

THE ART GARAGE

BY: KELLY EMMERT

Kelly Emmert, the creator and owner of The Art Garage, has been involved in the Empty Bowls Project for a number of years. Kelly is a teacher, a mother, and the wife of a firefighter. When her children were younger she explored various ways that would allow her to continue teaching and still care for her young family. Kelly began offering art classes, using her own garage as the classroom. Then she began to host summer camps as well and in 2011 Kelly opened a brick and mortar shop in Southwest Austin.

Kelly's goal has always been to offer opportunities for people of all ages to create, by using a wide variety of materials and techniques. Her Art Garage is a walk-in studio that also hosts classes, camps, and parties of all kinds. Activities can include adult workshops, canvas painting, glass fusion, pottery, mosaics, and tie-dye. Kelly and The Art Garage are committed to making Central Texas a happier and more beautiful place.

Kelly has been invaluable to the Empty Bowls Project. She has hosted a number of bowl parties, encouraging youth groups, such as the Girl Scouts, to attend and create bowls for the Empty Bowls Project. These bowls, with their colorful designs, have always been a popular addition to the Empty Bowls Project. Kelly has also hosted similar parties for adults, with the finished bowls donated to our fundraiser. As a result, her tireless efforts have produced as many as 350 bowls every year for the Empty Bowls Project.

With her dedication and enthusiasm, Kelly has truly opened her heart and her business to the Empty Bowls Project and Helping Hands, and we are very grateful. We look forward to seeing you again in 2021!

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