



LOVING HEARTS

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY NEEDS COUNCIL

SUMMER 2011

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Backpack (no wheels)
Pencils, #2
Pen black, blue or red
Eraser, large pink
Pencil Sharpener w/ shaving collector
Scissors, rounded tip & pointed
Glue Stick
Crayola Crayons
Crayola Colored Pencils
Crayola Washable Markers, classic broad line
Elmer's Glue, 4 oz.
Large Pencil bag, 3 ring with zipper
Highlighter – any color
Spiral Sketch Book
Crayola Watercolors
Construction Paper, 9x12 assorted colors
Spiral Notebook, wide rule 70 page
Notebook Paper, wide rule 200 page
Binders, 3 ring—various sizes: ½”, 1½”, 2”
Subject Dividers, 6 pack plastic w/pocket
Subject Dividers, 5 pack plastic
Pocket Folders with brads, all colors
Index Cards, 3x5 lined
Dry Erase Markers, pkg of 4
Flash Cards, Addition, Subtraction or Multiplication

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“FILL THE BUS”

Over 94 volunteers helped put the 359 school supply bags together last summer and we need you again! The FISS bus will be parked at Wal-Mart on Saturday July 30th and August 6th from 9am to 3pm staffed with volunteers ready to collect the school supply items purchased for the kids. We will be collecting supplies at the NC office throughout the summer until the last pick-up date of August 18th. See the list of supplies needed on the left side of the page.

Lots of help will be needed to put school bags together at the NC, if you have a few moments or a few hours to spare, the days are August 1st thru 5th & August 8th thru 10th. We will also need volunteers on the distribution days August 11th thru 18th.

Come join in the fun!

School Supplies!



Needs Council Board Hosts Luau for Volunteers

The Granados Family provided the hall for a beautiful Hill Country Evening celebration April 5th. Marc & Cindy Bennett provided the BBQ Chicken and Pork complete with Hawaiian Sauces, and Fredericksburg Food Ministry brought the salads. Fresh Strawberries were the kids' favorite donated by Marburger Orchard. Sophia's Choice Bakery topped off the delicious meal with melt in your mouth cakes!



Marc Bennett, head chef & winner of best male Hawaiian costume.

Gift Certificates were awarded to outstanding volunteers. Most Medical Transportation Miles (2,309 in 2010) went to John Haebig with a certificate from Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course. Most medical trips went to Florence Bailey with a certificate to The Herb Farm.



Lucy Ann Arnold prepares to enjoy her plate of BBQ.

Most office hours went to Caryl Christenson with a certificate to Crossroads Saloon and Steakhouse. The Most SWEAT went to the home improvement team: Lori & Jeff Lehman, Andy Sears and Wayne Utley with a certificate to Texas Wine Tours. The final award titled “Above & Beyond” went to Babs Parrott with a certificate to Der Kuchen Laden.

Clear River Pecan Co. provided the prizes for game winners, and centerpiece Geraniums donated by Fredericksburg Farms were given away as raffle prizes to end the evening.



Hannah & Lilli Bray prepare to deliver geraniums to raffle winners.

Gayle Long, Program Chair for the Board, thanked the volunteers by expressing, “The work of the Needs Council would not continue without the invaluable talents of our volunteers”!

Honor your Father and Mother!

Consider a donation to the Hill Country Community Needs Council as a special way to honor or memorialize your parents or that special person in your life.

Letter from an Appreciative Family

"I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for all the help you have given our family in our time of need. You helped provide a safe environment for our children by paying the tuition for one of our boys to the Boys & Girls Club for the summer. You then provided school supplies for our 4 boys, alleviating the stress of back to school costs for us. Instead of worrying about how we were going to pay for school clothes and supplies all summer your help kept that under control. Your organization is a huge asset to our community and your efforts are truly recognized to many. I just wanted to let you know how much you helped our family and how much we appreciate everything each of you do for us! So again, Thank you and God Bless!"

Care Calls Party

This year's May Care Calls party was held at Marketplatz. 5th grade students from St. Mary's led by Sandra Weinheimer & from Heritage School led by Sharon Beall took part in this year's Care Calls program.

