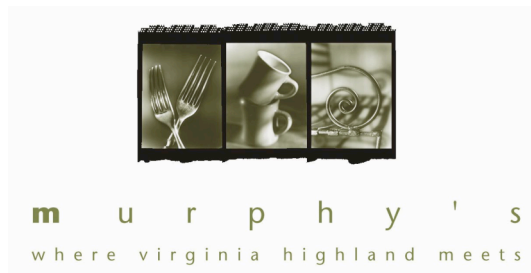


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## **One Empty Bowl Fills Another**

*Murphy's Joins Annual National Charity Event to Raise Awareness About Hunger For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year*

Atlanta, GA (September 14, 2009) – Virginia Highland mainstay Murphy's is joining the effort to support local charities and raise awareness about hunger in Atlanta by partnering with nearby Wired & Fired for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Empty Bowl Project. Beginning on Thursday, October 1 guests can visit Wired & Fired to add their artistic touch to a soup bowl at the paint-your-own-pottery studio. Then on Nov. 18 and 19, Atlantans will have the opportunity to purchase one of these bowls filled with a delicious dish from a special bowl menu at a luncheon hosted at Murphy's. All proceeds will benefit Project Open Hand, an organization that delivers more meals to thousands of men, women and children living with and affected by AIDS and other critical illnesses or disabilities.

From Thursday, Oct. 1 to Sunday, Nov. 15, Wired & Fired will invite Atlantans to their store located in Virginia Highland to paint an unfinished soup bowl using colors, stamps and stencils for \$12. The bowls will serve as a visual reminder of the millions of people throughout the world who go hungry each day. The bowls will then be sold for \$20 at a luncheon at Murphy's on Wednesday, Nov. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. Some of the bowls will be autographed by local celebrities, and these unique treasures will be featured in a silent auction. All proceeds from the bowl sales and silent auction will benefit Project Open Hand. Each guest's chosen bowl will then be filled with a dish from a special bowl menu, including items such as Roasted Eggplant and Tomato Soup with spicy croutons. At the end of the meal, all bowls will be washed and returned to the guests as a memento.

Proceeds from the Empty Bowl Project will benefit Project Open Hand. Founded in 1988, Project Open Hand has since delivered more than 5 million meals to thousands of men, women and children living with and affected by AIDS and other critical illnesses or disabilities. For more information on this charity, visit [www.projectopenhand.org](http://www.projectopenhand.org).

To decorate and donate a bowl for the Empty Bowl Project, visit Wired & Fired at 994 Virginia Avenue NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30306, across the street from Murphy's. Wired & Fired is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call Wired & Fired at 404.885.1024 or visit [wiredfired.com](http://wiredfired.com).

Murphy's is located at 997 Virginia Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306, at the crossroads of Virginia Avenue and Highland Avenue. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information and call, please call Murphy's at 404-872-0904 or visit [murphysvh.com](http://murphysvh.com).

### **Concentrics Restaurants**

Concentrics Restaurants, founded in 2002 by Bob Amick and Todd Rushing, represents some of the industry's most unique and electrifying restaurants. These award-winning chef-driven culinary destinations include ONE. midtown kitchen, TWO urban licks, TROIS, TAP, PARISH Foods & Goods, Murphy's, Lobby at TWELVE, Room at TWELVE, STATS, LUMA on Park, 30 Tables and 11 Stories at the Glenn Hotel, the restaurants at the Wit Hotel which will open in Chicago in May 2009 and Max's Coal Oven Pizzeria which will open late spring 2009. Concentrics Restaurants offers a full-service development and management team headed by Bob Amick, Todd Rushing and Mary Reynolds that provides A to Z solutions to any food and beverage operational needs. Due to national hotel, corporate and individual interests Concentrics Restaurants has partnered with Murphy's Restaurant, Sports Radio 790 The Zone, Legacy Property Group, France Developments, The Novare Group and ECD Company to launch and grow nationally successful concepts under the Concentrics umbrella. Concentrics Restaurants have been recognized in nationally-acclaimed publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Bon Appétit*, *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, *Food Arts*, *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *Delta Sky*, *GO!*, *Lucky and InStyle* magazine, along with having the first Atlanta chef to appear on the Food Network's culinary showdown, "Iron Chef America" and a feature on "Rachael Ray's Tasty Travels." For more information on Concentrics Restaurants please visit [www.concentricsrestaurants.com](http://www.concentricsrestaurants.com).

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