

 **FOOD OF THE BANK SOUTHERN TIER**

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RE: *Art for Food Pottery Sale to Benefit the Food Bank of the Southern Tier*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Tompkins County, NY – The Food Bank of the Southern Tier announces that three local pottery businesses are conducting a sale to benefit the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Beginning Thursday, July 15th, customers can look for specially tagged pottery pieces from area artists at the following locations:

- La Romana Pottery owned by Vera Vico, 9458 Route 89, Trumansburg, NY
- Jan Brown Pottery 920 Hector St. (Route 79W), Ithaca, NY
- Marsha Acerra Pottery sold at Brookton's Market, 491 Brooktondale Road, Brooktondale, NY

100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier to support local hunger-relief efforts. The pottery sale will continue through September 15th.

To make an appointment with the artists, please contact: Gina Santodonato Allen, Food Bank of the Southern Tier, at 796.6061 x33 or via email: gsantodonato@feedingamerica.org.

The Food Bank of the Southern Tier also hosts Empty Bowls events throughout the year. Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to raise funds and awareness in the fight against hunger. The handmade ceramic bowls are a year-round reminder of the important issues surrounding hunger in our communities. Area artists that are interested in donating their work can contact the Food Bank to learn more.

In 2009, the Food Bank distributed nearly 7 million pounds of food to neighbors in need across the six Southern Tier counties of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins. Of the 1,555,170 requests for food that the Food Bank received, 358,834 were from Tompkins County. To learn more about the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and how you can make a difference, visit the Food Bank's website at www.foodbankst.org or call 607-796-6061.

About the Food Bank

In operation since 1981, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier distributes food and food-related products to people in need through a network of more than 185 hunger-relief agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit organizations. The Food Bank also has a number of programs that fight hunger including the Backpack Program™ and Mobile Food Pantry. Located in Elmira, NY, the Food Bank is a regional agency of Catholic Charities and a member of Feeding America. The Food Bank serves the six counties of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins.

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