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Chrysalis Center's 4th Annual Empty Bowls Event Attracts Hundreds

Hartford- On Wednesday, March 29th, Chrysalis Center held its 4th Annual Empty Bowls celebration; an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Annually, Chrysalis Center supports this event to raise awareness of the issue of hunger, and raise funds to help benefit Chrysalis' Freshplace program and La Cocina Culinary Arts program; as they work towards ending hunger and food insecurity in the Upper Albany, Clay Arsenal and Asylum Hill neighborhoods.

This event was held in the organization's TCC (Training and Conference Center) at 255 Homestead Avenue in Hartford. Over 200 guests of all ages attended the event, where they were served endless portions of soup; a symbolic reminder of the millions of people that go hungry in communities across the nation and right in the Greater Hartford community.

Maryellen Shuckerow, Chief Development Officer at Chrysalis Center, gave a few remarks during the evening while guests ate and toured both Freshplace, the organization's innovative food pantry, and Urban Roots, the organization's hydroponics facility on campus. Also available at the event this year, Chrysalis Center's Urban Roots program offered fresh hydroponic lettuce and microgreens along with La Cocina's olive oil, spaghetti sauce and soup mix.

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