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Bountiful Blessings was one of 35 charities participating in the Highmark Walk For A Healthy Community.

The walk was held on Saturday May 14th on Harrisburg's City Island.

Walkers showed up in droves with their pledges. In fact, the goal that Highmark and the Bountiful Blessings Walk Committee set of raising \$2,500 was not only met – but was surpassed! Supporters walking for Bountiful Blessings raised nearly \$2,700. There is still a few pledges out there that have not been received yet.

To view photos of the event, go to the BB web site and click on EVENTS.



Bountiful Blessings held a competition among its sites in Cumberland, Dauphin and Adams Counties. The sites were encouraged to get volunteer staff and recipient families to participate in the Highmark Walk For A Healthy Community.

Prizes were awarded to the site with the most walkers

and to the site with that raised the most money (among volunteer staff and recipient families).

The Bountiful Blessings site located inside Gettysburg UMC won for most walkers with 10. The Mechanicsburg site came in 2nd with 7 walkers. The Lemoyne site came in 3rd with 4 walkers. And, the Millersburg site had 2 walkers.

The Gettysburg site took top honors for raising the most money among recipients and BB site volunteer staff. The Lemoyne site was second, followed by the Mechanicsburg and Millersburg sites.

Lynn and Dottie Cairns along with Pastor Jay Zimmerman loaded up the Gettysburg UMC church van and drove 45 minutes so their group could participate.

Lynn, Dottie & Pastor Jay – well done! Your efforts and encouragement helped BB reach their Highmark Walk goal.



Please note: We are always collecting **NEW** children's books at all reading and grade levels. Call our office to arrange your delivery of books.

New Sites!

The second newest Bountiful Blessings site will be in Lock Haven, PA. The site is located inside United Lutheran Church on the corner of West Church and First St. in Lock Haven. The site is scheduled to open in mid summer of 2011.

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stages with several other locations. Look for them to be announced in the next newsletter.



Warehouse News

The BB warehouse always has volunteer tasks available for students, scouts and adults who need community service hours.

Current projects needing done are: reorganizing the warehouse; preparing for the early fall Back To School sessions at our sites; getting ready for the distribution of Christmas books and stuffed animals.

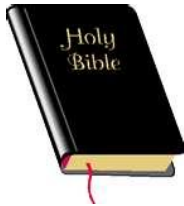
We are also looking for help to distribute items to the sites.

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New Bibles Needed

URGENT! Many of our sites are in need of new Bibles.

Bountiful Blessings offers each new family a brand new Bible in their language. As fast as we get Bibles in, we are distributing them out. So, we are always in need of donations for our Bible Fund.

We prefer purchasing the Bibles ourselves so we can obtain bulk discounted pricing. Additionally, the families can receive a Bible that is accurate, written at a reading level they can understand, and offers a large enough print for elderly folks to be able to read without having to use a magnifying glass.

If you, your Bible study group or your church would like to contribute to this fund, please send your check to the Bountiful Blessings P.O. Box. Be sure to mark "Bible Fund" in the memo line.

Leave a legacy

When drawing up your will, please remember to name BB in your giving. Your generosity can leave a legacy that will last a lifetime. For more info call the BB office at 717-802-1222.

BB 12th Anniversary Banquet

Mark your calendar. The Bountiful Blessings 12th Anniversary Banquet will be on Friday September 14th, 2012 in the Capital Area Christian Church auditorium.



Lions and Tigers and Bears – Oh my!

Many BB sites offer a brand new or gently used stuffed animal and a brand new book for each child under 18 years of age at the holidays. Because of the magnitude of this collection, BB conducts the drive for these items throughout the year.

We are grateful for the dozens of people who have donated brand new books and gently used stuffed animals.

Contributions

Monetary contributions can be made payable to Bountiful Blessings Inc. Because BB is a 501c3 charity, your contributions are tax deductible.

Speaking of Bountiful Blessings

To schedule someone from BB to speak to your church group, scout troop, civic organization or school – simply call our office at 717-802-1222. Our staff will be happy to schedule a speaker for your next event.

