

# Hosting a Bowl Painting Party



## **The Bowls of Hope Project**

The Bowls of Hope Project is a philanthropic community event designed to spread awareness of the need for affordable housing and about Many Mansions' services and programs. Event proceeds directly support Many Mansions' variety of services to its resident families. Hosting a bowl painting party is a great way to contribute to the Bowls of Hope event!



## **How long do bowl painting parties last?**

We suggest allowing at least two hours for bowl painting parties. Depending on the organization hosting the party, time frames may vary.

## **Where do the bowl painting parties take place?**

Many Mansions will make every attempt to schedule the bowl painting at the location of your choice. If we are unavailable to do so, we will direct your group to Fish Ceramics in Simi Valley. If the party is hosted at your organization, a Many Mansions staff member will bring the necessary bowl painting materials to your facility, including the bisque bowls (ranging in shape and size), paints, stencils, brushes and samples. The staff member will walk the group through the painting process and be available to help or answer any questions. We do ask the facility to provide enough tables and chairs to accommodate all participants.

## **Can I provide refreshments for my employees/guests?**

Many organizations have beverages or snacks available during this activity. Some have even hosted wine and cheese parties in the evenings to go along with the bowl painting. It is up to you to decide how to incorporate this activity to best fit your purpose.

## **What is the cost of the bowl painting?**

There is a \$10.00 fee per bowl to help cover the expenses for supplies and the glazing/firing process. These bowl painting fees are considered *tax deductible*, as you will then donate your painted bowls to the Bowls of Hope Project.

## **But I'm not very artistic...**

We simply ask that you be creative. Whether you paint the bowl one solid color, add stripes and polka dots, or paint an intricate design, each bowl is different and each is special. However, if you are feeling artistically challenged, Many Mansions provides stencils, sponges, and helpful painting tips for those not comfortable free-handing a design.

## **What happens with the finished bowls?**

After all the bowls have been painted, we take them to be glazed and fired by Fish Ceramics. The finished bowls are stored by Many Mansions and then displayed at the Bowls of Hope Project on November 7, 2010 at Serra Center in Camarillo. At the event, every guest is invited to select a bowl to take home as a memento of the day. Signs are posted throughout the bowl display recognizing the businesses or organizations who contributed the bowls. Recognition for community leadership through bowl painting is also included in all publicity materials for this event.

## **Who else is painting bowls?**

Many organizations have chosen to host a bowl painting party not simply as a fun team-building experience, but also as a way to support those most in need our community. Companies have enjoyed inviting clients, friends and family to join in the creative bowl painting activity while helping raise awareness of homelessness and the need for affordable housing in the area. The following organizations have already scheduled bowl painting parties to support the November 2010 Bowls of Hope Project: Aviara Real Estate, Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley, Aktion Club, Newbury Park High School Interact Club, Temple Adat Elohim, Century 21 Real Estate and more! We have also hosted parties at community events such as the Thousand Oaks Arts Festival and Simi Valley Days.

## **How do I schedule a party?**

In order to set up a bowl painting party, all you need to do is set a date, time and location. Once that information is confirmed, we are happy to assist you with planning the party. If you are interested, we have Many Mansions staff available to visit your business prior to the bowl painting party to give a brief presentation about how our organization operates and to discuss why community involvement is so important! **Please contact Elaine Benditson, Vice President of Development at 805-496-4948 x223 or [elaine@manymansions.org](mailto:elaine@manymansions.org) for more information.**