Some of the children met their senior partners for the first time after calling them weekly throughout the school year. Close friendships were strengthened as they shared cookies and cinnamon rolls.



Mrs. Weinheimer played guitar and the children entertained with their beautiful voices.

Volunteer Drivers Florence Bailey, Barry Trautman & Lucinda Zesch provided rides for the seniors.

Maureen Seals, coordinator of the program, thanked the teachers and parents who make this program thrive through

their encouragement and support of the children.

Unsung Heroes in our Community!

A little known aspect of our services to clients is one that pays huge dividends. Local dentists partner with the Needs Council by accepting our letter offering a designated amount for procedures that normally cost much more.

As is typical for the uninsured working poor and seniors on fixed income, a toothache is ignored until it is unbearable and thus becomes a medical emergency.

Doctors Grimes, Heinrich, Kovar, Lindsay, Schmidt, Stehling, and Tripplet have taken our clients in the same day and accepted our minimal payment. Clients often work out a payment plan if further work is needed at a discounted rate.

A beautiful example of this partnership came to fruition in late May when a female client was finally put on the list for a donor liver. As she stated, "I now have a chance at living!" Dr. Grimes and his staff extracted several teeth that were possible sites of infection and were preventing her from being on the organ recipient list. Dr. Grimes' office assisted her in getting all the paperwork completed and got her on the list!

Volunteers in Action!

Two elderly women in Harper made a lot of new friends this spring. Being on fixed income they needed some home improvements that weren't possible on their budgets.

The loving spirits of these two women was all the motivation needed for our volunteers that worked several weekends this spring. At one home a new front porch, complete with a new rocking chair, has greatly improved the woman's ability to enjoy evenings outside.

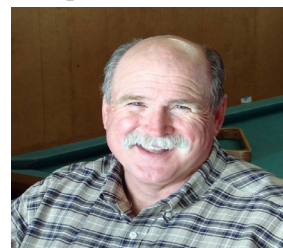


Home Improvement Crew included: Wayne Utley, Andy Sears, Jeff Lehman, Clint Pluenneke & The Holy Ghost Youth Group, Jimmy & Gail Sportsman, Oak Hills Church volunteers, and First Baptist Youth Group.

As one of the women wrote, "I do not have words to thank each one of you for your selfless help to a stranger".

New Board Members

We are very pleased to welcome four new board members. **Mac Turner**, a commercial real estate broker, is pictured here delivering food bags. Also pictured is **Alan Matthies**, Hospital Chaplain at Hill Country Memorial Hospital,



Alan Matthies

who also volunteers with our Medical Transportation program.

Brad Hardin, President of American Bank is also a Medical Transportation and Budget Advisor volunteer and **Mark Peterson** is Director of Customer Experience at Hill Country Memorial Hospital and a Client Services volunteer. See a complete list of our Board of Directors on front page.



Mac Turner



Mark Peterson

IN-KIND DONATIONS

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AAA Self Storage
Absolute Charm Bed & Breakfast
Agarita Creek Farms
Al Sanchez Handyman
Ambleside School
American Legion 244
Baron's Inn
Bethany Social Concerns Committee
Catholic Daughters
Chase Bank
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Creations in Jewelry
Crossroads Saloon
Der Kuchen Laden
D'Vine Wine
Engel Farms
First Baptist Church Mother's Day Out
Fischer & Wieser Specialty Food Inc.
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Fredericksburg Farms
Global Plumbing
Granados Hall
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Hill Country Memorial Hospital
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Hill Country Refrigeration
Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Marburger Orchard
Oak Hills Church
ProBuild
Rustlin' Rob's Texas Gourmet Foods
St Paul Lutheran Church - Cave Creek
Sofie's Choice Bakery
Texas Wine Tours
The Telephone Man - Doug Sundheimer
White Oak Studio

