



Press Release

For Immediate Release

Monday, April 20, 2009 - Perth, ON - Although mother nature did not provide a generous helping of sunshine on Sat. April 18th, the Empty Bowls event at Foodsmiths was a success. Customers, friends and family braved the damp cool weather to attend the fundraiser at Foodsmiths, selecting their favourite hand-made pottery bowl and filling it with a hearty vegetable alphabet soup.

Customers from around the region and as far away as Kingston generously made the trip to support the event. Also travelling long distances to be part of the event, the Native Women's Drum Group from the Sharbot Lake area, dressed in regalia, played and sang traditional native songs and entertained supporters for nearly 3 hours.

Several members of the media came by to take pictures and chat with organizers and guests. Laura Lowe from the A-Channel Ottawa, covered the event, interviewing Claire Smith of Foodsmiths, Jackie Seaton of Empty Bowls, and Sharon Bjergso, Coordinator of the Food for Thought program. The story and coverage of the event is scheduled to be aired sometime later this week.

This year's event raised close to \$5,000 in support of the Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Literacy Summer Camps. This camp program was initiated by Ontario's former Lieutenant Governor, and now Perth resident, the Honourable James Bartleman. It is administered by Frontier College in 39 communities across the North. Empty Bowls also distributes funds to our local programs such as Food for Thought, Perth & District Food Bank and the Youth Action Committee.

Foodsmiths would like to thank everyone involved in organizing this fundraiser and the many volunteers, staff, customers, friends, family members and the media who came out to support this much needed program in our community. **THANK YOU!**



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