

WORK of HEART

Participating in Empty Bowls auction pours life into ceramics projects

Clay-stained hands gently work the malleable material into a range of simple to elaborate creations, each one filled with the hope of bringing a brighter future to area homeless through the Empty Bowls project.

Each student in art teacher Rebecca Hill's ceramics class donated two original works to the Empty Bowls silent auction at the Southwest Center in downtown Texarkana.

"It was a neat experience I was glad to be a part of," junior Mary Miller said. "I was hesitant at first to give away something I had worked so hard on; however, I knew it was for a good cause, and we ended up raising a ton of money for them."

Students donated 50 pieces, which raised \$1,022, and participating in the project gave them experience perfecting their craft.

"I love being able to play with the clay and make cool things like vases and bowls," sophomore Emma Wolf said. "I have never done it before, until this year, and it has been really fun."

Being able to help those in need warmed the hearts of the students who participated in the project. It gave their works purpose.

"I loved being able to give back to the community and knowing the money we raised is going to a good cause by making the ceramic bowls," sophomore Brylee Bender said. "Even though my bowl wasn't the best it still sold and I know everyone worked hard." *spread by e. mohon*

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BEYOND BOUNDARIES "My favorite part about ceramics is that everyone starts with a ball of clay and turns it into something different," senior Carley Wallace said. "It is messy, but it is worth it in the end. There are no rules like coloring inside of the lines, and one little mistake can make the whole thing beautiful."

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"The best part about piano is **performing for the class**, especially when we get to do duets. I have learned to read sheet music and understand the chords. This is my first year of doing piano in school, and it has **taught me so much**. We have come a long way from the beginning of the year."

-Ashley Walker, 9

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MORE THAN A SONG Standing in front of the audience, sophomore Brennon Cope feel at home. "I am in deep love with music and the influence it has in people's lives. I think it is something that you can share with anybody," Brennon said. "Even if you don't know someone, you can become friends with them by making music together."

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ALL THAT JAZZ While playing the piano, freshman Brooklynn Freeman, reminisces of times she spent with her grandmother. "I started playing the piano when I saw that my grandmother had a piano in her house," Brooklynn said. "It can be a great pastime when I am old and can't do very much."

"We walk into the classroom and put our bags on the risers. We chat for about 10 minutes and then straight to warm ups. After we practice our concert songs, we do our music journals. In choir, we goof off all of the time, but whenever it is time to sing, we will give it our all. I have been in choir for three years and have loved traveling with everyone during that time."

-Emily Dowden, 12

MUSIC speaks to ME

"I like music because you can express yourself through something other than words." **-Krystal Bond, 10**

MOLD MY HEART

"Personally, my favorite part about ceramics is being able to create a wild and crazy piece of artwork that I can really put my emotions into. Ceramics, for me, is a form of self expression where I can just be myself and no one can judge me or my creations. I can create whatever I want, and my piece can be anything I want it to be no matter what."

-RACHEL SORENSON, 11

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WRITE TO WORK

"My favorite part about ceramics is making the bowls and vases. It is cool to see how people in the real world make things, and being able to do that in class is great. The auction was really fun, and it was for a good cause. Being able to make bowls for people to buy and giving the money to the homeless felt amazing."

-EMMA WOLF, 10

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ART FELT CREATION

"I like ceramics because it is one way I can express myself, and when I am creating things, I feel like I am in a different world. I was first interested in ceramics because I saw so many people making amazing things, and I knew I wanted to do the same. That is why I stayed in it for three years now."

-EVELIN MENDOZA, 12

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PRACTICE MAKE PERFECT

While tapping on the keys in the piano room, senior Tayquan Lavan, is transformed to another universe. "I like to make music and harmonize on the piano," Tayquan said. "With this being my first year in piano, it is difficult but once you get used to it, [piano] becomes easier. I love learning all of the Christmas songs that I grew up singing."

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IN THE MOMENT

Before parents and students, freshman Lauren Killet's heart pounds as the curtains open. Once she is ready and the instrumental starts to play, Lauren begins feel more comfortable on stage. Choir performed twice a year at the winter and spring concerts. "I like performing in choir because it is exciting to be in front of all of those people and going different places with choir," Lauren said. "I also love having my friends beside me from middle school into high school."