

Burnaby Empty Bowls

A Food First Initiative



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Executive Committee of Council
Clerk's Department
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

On behalf of the 2015 Empty Bowls Committee I would like to make application for a grant for in kind services to cover printing costs up to \$1,500 for the 2015 Empty Bowls Gala event to be held on Wednesday, April 23rd at the Hilton Metrotown Hotel. Printing requirements for this event could include posters, tickets, thank-you cards, bookmarks and banners.

Since 2001, the Burnaby Empty Bowls Project has successfully raised funds in Burnaby to address food security issues for Burnaby children. Empty Bowls was founded in 2000 and a gala event is organized every two years. In 2013 the Empty Bowls project raised close to \$40,000 which was used to fund 21 food security community projects which included children and youth learning how to cook nutritious food, School and community based breakfast programs, and Community Kitchens

The Empty Bowls Project Committee is comprised of representatives from Burnaby-based community organizations, businesses, the Burnaby School District and the City of Burnaby and the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

There are many components that go into making this a successful fundraising event. Accomplished artisans craft unique clay bowls which are gifted to all participants who purchase a ticket. These "empty bowls" symbolize the Project's initiative *to alleviate hunger in Burnaby*. Many local restaurants donate and prepare authentic food samplings for guests to indulge in while they browse through the silent auction items and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

For the 2015 Empty Bowls Gala, we are very pleased that Mayor Derek Corrigan will be the Honorary Chair. Mayor Corrigan has supported Empty Bowls over the years and we are very appreciative of his continued support.

I would be very pleased to provide you with any further information if required. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of the Empty Bowls Project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Porter', with a large, stylized loop at the top and a horizontal flourish at the bottom.

Andrew Porter, Chair
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