

Soup Bowl fundraiser supports The Harbor

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The Harbor, one of the first women's resources agencies in Oregon, will host its 14th annual Soup Bowl fundraiser 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at The Loft at The Red Building (20 Basin St., Astoria).

The event is a chance for the community to recognize the efforts of The Harbor's staff, volunteers and community partners, and to celebrate the survivors the organization has served.

Now in its 41st year, the nonprofit provides intervention, recovery and support to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

The Soup Bowl's proceeds go toward The Harbor's myriad programs, including a 24-hour crisis line, a drop-in center, child advocacy and the Déjà Vu Thrift Shop.

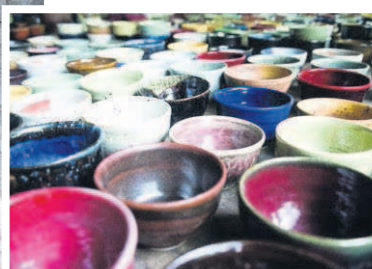
"It all started around a kitchen table with some women who were concerned about domestic violence," Sue Farmer, the



Left to right: Nickie Patterson, Déjà Vu store manager; Sue Farmer, interim executive director of The Harbor; Richard Rowland, Clatsop Community College sculptor and ceramics instructor; Felina Mincey, volunteer coordinator at The Harbor.

interim executive director, said.

The Soup Bowl is a festive fusion of pottery arts, culinary arts and public service. It is The Harbor's largest and most popular fundraiser — and for good reason, considering the combination of local culinary efforts: hand-made bread from The Blue Scorchers Bakery & Cafe, beer from local brewers, and desserts from local bakers.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Bowls from a previous Soup Bowl

businesses from around the community, as well as live music.

Sen. Betsy Johnson — whom Farmer calls a big supporter of The Harbor — will be on hand to help raise funds.

Bowls of soup

A highlight, of course, is the bowls.

The first thing guests will see upon arrival is

a colorful display of 150 bowls, from which they can choose one.

And, according to Farmer, there are no bad choices. "They are some beautiful bowls with wonderful colors," she said.

As with all previous years' Soup Bowls, The Harbor has collaborated with the Clatsop Community College potters — led by pottery instructor Richard Rowland — to offer striking handcrafted specimens.

The participating potters have spent months meticulously crafting the bowls, all of which have been fired in Astoria's renowned Dragon Kiln.

If the bowls are essential, so are the soups on hand to put in them. This year, 12 soup-makers

— including chefs from the area's top restaurants — will donate their talent, time and soup offerings for a unique dining experience.

Tickets are \$50 per person for soup and the bowl. The price includes appetizers, salad, bread and dessert.

If there is a deeper reason to attend, the answer is simple: "It takes a community that works together to break the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault," Farmer said. "Donations help The Harbor continue serving the people of Clatsop County in the greatest hour of need."

Soup Bowl tickets are available at harbarnw.org and at the Déjà Vu Thrift Store (1389 Duane St.).

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