Upcoming Events

Bountiful Blessings is scheduled to participate in the following events:

- ★ 3rd Annual Western PA Golf Outing – Saturday May 5th, 2012 at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA
- ★ Central PA Golf Outing – Saturday July 14th, 2012 at Armitage Golf Course in Hampden Twp.
- ★ Bountiful Blessings 11th Anniversary Banquet – Friday September 14th, 2012 at Capital Area Christian Church in Mechanicsburg

Next Newsletter

The next BB Newsletter will appear on the BB web site **October 1, 2011.**

Deadline for submissions will be **September 15th.** Please e-mail all info and submissions for the Newsletter to:

ron@ronorendi.com

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Wish List

As we prepare for future sessions at our full service sites, and for the growth of the BB program, we are currently collecting the following:

- Brand new books for children and adults
- New or gently used stuffed animals
- School supplies, such as: tablets, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, crayons, and erasers
- Box truck or van (must be inspected and in good running condition)
- Gasoline cards
- Lumbar support belts in size S, M, L & XL for our warehouse and delivery staff
- Brand new Bibles – NIV version
- Monthly supporters who will commit to donating financially or donating a case of products .

Quotes

When you leave this earth will you be known as a giver or a getter?



Bountiful Blessings wants to thank the following groups organizations and businesses for their generosity and support:

Wayde Kelly
Old Dominion Trucking
Bread of Life Outreach
Wal-Mart
Diakon Kathryn's Kloset
Bethesda Mission
Scott Swinchock
Royce Hoffman
Dawn Altmeyer
Jessie & Jack Altmeyer
Wegman's
The Highmark Walk
Committree
The Western PA Golf
Committee
Bobbie Fetter
Megan Davis
Jennifer Newman
Caroline Schalles
Charlotte Seblee

Q&A

Every day a new question with multiple choice answers about Bountiful Blessings is posted on our Facebook page. The questions cover topics about the board and behind the scenes work, program's operation, and it's history "Like" us on Facebook and join in the fun.



Bountiful Blessings is always looking for volunteer help in the office, in the warehouse and in the field. No matter what a volunteer's talents and gifts – we can match them up with a task.

Help is needed to do light duty administrative chores, to picking up items from suppliers, assisting in making deliveries to BB sites, as well as light maintenance jobs.

Contact us at 717-802-1222 and we will coordinate times and tasks so you can be on the BB volunteer support team.



Volunteers from Pepsico's Frito Lay, Gatorade and Pepsi divisions came to the BB office in June to do volunteer work.

The ladies assisted in filing, sorting, and reorganizing the warehouse.

We thank them for their hard work.

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Paper? Plastic? Or reusable?

Bountiful Blessings is selling Tote Bags. These reusable bags are suitable for taking to the grocery store, farmer's market, carrying knitting or school books, or just carrying your stuff around.

The bags are tangerine colored with the BB logo and web site in black ink. Contact the BB office if you would like to order some.

The Bountiful Blessings orange tote bags are washable – so there is no worry about them getting dirty or having food bacteria from your prior use.

Psssst. The BB Tote Bags make ideal gift bags.



Like!

Facebook friends, if you have not already done so, click on "like" for the BB Facebook page. When you like us, you will be able to keep informed of all of the exciting things happening with Bountiful Blessings. We also encourage you to share the BB page with all of your Facebook friends.



2nd Annual Western PA Golf Outing

The Bountiful Blessings 2nd Annual Western PA Golf Outing was held on Saturday May 7th at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA.

Although Mother Nature threatened everyone with a 40% chance of rain, the golfers paid her no attention.

The golfers enjoyed a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, lots of laughs, fellowship, and a delicious lunch.

Thank you to the Golf Committee and those who participated who made this year's Golf Outing a huge success.

To view photos of the event, go to the BB web site and click on EVENTS.



The 18th hole at Fantasy Golf Camp.

Mark your calendar

The 3rd Annual Western PA Golf Outing will be held Saturday May 5th, 2012. The event will be at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA.



When doing a search on the internet, go to the Good Search web site powered by Yahoo. If you name Bountiful Blessings as your charity, BB will receive money for each internet search done.

www.goodsearch.com

Be sure to bookmark Good Search as your search engine of choice.

And, please remember to share the Good Search web site with friends and family.



Truck Needed

We are in need of a new or used cargo van, dry box truck or 14' to 16' box truck. The pick-up truck currently being used to deliver items to the 18 BB sites has over 260,000 miles on it.

If you, or someone you know has a box truck or van, that is inspected and in good running condition, please contact the BB office at 717-802-1222.

We have set up a "truck fund" to help cover the costs of operating a truck i.e. license, gas, insurance, routine maintenance, etc. To contribute to this fund, please mark in the memo line of your check "truck fund".

