



A Season for Hope



Enjoy a holiday tradition as Northwest College presents the iconic community theater production *It's a Wonderful Life* December 7-9 in the Nelson Performing Arts Center. The ever-popular play tells the story of a small-town man with big dreams. Come celebrate a life worth living featuring George Bailey and his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody.

Mark your calendars for performances at 7 pm each evening. Tickets are \$5 or \$4 with a non-perishable food item which will be donated to Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes. All proceeds from the production go towards the spring children's theater.

A Season for Giving Back



An empty bowl can mean a full stomach. That's what drives NWC Ceramics Instructor and Division Chair of Visual and Performing Arts Elaine DeBuhr and her students when they hold the **Empty Bowls fundraiser** for the Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes food bank. Every other year, DeBuhr and her students serve a simple meal of soup and bread for \$10 in ceramic bowls hand thrown by NWC students and faculty.

Years back, when DeBuhr was looking for a project to involve her students in community service, she read an article about Empty Bowls, a nationwide effort to raise awareness of hunger. The article crystalized her plan.

"I was aware that food bank shelves around the country, including Powell, are overwhelmed," DeBuhr said, "so Loaves and Fishes was a natural choice." In 2008, DeBuhr's students in wheelthrowing classes worked to make one hundred bowls for the crowd were hoping to feed. This year, they made and sold 419 bowls for their event, held in early November.

According to DeBuhr, "We reached our goal of \$5,000 raised for our community foodbank. It's win, win, win in my opinion. It's a warm, social event for people; it elevates the appreciation of handmade ceramics; it's a reminder of hunger in our community; and it's a much-needed financial boost for Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes."



A Season for Opportunity

As a current law student at the University of Nebraska, Northwest College alumnus Carter Reed knows a thing or two about navigating college with success. In our first [Alumni Spotlight](#) post, learn about his NWC experience, where he is now and his advice for current students.

At your alma mater, we're proud of our alumni, and we're excited to tell your stories and share your successes. Many of our alumni stand out for their academic/professional achievements, service to their communities or for being enthusiastic advocates for the college.

Interested in nominating an alum to be featured? Contact Michaela Jones, interim communications specialist, at michaela.jones@nwc.edu or 307.754.6009. Stay tuned for more Alumni Spotlights on the [NWC Facebook page](#).

A Season for Magic



Holidays bring a light of hope to our world. Similarly, the NWC Foundation works to bring hope and opportunity to students.

The images in the 2018 Northwest College calendar reflect on the magic which happens at the college and in the greater community for our students.

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