

Bountiful Blessings News

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Bountiful Blessings is one of 35 charities that will be participating in the Highmark Walk For A Healthy Community.

The walk will be held on Saturday May 14th on Harrisburg's City Island. Check in will be at 7:45AM. The 5K Walk will begin at 8:00AM with the 1K walk starting shortly thereafter. Both walk courses are paved and handicap accessible.

Registration and pledges may be done on the web site at <http://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org/hbg/>

It's not too early to get your coworkers, classmates, church group, neighbors, and family ready to enjoy a warm day in central PA while walking for a cause.

When registering be sure to name Bountiful Blessings as the charity you are walk for and / or donating towards.



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.

2 New Sites!



Trinity U.C.C.

The newest BB site is in Millersburg PA. The site is located inside Trinity UCC. The site is open the first and third Monday of every month from 6PM – 8PM.

The second newest Bountiful Blessings site is 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 the spring of 2011.

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



The BB warehouse always has volunteer tasks available for students, scouts and adults who need community service hours. For more info, please call the BB office.



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.

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BB 10th Anniversary Banquet

On Friday January 14th, 2011 Bountiful Blessings held its 10th Anniversary Banquet. The evening featured dinner music by pianist Brandon Rhody. Vocalist Becky Lamm sang "God Bless The Outcast", and Bishop Douglas Pieper sang "Amazing Grace."

Senator Pat Vance gave a brief speech, as did a representative from the Central PA Food Bank.

Terry Orendi, BB Founder and President shared some history on how Bountiful Blessings got its start. She also shared that BB will be opening 3 new sites in early 2011. And, Terry announced a one of a kind computer data base will be piloted at the Mechanicsburg site later this year. Orendi also stated that within 3 years all BB sites will be doing all of the site reports online – eliminating hassles in dealing with hard copy paper filing and mailing.

One of the highlights of the evening involved Terry giving the 2010 BB Best Site Award to Vida Franklin and the volunteers at the Charlton UMC. The site is located

just off Jonestown Road in Harrisburg, PA.

After introducing the Board of Directors, Mrs. Orendi presented all of the Site Coordinators with a wooden cross made from a fallen cedar tree.

A special thank you goes out to all the businesses and people who helped make the banquet a success.



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:

★ 2nd Annual Bountiful Blessings Western, PA Golf Outing – Saturday May 7, 2011 at Butler's Golf Course Rock Run Rd. Elizabeth, PA

★ Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will be Saturday May 14th at 8:00am.

★ Maryland Bountiful Blessings Golf Outing will be held in the fall of 2011

Next Newsletter

Look for the next Bountiful Blessings Newsletter to appear on the BB web site July 1, 2011.

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

ron@ronorendi.com

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Wish List for BB

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
- A projection system that can be linked to a laptop
- 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 (bath tissue, bath soap, baby wipes, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, trash bags, or diapers).



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

Nathan Snyder
Ethan Schrock
Wayde Kelly
Old Dominion Trucking
Bread of Life Outreach
Wal-Mart
Kathryn's Kloset
Bethesda Mission
Karns Food Stores
Doug & Carol Pieper
Joann Smith
Down East Fabrication
Haas Printing
Rick Cartmill
Jeff Jackson
Rev. Mike Russell
CACC Youth Group
Royce Hoffman
Rep. Pat Vance
Becky Lamm
Central PA Food Bank
Jessie & Jack Altmeyer
Thrivent Financial
Brian Brenneman
Wegman's



Effective March 1st, 2011 Bountiful Blessings will no longer be operating in the City Of Refuge Outreach center located at 17th & Paxton Street in Harrisburg.



The following BB sites will be opening later in 2011:

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

→ God's Missionary Church 301 N. High St. Duncannon, PA



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.



When we love people, we must love what is good and accept what's under construction.

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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 will be held on Saturday May 7th, 2011 at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA. Shotgun scramble start will be at 8AM with a luncheon to follow.

A variety of prizes will be offered including a **NEW CAR** for a hole in one. Visit the BB web site for a registration form and more detailed info on prizes.

Individual cost to golf is \$90. Foursomes are \$360. Price includes 18 holes of golf, cart, luncheon and prizes.

Businesses - Hole Sponsors receive signage at a hole, name recognition in the Golf Outing brochure and name recognition on the BB web site. Cost is only \$150 to sponsor a hole.

Whether you are a weekend duffer or make the little white ball Singh, you are welcome to join us for a day of fun on the links.



The 18th hole at Fantasy Golf Camp.



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 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 243,000 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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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.

Quotes

There are 750 Halls of Fame and 450 Who's Who Publications, but you won't find many real servants there. They know the difference between prominence and significance.



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.

**Saturday
May 7th, 2011
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Golf Outing
Butler's Golf
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Elizabeth, PA**

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Message from the President

REFUSE TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STRUGGLE

Recently I heard a speaker who made the statement “refuse to make an agreement with the struggle.” As I reflected on this statement, I had to admit there have been times in my life when I did just that. However, when I refused consciously or subconsciously my life improved.

Churches are always seeking ways to: grow their church, bring life back into their church, do more as a church. Often, what they are looking at is the struggle and accepting that the struggle is hard. This leaves them numb or complacent. Why?

I believe it is because the church is made up of human beings. And, humans beings tend to make agreements with their personal struggles. Rather than see the positive in a sad situation, seek a solution to an unsolved issue, we chose to accept the negatives in our life as “just the way it is.”

The individual attitude of each congregant culminates in the church family. So, rather than seeing the struggle as an opportunity to stand out in a community, we give in to the struggle with self defeating words like “we cannot afford it” or “the big churches are luring all the people, we are just a small church.” These are self-defeating words.

May I suggest, as individuals and as a church body we all begin to speak positive about ourselves and our church family. Let’s begin each day with a smile and share that smile with everyone we see. Your smile and words of affirmation make others aware that you are not making “an agreement with struggle.” You will find the positive in each day no matter what it brings.

When a new family comes to your church through Bountiful Blessings or another outreach program, do you greet them with a smile, hand shake or hug? Or do you “process them.” Is your personal struggles flowing over and contaminating those you meet with negative.

Remember, you are the only Bible someone may meet each day.

Love God, Love God’s People and God will bless and grow your churches.

Terry Orendi

**Next BB
Board Meeting
Sunday
May 22, 2011
3:00PM**



Terry & BB in We Magazine

Bountiful Blessings and its founder, Terry Orendi were featured in the February 8th issue of “We Magazine – Empowering Women In Business And Life”. The e-magazine is published weekly. The hard copy of the magazine is published each quarter.

The article shares some of the Bountiful Blessings early story as well as information on the BB Scholarship Program. To read the article, cut and paste the following link...

<http://wemagazineforwomen.com/this-womans-mission-is-to-help-others-help-themselves/>

Quotes

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it.

--- E. Luccock