



The “Boots on the Ground” Recognition is part of the Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore’s participation in “2020: The Year of the Woman.” This recognition goes to women on the Mid-Shore who embody the spirit of service by meeting the needs of their communities through volunteerism, advocacy, vision, and heart.

THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE:

Anna Harding & Susan duPont

FOUNDERS OF TALBOT COUNTY EMPTY BOWLS



Anna Harding is botanical artist who teaches drawing at Adkins Arboretum, soon to be a docent there. She directs her art towards environmental awareness, and is most passionate about efforts to alleviate hunger in our communities. She is also working to increase awareness around recycling.

Susan duPont grew up in Talbot County. While raising her children, she worked with several small businesses and entrepreneurs, as an estate and trusts paralegal, and ran her own Certified Financial Planner business from which she retired eight years ago. Her 12-year participation with the local community through Empty Bowls has revealed that the community recognizes the gravity of hunger and the willingness to support the mission of Empty Bowls. She is honored to be part of the work.

In 2008, Anna Harding read an article about the founder of Empty Bowls, John Hartom, a Michigan art teacher. She was so inspired by his story, and the Empty Bowls movement that grew from his initiative, that she asked a few close friends to host a dinner to benefit Talbot County food pantries. The following year Susan duPont stepped in to a co-chair role with Anna. The rest is history! Over the past 12 years, Talbot County Empty Bowls has distributed over \$199,000 to local food pantries.

“Empty Bowls will always be our light during dark days.”

—Francine DeSantis from the Tilghman Island Food Pantry

“Empty Bowls captures a spirit of community and outreach that has a year-round effect on the people of Talbot County.” —St. Vincent de Paul’s Alex Handy

Other organizations now support Empty Bowls! Easton Utilities “Fridays4aCause” has picked Empty Bowls to receive their casual Friday donations for 2 years, Bayside Quilters donated 90 “Soup Cozies” to the event this year, and many other groups over the years have had painting events to support the event. This raises both money and awareness across the county.

YOU CAN SUPPORT TALBOT COUNTY EMPTY BOWLS by making a donation, painting a bowl, or attending an event!

Checks payable to EMPTY BOWLS can be sent to Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E. Dover Street Easton, MD 21601, or online at talbotcountyemptybowls.org

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A donation will be made to Talbot County Empty Bowls in honor of Anna and Susan.