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NeighborImpact Prepares for the 10th Annual Empty Bowls Event with the Pottery Games

July 20th, Bend, Oregon – NeighborImpact, with the support of Cindercone Clay Center and local area potters, is once again holding “The Pottery Games”, a fun, family friendly precursor event to the popular Empty Bowls fundraiser (November 13th, 2011). The Pottery Games are the kickoff to a frenzy of bowl throwing by local artists from now until November, when over 750 bowls will be used for the Empty Bowls fundraiser benefiting NeighborImpact.

The Pottery Games will be held at the CinderCone Pottery Studio (50 Scott Street, Bend, by Sparrow Bakery) from 5-7pm, Friday, August 5th. Clay and wheels will be provided and John Kinder, potter extraordinaire at Cindercone Clay Center, will be present to provide assistance to potters. This year will mark the 10th anniversary of this unique 2-part fundraiser.

“I am proud to be a part of this important event. It is a great way for local artists to give back using their time and talent, while providing all the bowls needed for the event in November”, said John Kinder of Cindercone Clay Center.

“The Pottery Games and Empty Bowls fundraiser are great opportunities for community collaboration in support of central oregonians,” said Kalisha Fleischmann, Event Planner for NeighborImpact. “These fun and unique activities provide resources key to NeighborImpact’s success when delivering vital services for those most in need in our community.”

All potters from the community are encouraged to participate. The public is invited to this free event and cheer potters on as they compete for medals and prizes in categories such as: the best and biggest bowl, best bowl thrown blind folded, best bowl thrown with no-hands, and lastly, using audience participation, best tandem thrown bowls.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people’s lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.
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