



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 29TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT
BENEFITTING THE HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY
DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

Thank you for considering a donation of 5-gallons of soup to the Dripping Springs Empty Bowls Project. **The Dripping Springs Helping Hands food pantry provides healthy food items to over 200 families each week**, including fresh produce, meat, eggs, and pantry staples. Your support is not only needed, but greatly appreciated.

How we serve our community:

- Over **8,582** households were served in 2025 including **28,520** individuals
- **35%** of individuals are children
- Over **446,335** pounds of food has been provided to our community families through donations (food drives & corporate partnerships) as well as food purchased
- Over **20,000** hours served by our volunteers supporting our pantry operations and programs in 2025

Kindly reply with your response by September 19, 2026, so that we can ensure your business is included in all of our promotions, which include:

- Social media with links
- Email blasts with links
- Website presence with links
- Signage at the Empty Bowls Project event
- Name and website in event program
- Name and website on event slide show

We will contact you 2 weeks prior to the event to schedule your **soup pick-up on Saturday, October 31, 2026**.

- On Saturday, October 31, a volunteer will bring a 5-gallon food grade container to your business.
Please have your soup cooled to room temperature.
- Your soup will be refrigerated overnight and served on Sunday, November 1st.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!
PLEASE EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

With much gratitude,
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