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Calling all Potters for the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County's Lompoc Empty Bowl's Fundraising Event

Lompoc, CA—The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, the County's largest hunger relief organization, is calling all potters to join in and support the Foodbank in learning the art of ceramics and making or glazing beautiful bowls for the 5th *Lompoc Empty Bowls* fundraising luncheon on Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at La Purisima Parish Hall from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

All potters are welcome to join the class instructor, Alice Laufer, at Lompoc Valley Middle School on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9 pm. "The class is great whether you're experienced, a beginning potter who wants to learn more about the process or a family or group of friends who want to do something fun and new" said Laufer, "Everyone is welcome to join for a nominal fee and it is a lot of fun for a great cause!"

The bowls made for the event are generously donated by the students of the ceramics class offered through the Lompoc Unified Adult Education courses. Beyond attending the course potters throughout the area are asked to help support the fundraising event by throwing a few extra bowls and donating them to the Foodbank by March 22.

"It is a wonderful event and a great opportunity to help the hungry children, seniors and families of Lompoc," said Community Relations Manager Kerry Main Aller. "Every dollar from the event stays in Lompoc and for each dollar the Foodbank raises from the event we can distribute \$7 dollars of food. Each bowl that is donated makes a great difference."

The unique event enables attendees to help fight hunger in the community by purchasing a beautiful, handmade soup bowl, donated by local artists and then share a simple meal of gourmet soup, donated by the fabulous local chefs and restaurants in Lompoc. Attendees take the bowl home as a reminder of the many individuals who do not have enough food to meet their daily needs. For more information on attending the ceramic's class, donating bowls, sponsoring the event, or making a donation to the silent auction please contact Kerry Main Aller at 805-937-3422 ext. 106.

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