INDIVIDUALS

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David Spencer
Leah Stewart
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Margaret Taylor
Mac & Barbara Turner
Wayne & Kerry Utley
Jamey & Teri Vogel
Charles & Jane Voigt
Alva Wagner
Kay Welch
Lenard White

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October 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 (excluding *Something from the Heart Campaign 2011*)

In memory of H. H. Anderson

Eula Jo Pope

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Anderson

Phil & Pat McConnell

In honor of Dr. Greg Andreassian

Katherine F. Peake

In memory of Bradley Barnhardt

Emeline Stubblefield

In memory of Cora Behrends

Vernon & Linda Treibs

In memory of Ilene Beyer

Alton & Florine Bruns

In memory of Christine Boerner

Vernon & Linda Treibs

In memory of Christine Boerner

Lillian Wissemann

In honor of Mark & Christina Brown

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In honor of Children & Grandchildren

Ronald Hamby

In honor of Clients

Signal Event Group

In memory of Dick Converg

Guido & Harriet Klett

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In memory of Roland Hohmann

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In memory of Edna Jung

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In memory of Tom Newman

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In memory of Clara Nielson

Alton & Florine Bruns

In memory of LaVerne Ottmers

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Guido & Harriet Klett

In memory of Mrs. Guenther Ottmers, Sr.

Guido & Harriet Klett

In memory of Andrew C. Petermann

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In honor of Mary Jo Picascia

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In honor of Prescription Lab

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In memory of Marvin Roos

Gertrude L. Roos

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In honor of Harlan & Dian Stai

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In memory of Bob Synek

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In memory of John Wells

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In memory of John Wells

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In memory of Evelyn Weynand

Alton & Florine Bruns

In honor of Pam Wissemann

Selene C. Wissemann

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Agritech Research, LLC

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Bethany Lutheran Church

Bethany Lutheran Foundation of Fredericksburg

K & K Biedermann Trust

Brandi's Jewelry

Capital Farm Credit FLCA

Chem-Tac, Inc.

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Martha Walton & David Bowers

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Larry & Kathleen Burson

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Sherrie Campbell

Champe Carter

Paul & Victoria Chamberlain

Candelaria & Silbestre Chapa

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Walter & Claire Collins

Heidi Conlin

Blaine & Paige Conn

Ray & Susan Connelly

Joseph Corbett

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Roy & Judy Enderlin

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and helping
hands, the Needs
Council identifies,
establishes, and
administers ser-
vices that address
the basic unmet
needs of people in
Gillespie County.
Our mission is
accomplished
through the mobi-
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of community vol-
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services, and the
establishment of
programs.*

Director's Corner



Cindy Heifner, Director

We had the delightful privilege to spend an hour with a lovely “young” woman of 90 this past week who needed assistance filling out Medicare paperwork. She shared much of her life story while keeping us in stitches with her beautiful sense of humor. One can only hope to have such a wonderfully positive attitude at any age, let alone in our 90’s!

Many of our clients are hurting; financially, emotionally, and often physically. Each person copes with pain in their own way. Our “young” lady has experienced plenty of pain in her life but just seems to keep her sunny disposition. Much of what the Needs Council does is try to help people cope. The help may consist of: listening and advising, setting up professional counseling, giving financial assistance, providing rides to medical appointments or supporting domestic violence victims. All these programs center around helping people cope. So as the summer heat rolls on I hope you can find reasons to smile and as always I thank you for supporting the work of your Community Needs Council.

Outreach Projects -- Moving Day

Bill Sadd was one of many volunteers who helped pack the truck for an elderly couple moving to Arkansas to be closer to family during cancer treatments.



More Volunteers in Action!

A disabled couple, whose daughter (with husband and child) recently moved back in with them, needed a lot of work done to make their mobile home not only safe for the child, but handicap accessible for themselves. Volunteers from Bethany Lutheran Church took on this project and did a fabulous job replacing sub-flooring, building new stairs, landing, handrails and reinforcing the deck. Thank you to Bethany Lutheran volunteers Dwight & Karen Oestreich, Johathan Baethge, Ralph Rode, Nancy Timmer and Keith & Eileen Whited.



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