

Christian Brothers High School artists helping the hungry

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Getting their hands dirty for a good cause, Christian Brothers High School's ceramics students, artists, teachers and even a few novices are working to create ceramic bowls in support of the ninth annual River City Food Bank Empty Bowls Luncheon.

On Feb. 22, approximately 40 students will be setting their alarm clocks for an early wake-up to ensure they arrive on time for the school's fifth annual Bowl-a-Thon. The 6 a.m. event is the final push in CB's efforts to complete the 300 bowls promised for this year's luncheon.

"While teenagers aren't typically known as early risers, they show up for this event enthused about the art and energized to support the cause," said CB ceramics teacher, Robert Boriskin.

"It's worth it to wake up early for a good cause," said senior Katie Hunt who has already contributed two bowls to the event. "When you think about how many people in this community go to bed hungry, it is worth it to sacrifice a little sleep to help."

Nathan Kauffman, a junior volunteer at the

Sacramento Food Bank every other Sunday.

"I'm really glad to have the opportunity to help the River City Food Bank," he said. "They do a lot of good for this community and it's a fun way to help others."

"The Christian Brothers' philosophy of service is alive and breathing deeply in Robert Boriskin's ceramics classes," said Eileen Thomas, executive director of River City Food Bank. "He not only helps the students create amazingly beautiful bowls, but he takes the time to teach them the 'reason.' There is need in our community and we can all help through our own gifts and talents. His care and commitment is manifested in every bowl he throws and he models that for every student in his classroom. The Empty Bowls event has been blessed by Mr. Boriskin and CB students these past five years and River City Community Services is very grateful."

"I am so proud of the students," Boriskin said. "They work year-round to create bowls. More importantly though, they really take the time to learn about hunger in our community and embrace the opportunity to help. I'm looking forward to the Bowl-a-Thon and to continuing our support of

River City Food Bank and the work they do for the community."

Empty Bowls is River City Food Bank's largest fundraising event to raise awareness in the fight against hunger in Sacramento County. The 9th annual event will take place on March 5 and 6 at a new location: the Sacramento Convention Center. The evening soup supper features wine, appetizers and gourmet soup from Classique Catering and bread and desserts donated by some of Sacramento's finest restaurants. Luncheon guests will enjoy a simple meal of soup from great local restaurants, bread, cookies and water. All attendees will select one of over 1,500 beautiful handmade bowls donated by professional potters, glass artists, wood turners, and area students to take home with them as a reminder of the many in our community that are hungry and face an empty bowl each day. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rivercityfoodbank.org.

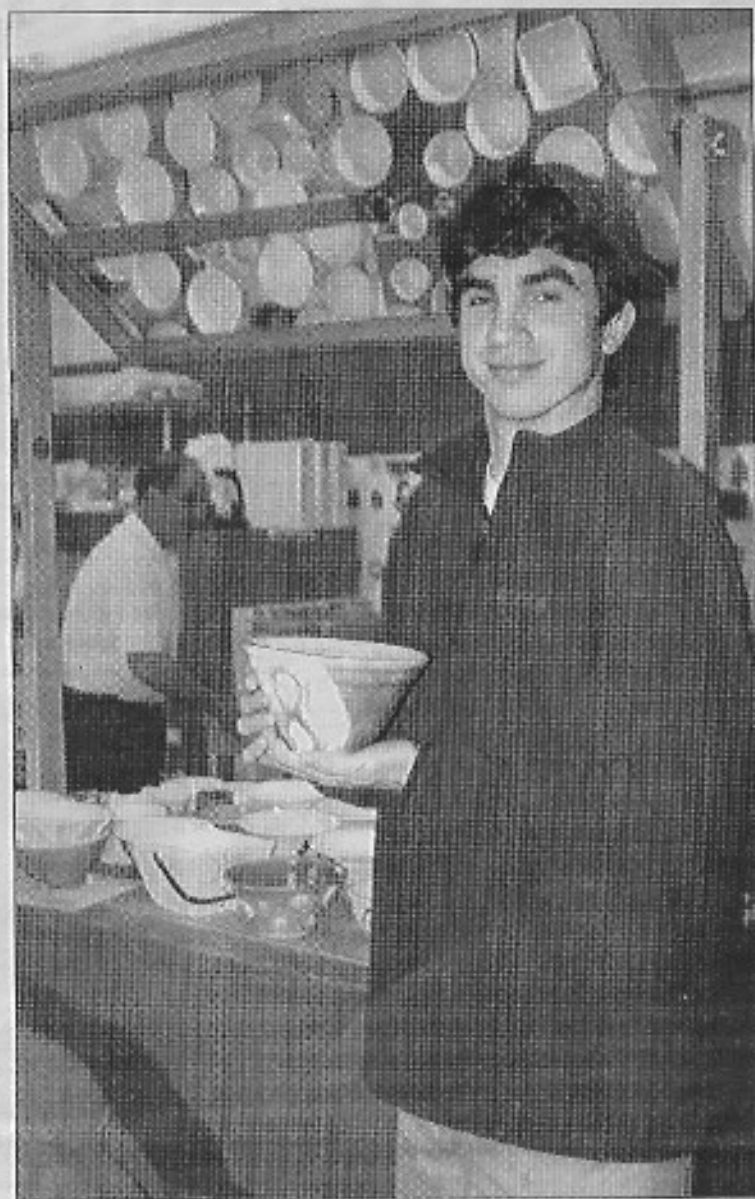


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STUDENT ARTISTS at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento are working to create ceramic bowls for the 9th annual River City Food Bank Empty Bowls Luncheon.