



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

City Council Meeting Date: 9.8.2020

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider approval of a Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Dripping Springs Helping Hands regarding the 24th Annual Empty Bowls Project to take place November 8, 2021 at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center.

Agenda Item Requestor: June Baumel

Summary/Background: The Empty Bowls Project is the largest fund fundraiser for Dripping Springs Helping Hands and contributes 62% of the annual budget for this nonprofit organization. Without a successful Empty Bowls Project, Helping Hands would not be able to meet needs of our neighbors who live in hunger. Each week, Helping Hands provides food for over 130 families. Throughout the year, Helping Hands also assists people with temporary financial aid. School supplies are provided to families who cannot afford to purchase such items. Helping Hands also organizes the Project Elf event during the holidays so that no child is left without a present. Helping Hands has served the Dripping Springs community since 1986 and is a vital nonprofit that serves a very important public purpose in our area.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval to City Council

DSRP Board Recommendation: DSRP Board voted to unanimously recommend approval of the request from Helping Hands to waive all fees associated with their Empty Bowls Project 2021 event.

Attachments: Co-Sponsorship Request & Cover Letter

Next Steps/Schedule: Contact June Baumel and inform her of Board's decision. If approved by Council on September 8, 2020 meeting, reserve event space for November 8, 2021 as requested for the 2021 calendar.