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Dear [[salutation]],

Please mark your calendar for the 2024 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bastrop Empty Bowl event, which will take place on Saturday, February 17, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center!

Bastrop chefs, 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 great soups, stews, and chilies, wonderful music, and an amazing silent auction of works donated by area artists.

The success of this event is critically important to funding the Food Pantry's lifeline to Bastrop County residents experiencing food insecurity (don't know where their next meal is coming from).

## This last year the Food Pantry provided over 300,000 pounds of food to over 5,500 individuals.

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.

I will be contacting you within the next few days to speak further about a donation. In the meantime, if you have any questions, I can be reached at (512) 303-0033 or <a href="mailto:kelly@bastropfoodpantry.org">kelly@bastropfoodpantry.org</a>.

If you have already identified an item for donation, we will be delighted to receive it at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry at 806 Fayette Street on or before February 2, 2024. If you would like to participate, please fill out the online form by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of the page.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Tresha Silva Executive Director

