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Dear [[salutation]],

Please mark your calendar for the 2025 20th Annual Bastrop Empty Bowl event, which will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center!

Bastrop chefs, artists, and the public come out in support of the work being done by the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry and Support Center. It features great soups, stews, chilies, as well as an amazing silent auction, including baskets donated by area businesses and works of art from local artists.

The success of this event is critically important to funding the Food Pantry's lifeline to Bastrop County residents experiencing food insecurity (don't know where their next meal is coming from). **Support from our community allowed us last year to provide over 400,000 pounds of food to over 5,000 of our neighbors.**

Your contribution of an item to the auction will go a long way toward ensuring that we are able to fulfill our mission for the coming year. Your donation is tax-deductible and will be recognized during the event and on local and social media.

My staff will contact you within the next few days to speak further about a donation. In the meantime, if you have any questions you can call (512) 303-0033 or e-mail Beverly Anderson at <u>americorpvista@bastropfoodpantry.org</u>

If you have already identified an item for donation, we will be delighted to receive it at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry at 806 Fayette Street <u>on or before January 6, 2025</u>. If you would like to participate, please fill out the online form by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of the page. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Tresha Silva Executive Director

