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Dear [[salutation]],

***Please mark your calendar for the 2023 Elgin Empty Bowl event, which will take place on Saturday, November 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the SPJST Lodge 702 Highway 95 S, Elgin, Texas!***

Elgin chefs, local businesses, artists, and the public come out in support of the work being done by the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry and Support Center. It features excellent soups, stews, and chilies, and a fabulous silent auction of items from local residents, businesses, and artists.

The Food Pantry provides food and support services to the community in their time of crisis. Last year the Food Pantry distributed over 18,000 pounds of food to over 300 Elgin residents. This year, the Food Pantry is experiencing a 30% increase in requests for food and support services, compared to last year. This event is critically essential to funding the Food Pantry's lifeline for residents living in poverty or experiencing a food or life emergency.

Your contribution of an item to the auction will go a long way toward ensuring that we are able to fulfill our mission for the coming year. Your donation is tax-deductible and will be recognized during the event and on local and social media.

We will be contacting you within the next week to speak further about a donation. In the meantime, if you have any questions, I can be reached at (512) 303-0033 or [director@bastropfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@bastropfoodpantry.org).

If you have already identified an item for donation, we will be delighted to receive it on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> and fill out the online form by using the link or scanning the QR Code below.

<https://forms.gle/wQdDERJgt9ojDsRd8>

Sincerely,

Tresha Silva  
Executive Director

