



Michelle Fischer, City Administrator, City of Dripping Springs
Emily Nelson, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager

May 6, 2024

Dear Ms. Fischer and Ms. Nelson,

Thank you for reviewing our request for the city's co-sponsorship of the 27th Annual Empty Bowls Project on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park.

Information to be considered

Dripping Springs Helping Hands provides more than 282,130 pounds of food to our neighbors in need each year. Temporary financial aid is given to individuals and families who are struggling to meet basic needs such as housing, transportation, utilities, medical, and other social services. In 2023, Helping Hands spent \$134,453 on purchasing food and providing financial aid. Helping Hands serves more than 100 families each week. Without Helping Hands, the needs of the less fortunate individuals in our community could not be met. Helping Hands conducts a school supply program, a summer supplement program, and a Holiday Elf program. Helping Hands operates solely on volunteers. There are no paid employees. This nonprofit organization has served our community for 38 years.

The Empty Bowls Project encourages people to contribute to Helping Hands' mission of assisting our neighbors in need. Helping Hands enhances the quality of life and well-being of others who are less fortunate. This event is open to all members of our community who come to enjoy the talents of ceramic artists, area chefs and local musicians, It is a beloved annual fundraiser that draws more than 1,000 patrons and over 100 volunteers each year,

The city has been a co-sponsor of the Empty Bowls for the past six or seven years. We appreciate the city's support of Helping Hands by joining us as a co-sponsor of the Empty Bowls Project. We are proud to include the city's logo on all our marketing materials and to call the city a friend of Helping Hands.

Respectfully submitted,
June Baumöel – Co Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June B. Baumöel".

Carrie Gregory – Co Chair
Melissa Herweck – Co-Chair