



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Elgin Empty Bowl Soup Vendor Application

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### **Hunger is on the rise in Elgin!**

The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry is committed to addressing the alarming increase in hunger in Bastrop County—especially in Elgin. In the first 9 months of the year, the Food Pantry has served 3,258 individuals in need throughout the County an average of five times and has given out over 251,000 pounds of food—a 41% increase from the same time period in 2021! With this rise in need, we are looking to the community for help. One of the ways you can support our work in Elgin is by participating in our Fifth Annual Elgin Empty Bowl Event.

This popular community event will be held on Saturday, November 12—at the SPJST Lodge, 702 Highway 95 S, Elgin, TX 78621—from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., local chefs will be joining forces to produce Elgin’s 5th “Empty Bowl Project”. As part of a national campaign to combat hunger and its root causes, these events showcase the culinary talents of local restaurants and raise both awareness of hunger and funds enabling the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry to serve the needy.

We invite you to add your talents to the mix by presenting and serving 5-10 gallons of a soup, stew, or chili of your creation to the 200 expected attendees. In addition to the broad recognition the event brings to participating providers, a panel of judges will bestow bragging rights for “bests” in five categories:

1) Cream-based soup, 2) broth based soup, 3) chili, 4) stew and 5) table presentation.

Attendees will also have their say by voting for their “Fan Favorite” from among all providers. Winners and runners-up will be announced before 1 p.m., and we will follow up with local print and social media afterwards. A representative of the event organizing committee will be contacting you to talk about your participation in the event. Meanwhile, we have enclosed details of the event and a form to confirm your participation

Sincerely,

Tresha Silva  
Executive Director



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### Event details for participating restaurants:

- **Event set-up:** Please arrive at the SPJST, [702 Highway 95 S, Elgin, TX 78621](#) on Saturday, November 12th between 9:30-10 a.m. (**but no later than 10 a.m.**) for set up.

You may unload in front of the main area near the building; parking is available back of the parking lot. Volunteers will assist with unloading. All soups must be ready for judging at **10:20 a.m. and for public service by 11 a.m.** **[If you need the Pantry to assign volunteers to serve your soup, please contact us immediately at 512-303-0033.](#)**

- Feel free to bring your menus, business cards, and promotional coupons and to decorate your table space. No “off-table” decorations please! (**There will be a “Best Table Presentation” award!**)
- Each provider will be assigned a **6-foot table**, draped with a **black floor length table covering**. Table assignments will be based upon power requirement as specified on the confirmation form you submit.

**Electrical service for high wattage appliances is very limited; please consider using chafing dishes. If you will use an electrical heating appliance, please bring an extension cord rated for your appliance and please advise us by **NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** of the electrical requirements of your appliance.**

- Volunteers will be available to direct you to your assigned table. **The Pantry will provide an initial supply of disposable 6 oz. bowls, spoons and napkins** (and will replenish supplies as needed during the event).
- **Soups on!** Doors open to the public promptly at 11 a.m.; the event ends at 1:30 p.m. Judges’ awards and the “Fan Favorite” award will be announced before 1 p.m. All award winners will be publicized in local media and by social media after the event.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Tresha Silva at the Pantry (512-303-0033) or by email ([director@bastropfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@bastropfoodpantry.org)). **[If you are interested in participating:](#)** Please fill out the form below to put in your entry. You can fill it out online by scanning the QR code or fill it out by hand and email it to [director@bastropfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@bastropfoodpantry.org).

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## SOUP VENDOR CONFIRMATION FORM

Name of restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of soup, stew or chili to be provided \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Value of Soup provided: \_\_\_\_\_

**If more than one SOUP WILL BE provided, please copy this form and complete a separate confirmation for each soup.**

Category (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> cream based soup
<input type="checkbox"/> broth based soup
<input type="checkbox"/> chili
<input type="checkbox"/> stew

Quantity of soup (named above) that we will provide (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 gallons
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more gallons

Electrical service needed for our equipment (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> none: We will use a chafing dish.
<input type="checkbox"/> crockpot (wattage _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> roaster (wattage _____)

The information you provide will be used to determine table assignments, power access and place cards. Your confirmation will also be used as the basis for judging and for pre-event publicity. Please complete and **FAX this form to (512) 321-4544**. Contact Tresha Silva at [director@bastropfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@bastropfoodpantry.org) or (512) 303-0033. if you have any questions or need to make changes in your offering. **THANK YOU!**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please confirm your participation no later than October 24<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**The deadline for changes or substitutions will be 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**