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ECHO's Empty Bowls Event Raises Over \$100,000 to Support Individuals and Families on the Central Coast

Atascadero, Paso Robles, CA - April 30, 2024 - Thanks to the incredible support of our community, El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) is thrilled to announce that over 400 individual attended this year's events, and we raised over \$100,000 to support our programs aimed at helping individuals and families secure stable housing. This tremendous achievement underscores the power of collective action in addressing homelessness and fostering lasting change.

"Thank you to this incredible community for coming together to make a lasting impact on those we serve at ECHO" said Wendy Lewis, CEO of ECHO. "The proceeds from this event will continue to help those on their journey back into stable housing through both of our campuses."

In 2024 alone, ECHO has made a tangible impact on the lives of over 80 individuals and families in our community by assisting them in successfully finding housing. Through our comprehensive range of services and support, we have helped these individuals and families transition from homelessness to stability, providing them with the resources and assistance they need to rebuild their lives.

The success of our fundraising efforts is a testament to the compassion and generosity of the community we serve. Every dollar raised will directly contribute to providing shelter, support services, and resources to those in need, empowering them to achieve lasting independence, self-sufficiency, and assist them on their journey to find a home of their own.

As we celebrate this milestone, ECHO extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to our mission. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors, ensuring that everyone in our community has access to safe and stable housing.

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Clients of ECHO

Bread

Back Porch Bakery Bread Bike

Dessert

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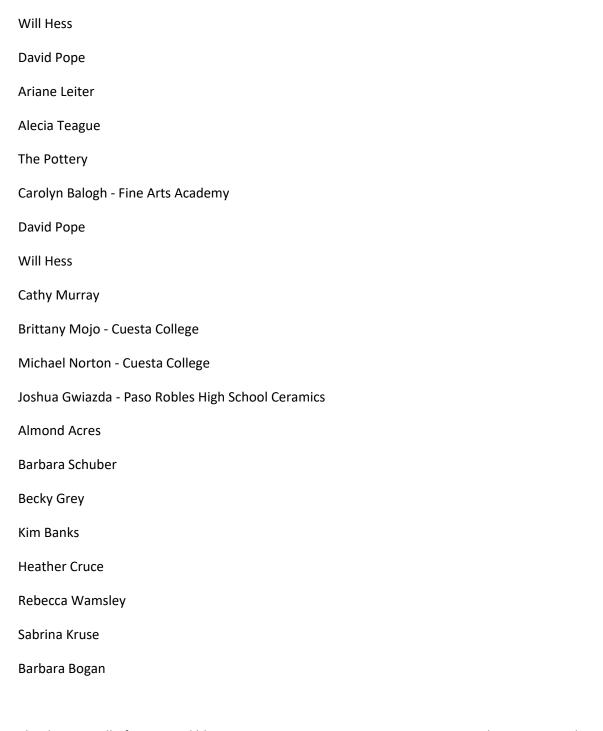
A Town Humble Pies

Artists

Cristy Anderson

Pam Cavaliere

Tess Harback - Atascadero HS



Thank you to all of our incredible community supporters, sponsors, soup providers, artists and volunteers who made this event possible.

About El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO)

ECHO's mission since 2001 is to empower people in SLO County to make positive change by providing food, shelter, and supportive services. ECHO operates two facilities in Atascadero and Paso Robles with

a total bed capacity of 130, including a 60-bed shelter in Atascadero and 70-bed shelter in Paso Robles, and a daily community dinner program, and shower program for individuals and families throughout San Luis Obispo County. For more information, please visit our website at www.echoshelter.org.