

Simi Bowls of Hope is a Souper Success!

Sunny skies welcomed hundreds of guests to this year's Simi Valley Bowls of Hope event. On Sunday, April 6th, community members converged on The Vineyards to support Many Mansions and to partake in a simple meal of soup and bread. More than 500 guests and event volunteers enjoyed a variety of gourmet soups and breads donated by local restaurants and served by city officials and Many Mansions' supporters.



To view photos from the event, go to:

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The Bowls of Hope Project is an awareness raising event designed to inform the community about the homeless and need for affordable housing, and about Many Mansions' services and programs. The proceeds from the Bowls of Hope support Many Mansions' adult and children services for its resident families. This year, the Simi Bowls of Hope raised over \$10,000 for Many Mansions' resident services, such as the after-school Homework & Literacy Program, Camp Many Mansions, on-site case management, life skills training and much more. The event featured a simulated "soup line" as well as a student Art Show, raffle drawing, silent and live auctions,



entertainment by pianist Edna Chan and a beautiful display of hundreds of ceramic bowls that were hand-painted and donated by members of the community. As a special treat, Many Mansions welcomed Cold Stone Creamery as this year's ice cream sponsor! Special thanks go to Bo Jaxson of B95.1 radio, Master of Ceremony.

Many Mansions would like to thank The Vineyards and all our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and supporters who made this year's Bowls of Hope Project in Simi Valley so successful.