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The Flying Fish Issues Local Challenge for Empty Bowls
Donations from local eateries could add thousands to non-profit efforts

Morgantown, WV, February 16, 2015: Today, local chef and restaurant owner, Marty Biafora, donated \$500.00 to Empty Bowls Monongalia to aid in their efforts to end food insecurity in our community. This donation comes just in time to help Empty Bowls meet this year's monetary goal, and the organization hopes that it sparks other local restaurant owners to step up and help out as well.

Biafora contends that locals who earn their livings by serving the community should then give back to that community. To that end, Biafora has issued a challenge to other Morgantown area restaurants and caterers. "Match my donation," Biafora said, "and let's all work together to end hunger in Mon County." "No child should go hungry. Period."

The mission of Empty Bowls Monongalia is: Through education and continuing community involvement, Empty Bowls Monongalia provides resources and assistance to Monongalia County agencies that support individuals and families threatened by food insecurity.

This year's Empty Bowls' fundraising soup and bread luncheon is Saturday, February 28 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Attendees select and take home a handcrafted ceramic bowl. They are asked to keep the bowl as a reminder of the meal's purpose. Every time they take a bowl from the cupboard, they will be reminded that someone's bowl is always empty and that on this one occasion they helped alleviate hunger and could do so again at any time.

For more information on Empty Bowls Monongalia visit emptybowlsmon.org. Like them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter to keep up with them. For more information on "The Flying Fish Challenge", please visit facebook.com/FlyingFishCo.