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SMJUHSD Culinary Arts and Righetti Art students, along with a few educators, teamed up to help provide healthy food to those facing hunger in the Santa Maria Valley during the recent Empty Bowls event.

The Oct. 18th fundraiser at the Santa Maria Fairpark benefited the Santa Barbara County Foodbank.

Warrior Art Teachers Melissa Johnson & Elesa Carlson proudly continued their annual tradition of bringing over 100 student-decorated bowls and volunteering.

“As a favorite community outreach event, we look forward to educating our student artists on the importance of giving back to our community through art and service,” Johnson and Carlson said.

The Mark Richardson Career Technical Education Center and Ag Farm’s Culinary Arts classes collaborated to make soups including beef-potato stew, caldo de camaron, and miso.

“I wanted to give back to my community by sharing my family’s recipe,” said CTE student Perla Espinoza, who attends PVHS.

“This year was great for the students to see how our local foodbank works and how they distribute to city wide drop-off points,” said CTE Culinary Instructor Russell Thomas. “It was nice to see our scratch-made soup creations go to an event to help people in our community.”

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