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North Texas Food Bank's Empty Bowls 2007 a Success! **Money Raised Translates to Meals for Hungry North Texans**

Dallas, Texas (February 20, 2007) The beautiful Meyerson Symphony Center was once again the site for the eighth annual *Empty Bowls*, presented by Tom Thumb to benefit the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). The talent was evident from the moment the 1,400 attendees entered the building. The enchanting music provided by The Dallas Symphony Young Strings wafted through the building and hundreds of local artists displayed their handcrafted bowls. There was also the wonderful aroma of delicious soups, homemade breads and tempting desserts. And the entire event raised money to feed the hungry in North Texas.

“It was a phenomenal afternoon,” said Jan Pruitt, CEO for the North Texas Food Bank. “We raised nearly \$90,000, and because of our supportive sponsors, one hundred percent of the proceeds will go to feed the hungry. I believe this sends a clear message that the people of Dallas care about the problem of hunger. With the money we raised, we can provide more than half a million meals to hungry North Texans.”

Empty Bowls brought together 25 chefs from local restaurants, who provided signature soups, breads and desserts. For the price of admission, attendees could also choose a keepsake from 3,000 amazing and beautiful bowls created by area potters and artisans.

For information on NTFB, including how to make a donation, how to organize a food drive or virtual food drive, or how to volunteer, please visit the NTFB website at www.ntxfoodbank.org.

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About the North Texas Food Bank:

Celebrating 25 years of service to the community, The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) passionately pursues a hunger-free North Texas through nutritious food distribution, advocacy and education. Last year, NTFB distributed 37 million pounds of food to 678 feeding and education programs in 13 North Texas counties, including after-school programs, residential treatment programs, food pantries, emergency shelters, soup kitchens, senior citizen centers and low-income daycare centers.

NTFB is a member of America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network. To learn more, visit www.ntxfoodbank.org.