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Coming
Soon

The following BB sites will be opening later in 2011:

→ Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church - 931 Love Point Rd. Stevensville, MD



Board of Directors



Jesus Christ - CEO



Terry Orendi - President



Ruth Massey - Secretary



Kristi Orendi - Treasurer



Sarah LeDuc



Dave Batten, Esq.



Dr. Don Hamilton



Stephanie Warmer

Looking for
New Sites

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stage with several new sites.

We are continuing to expand, adding new sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

If you know of a church with a heart for outreach, we will be happy to meet with them and share what we do as well as the impact Bountiful Blessings has on the community and the church. Feel free to e-mail us with the name and phone number of the church clergy, and the person in charge of outreach.



Conducting a Drive

Are you:

- ✦ interested in conducting a goods drive at your church, place of employment or in your neighborhood?
- ✦ wanting to teach your scout group, school group or Sunday School class about servant hood?

It's easy, fun and rewarding. **AND, you** are making a difference in the lives of families who have fallen on hard times.

Contact our office, and a staff member will offer their expertise on how to conduct a Bountiful Blessings drive. We offer flyers and advice on how to mark the drive a huge success.

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Ron spoke at the Diakon Donor Appreciation Dinner on Thursday June 30th. He shared stories and statistics about what a difference Kathryn's Kloset has made to Bountiful Blessings since becoming one of it's suppliers.

Quotes

Everyone wants to be appreciated. So if you appreciate someone, don't keep it a secret. --- Mary Kay Ash



Bountiful Blessings was mentioned in a live interview on CBS 21 News at 5:30PM on June 30th. Weatherman Tom Russell was talking with people during a segment they call "Steaks and a Forecast".

BB in the news

The following article appeared in the North Side Chronicle. The Chronicle is the local weekly newspaper serving the communities on Pittsburgh's North Side.

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Since January 2001, Terry and Ron Orendi have been providing non-food items such as cleaning supplies, toothpaste and shampoo through their Mechanicsburg - based organization, Bountiful Blessings.

The organization, which has a Northside location at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church on North Avenue, is a faith-based organization built on the fundamental Biblical principle, "I am thy brother's keeper," according to its website.

The organization is run solely by volunteers, and is made possible by donations from supporters, civic groups, corporate donations and grants.

In exchange for the non-food items, the recipient of the goods is asked to return the favor by volunteering their own time at the site in the future. All that is needed to receive Bountiful Blessings' services is a valid form of identification.

"There are eight core items, which we call the Wish List, that we are always asking that people donate," Ron said. "Toothpaste, shampoo, bath soap, paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, cleaning items and trash bags."

The Northside branch, one of 16 across Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, is open every first and third Sunday of the month from noon to 2 p.m., except during the summer, when the site is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on Bountiful Blessings, call 717-802-1222.

**Next BB
Board Meeting
Sunday
August 14, 2011
3:00PM**



Message from the President

Encouragement.

What a great word. It gives you a warm, fuzzy feeling or you may feel like jumping for joy. We all need to feel the

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acceptance, love and drive for success that comes from knowing that someone believes you can accomplish a task or goal.

We stand a little taller when we feel someone has "our back."

But what happens when your world falls apart around you and you are not sure where to turn? You can say "go to the church" but sometimes a person hurts so deeply, they don't feel that anyone will understand.

As Christians, we need to reach out a hand and go to those in need.

Go the extra mile. Offer to bring them to church and sit with you. Introduce them to your church family.

As a business person, you CAN make a difference. Would your company do a drive to help support a Bountiful Blessings site?

Businesses can do drives where employees donate some of the 8 core items we offer. Other businesses donate cases of bath tissue or paper towels (including a case for BB when they place their business order).

As a scout troop, can you help with a site or conduct a drive?

Be creative, there is need all around us.

Recently a couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Rather than receive all sorts of gifts – they threw a picnic / pool party and asked guests to

bring items for Bountiful Blessings.

Another family works together doing couponing to see how inexpensively they can get items to donate to Bountiful Blessings. The children are learning responsible money management along with having a caring heart for these in need.

One church selected a different item for their Sunday School children to bring each Sunday with their offering.

Be creative!

And, be sure to say a kind word and encourage your fellow man. Make someone's day with a smile, an encouraging word or a kind deed.

Terry Orendi