

WCC Lions raise \$600 for food pantry



SUGAR GROVE, IL March 31, 2017--Waubonsee Community College Lions Club members raised \$600 for a local food pantry Thursday, March 30.

In its first community-service project, WCC Lions held an Empty Bowls soup lunch to fight hunger.

Sycamore resident Erin Almady, WCC Lions president, said the beneficiary food pantry will be announced.

Among her patrons was Michele Needham of Plainfield, WCC executive director of human resources and president, Aurora Noon Lions Club.

WCC faculty members donated nine soups that were served in 101 take-home bowls created by WCC ceramics students.

Keynote speaker was former homeless college student Cayla Mauer. A Marshall, Ind. resident, Mauer recalled her experiences being homeless.

A graduate student at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, she is scheduled to receive her master's degree in May. Mauer said her degree thesis reflects her homeless experiences.

Founded last fall, WCC Lions Club is co-sponsored by Geneva, Elburn and Aurora Noon Lions clubs.

Photo caption: Serving Soup--Sycamore resident Erin Almady, right, president of Waubonsee Community College Lions Club, served soup to Michele Needham in a fundraiser at WCC's Sugar Grove campus Thursday, March 30. (Al Benson photo)