Students in Lori Kissinger’s COMM 2200 speech classes received the opportunity to help others in need through an event called the “Souper Bowl.”

The MTSU students worked in partnership with Very Special Arts (VSA) Tennessee, Tennessee School for the Blind, and Clay Lady’s Studio to raise money for a program that feeds Haitian children.

In preparation for the event, Tennessee School for the Blind students created bowls to go on display at the Clay Lady’s Studio. Attendees were asked to place money in their favorite bowls as a donation to a hunger program. By the end of the event, enough money was raised to feed 6,117 hungry children.

Music for the event was provided by two of Kissinger’s former speech students, Samantha Campbell and Daniel Nunnelee. Campbell and Nunnelee were actually in two different sections of the COMM 2200 course but began playing together at VSA events. The duo will become the first students to perform as the opening act at the upcoming Young Soloist concert at MTSU’s Hinton Hall on February 22, 2017. For more information about the Young Soloist competition and VSA Tennessee, go to http://vsatn.org/