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Our Place hosts 27th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser

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Bowls will be filled with soups donated by local restaurants for the annual “Empty Bowl Dinner” and auction Sunday, Nov. 9, to benefit Our Place Community Food Center in Bellows Falls.

The event marks its 27th year as it gets underway at 5 p.m. at the Saxtons River Inn.

“We’re looking forward to this year’s fundraiser because it will be a great opportunity to support our clients who are

12 facing the loss of their food benefits,” Our Place Executive
13 Director Dave Billings said in a news release. “More than ever,
14 we need the community to show its support.”

15 Sponsors this year are the New Hampshire Charitable
16 Foundation, Hubbard Farms, and the Saxtons River Inn.

17 Those attending will go home with a handmade bowl of
18 their choice after a simple supper of soup, salad, bread, and
19 dessert.

20 A silent auction will be followed by a live auction, with
21 auctioneer Bill Stevens offering a variety of items, including an
22 airplane ride over the Connecticut River Valley, a pie each month
23 from Allen Brothers, 100 gallons of heating oil or propane from
24 Cota & Cota, stays at various local inns, a glider ride, and a
25 shopping spree at King Arthur Flour.

26 Tickets are \$60 each and are available by contacting Our
27 Place directly at 802-463-2217 or through its website at
28 ourplacevermont.org.

29 Our Place is a community food center whose mission is
30 to offer help with food and other essential needs in a
31 nonjudgmental, safe, and respectful atmosphere. It operates a
32 food pantry and offers breakfast and lunch weekdays. Located at
33 4 Island St. in Bellows Falls, it serves families in Rockingham and
34 the surrounding area, including Walpole and North Walpole,
35 New Hampshire.

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