the path to self-sufficiency.”

XTRATUF partners with Bean’s Cafe to support earthquake relief

On Friday, November 30th, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the state of Alaska. To provide support for the people most affected by the quake, XTRATUF launched a limited edition ‘ALASKATUF’ t-shirt to raise funds at a local level. The shirts were sold online through December 31st.

All proceeds from the sale of the t-shirt—roughly $10.00 per shirt—have been donated directly to Bean’s Cafe. **The total: $8,835.72!**

“XTRATUF is more than just a brand of boots,” said David Mesicek, Chief Marketing Officer for XTRATUF. “It’s a symbol of the endurance it takes to live and thrive in the great state of Alaska.”

Bean’s Cafe’s doors remained open and provided critical services for those needing emergency shelter and food in the aftermath of the November 30th earthquake in and around Anchorage. They also provide meals, shelter and referrals to services to anyone in need 365 days a year.

“As a nonprofit organization, we are constantly seeking ways to keep food on the table for the hundreds of people we serve each day. This generous opportunity from XTRATUF will help Bean’s Cafe continue to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens,” said Lisa Sauder, Executive Director, Bean’s Cafe.
We are proud to announce Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox have been chosen as one of the 2019 charities to receive funds raised at the 26th Annual Mayor’s Charity Ball this October. We are joined by: Alaska Literacy Program, The Arc of Anchorage and Pulse Dance Company!

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26th Annual Mayor’s Charity Ball

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Pick.Click.Give


Thursday, December 6, 2018 we held our Annual Toast to the Coast fundraiser. This event is presented by the Pacific Seafood Processors Association and drew in over 400 individuals to the Anchorage Museum for a fun-filled Thursday night. The event raised over $110,000 for Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox and featured fine wine and craft beers thoughtfully paired with a gourmet menu highlighting Alaska seafood designed by guest Chef Brad Harris of Muse. There was music, a live and silent auction, and a mystery wine pull. Additional support was provided by Nana Management Services, K & L Distributors, Providence Imaging and Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Thanks to the generous support of the sponsors, 100% of funds raised will go directly to feeding the hungry and homeless in Anchorage.

Toast to the Coast fundraiser

Calling all Artists

... or Wannabe Artists!

We need your donated bowls for Empty Bowl Project. We accept any mediums (glass, fabric, clay, ceramic, wood) and ask they be delivered to our office no later than Friday, March 1. If you have bowls from previous years, we are happy to take those as well. One person’s recycled bowl is another person’s treasure!
Volunteering at Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox

2019 is a landmark year for Bean’s Cafe. This year we are celebrating 40 years of service in the community of Anchorage.

We would not be as successful as we are in our mission to feed the hungry and the homeless of Anchorage without the help of our volunteers. This upcoming year is not only our 40th anniversary but it is also the 25th anniversary of The Empty Bowl Project. We are expecting record breaking attendance and the need for volunteers is now greater than ever. There are tons of opportunities to get involved and directly impact the Anchorage community by volunteering for Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox. Please check our website for information about upcoming events, or contact Adam, our volunteer coordinator at anauglebaugh@beanscafe.org or by phone (907) 433-8602. Our volunteers are what make our organization and community great and we look forward to working with you in this upcoming year.

Volunteer of the Month

Our volunteer of the month for December 2018 and one whose experience with the program has been very meaningful, is Dale Jackson.

Dale’s motivation to volunteer comes from experiencing homelessness himself. He was once married and after several setbacks including the loss of family members, as well as being laid off from full time employment, he found himself down on his luck with nowhere to go. That experience is what ultimately led to him volunteering at Bean’s Cafe more than 10 years ago. He brings a boisterous laugh and healthy work ethic to the kitchen of Bean’s Cafe. While volunteering he has acquired awards and received certifications to handle food and work in a commercial kitchen. Dale has recently been offered the opportunity to learn how to manage people. He has taken over as a kitchen lead for our dinner service at Bean’s Cafe. And although challenging, it is ultimately a rewarding experience he is extremely grateful for. He plans to continue volunteering and considers himself a member of the Bean’s Cafe community. He enjoys doing his part in making sure Bean’s Cafe is successful in serving the hungry and homeless. He loves the people he works with and the community he serves. It’s volunteers like Dale that are the back bone of our organization.

December Volunteer of the month

Jasmin Tente

Taking a Gap Year with the Mennonite Mission Network, Jasmin has been a dedicated volunteer since September. She has been volunteering over 25+ hours each week. Jasmin says she has been gaining life experience through volunteering.
Recently, and only slightly delayed, The Children’s Lunchbox, a program of Bean’s Cafe, received the 2017 Children’s Organization of the Year award from the Alaska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ACAAP). On hand to present the award were Lily Lou, MD, FAAP and Jody Butto, MD, FAA.

Dr. Lou is Executive Medical Director at The Children’s Hospital at Providence & Women’s Services and President of the Alaska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Butto is Past President and current Secretary/Treasurer and works at Anchorage Pediatric Group at Providence.

The winner of this annual award is selected and voted on by all members of ACAAP. The Children’s Lunchbox was chosen for its ongoing and far reaching efforts to feed hungry and food insecure children throughout Anchorage.

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“We are so grateful for this distinction”, said Lisa Sauder, Executive Director. There are currently over 21,000 school-aged children facing food insecurity in our community and we are doing our best to help as many of them as we can. Our mission is to feed hungry children in safe community environments, and to be recognized for our daily efforts is really special.”

The Doctors brought lunch and presented staff with a plaque and the checklist of reasons for which the organization received the award.

Dr. Butto, Ginger Okumoto (TCL Program Manager) Lisa Sauder (Executive Director) and Dr. Lou.

The Children’s Lunchbox

Moose Marble Madness 2019

Join us May 3rd at King Street Brewery

This year is the 30th Anniversary of Anchorage Hillside Rotary Club’s “Moose Marble Madness” event, a fundraiser for the benefit of The Children’s Lunchbox.

All the nuggets are dropped from a helicopter to a target at King Street Brewery, in Anchorage, Alaska at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 3 2019. Closest turd to the bulls eye wins $5,000, second place wins $1,000 and third place wins $500.

Raffle Tickets $10.00

Contact Ray Huot at rhuot@whalercasinosupply.com for tickets and more information.