

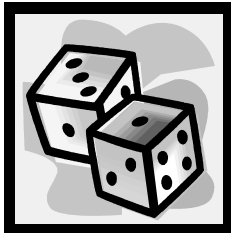
BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY

FOUNDED IN 1981

THIRD QUARTER 2011



Fall Gala
Nov. 12th
ticket order
form
Page 7



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

A Family Story	3
New Faces	3
Casino Grande Thank You	4
“House of Wonders” Poem	4
Volunteer Needs	5
In Memory In Honor Of	6

30 Years of Caring 1981~2011

Thirty years ago, on July 20th 1981, the Bay Area Crisis Nursery opened its doors to provide a safe place for little ones whose parents were temporarily unable to care for them due to stress or crisis. It was the great faith, the hard work and the unbelievable support of all those who joined me in my efforts to establish a crisis nursery, that enabled us to open our doors. During the past thirty years, over 22,950 times a child has been admitted to the Nursery and the parent has received our support as they worked through a difficult time in their lives. Today our mission is exactly the same – keep children safe – help families in crisis.

In the very beginning the hardest question for me to answer was “Where are you going to get the money to build, to operate this Crisis Nursery?” For me it was simple, this was my ministry, this was my mission, if God really wanted me to do this He would bless my efforts with the funds needed to build and operate the Crisis Nursery. For the first five years we actually lived from month to month. Our reserve funds were never more than a couple of months in the bank. The St. Vincent de Paul Society paid the first ten mortgage payments and gave us a \$100,000 loan which enabled us to build our first facility and secure matching construction grants. Over the years we have been careful guardians of all donations. We

built up reserves which have allowed us to continue operating these past two financially difficult years despite the negative year end balances. The answer to that difficult question remains the same!

Many of you have been with me since the very beginning - most of you have joined me along the way. All of us are committed to keeping the children of our community safe. As the years pass we lose some of our greatest supporters. Recently we lost two very special friends, Denis Lucey, a Golden

Volunteer and Don Mitchell whose generosity enabled us to build the Mitchell Family Center. Denis retired from a career in commercial construction in 1983. When he signed up as a BACN volunteer he told me he had worked so hard to support and educate his family he felt that he had missed the best years of their lives.

He came here to give time to our little ones. Denis came every Tuesday and Thursday. He was loved by all the little ones but especially the boys who would be looking through the knot holes in the fence watching for Denis to drive up. He played with them, chased them, danced and sang with them. In 1989 Denis was awarded his 1,000 hour award – he became a Golden Volunteer. Denis passed away peacefully, at age 89, on June 26th 2011.

*“Share the
wonderful world
of BACN with
your friends,
neighbors and
co-workers...”*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Sister Ann Weltz

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
Sandy Hathaway

PROGRAM MANAGER /
CLIENT OUTREACH
Tamille Davis

OFFICE MANAGER /
CASE MANAGER
Lisa Heimbruch

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Linda Law

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT
Melissa Spann

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linda Pettie
President

Joyce Wong
Vice President

Herb Hellsten, Jr.
Treasurer

Louann Ginn
Secretary

Members

Dan Aiman
Brad Barroso
Judy Barroso
Bill Gallagher

Karen Scott-Hultman
Ann Wright
Sister Ann Weltz

Director's Letter (continued)

For many years, Don Mitchell only knew of us through shared newsletters and the stories told to him by his secretary who was a regular donor to the Nursery. In the mid 90's Don read about my dreams of expansion which were outlined in the quarterly newsletter. He made an appointment to meet with me. He was thinking of donating and wanted more information about BACN. Knowing that a tour of the children's center is usually the best way to win over the hearts of donors, I tried for an hour and a half to get him to tour the facility. Don wanted only facts – each time I tried to take him on a tour he stated that Mary, his wife, would do that later. Mary did come for a tour, fell in love with the children and mission of BACN and became a childcare volunteer. Later in the year, just before Christmas, Don called again. He told me he wanted to make a major donation of a property in WC which BACN could sell to finance our expansion plans. I tried to set a date in January for the meeting with Board Members to discuss this donation. Don would have no waiting – the meeting had to take place immediately so the donation could be completed before the end of the year for tax purposes. For the next week, Augie, the treasurer, Don and I went from meeting to meeting signing papers, securing titles and tying up loose ends. The donation was completed before the New Year began. The sale of this property two years later enabled BACN to build the Mitchell Family Center. Don never wanted his name on the building but after I planted the seed and carefully cultivated it during our many hours of visiting while watching the building go up he agreed to name it for his family. Since the building opened, Don has continued to watch over us – he came several times a year with checks and/or gifts for the staff and management team members. On July 7th, four days after his 90th birthday, Don died peacefully. It is with sadness in my heart that I say good-bye to Don and Denis. Thank you Don and Denis for sharing your time, your talents and your resources with us. You have enabled us to keep the little ones of our community safe during difficult times.

Let us rejoice with one another in the accomplishments of the past thirty years. Your support of and your generosity to the Bay Area Crisis Nursery has made my dream a reality and kept thousands of little ones safe while their parents worked through stressful times and crisis situations. I invite you to join me at the GALA to celebrate the first thirty years and propel us into the next thirty years! I encourage you to share the wonderful world of BACN with your friends, neighbors and coworkers so that they too may help assure the safety of children and the support of families in our community. If you would like me to meet with you, your friends or coworkers to share the history and dreams of BACN just give me a call. My daily prayer for each of you is that God will bless you and your families generously, just as you are blessing the children and families that turn to BACN for help.

With love and prayers and 30 years of gratitude!

Sister Ann Weltz, C.S.J.
Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Founder and Director

2011 Admissions	
JAN-MAR	292
APR-JUN	329
Year-to-Date	621



Sisters

Tamille Davis, our new Program Manager / Client Outreach Coordinator has been working with BACN families and has this story to report.

There are two wonderful ladies who accessed the Nursery for help over this past month; they happened to be homeless *and* they happen to be sisters. They are close-knit, often helping each other through difficult times. One sister struggles some with reading and writing, so the other sister helps her to fill out applications and answer questions. Because of this they require extra time to fill out paperwork, time which BACN is happy to give them.

The sisters did an excellent job of keeping me up to date on what was happening with them. I never had to ask where they were in the process of looking for housing or what appointments they had. They called me even before the organizations they had appointments with did to confirm their progress. During the same time they regularly visited their children, who were either at the Nursery or Dahlstrom House.

Fortunately, after they had been unsuccessful in finding an apartment, they were told there was space at Mountain View House, a family homeless shelter. At the intake appointment they were told that although they could not bring their children with them immediately space for the children would open up later. Finally, this week the children will move in with their mothers.

While at the shelter, the sisters are encouraged to access as many resources as possible. The case management staff at Shelter Incorporated will work with them in providing resources for permanent housing once they have completed their time at Mountain View House. I will also continue to follow up with them and offer resources for housing or anything else they find they need.

Because of their perseverance and willingness to follow through, as well as their allowing Bay Area Crisis Nursery to help them during their time of crisis, they have become one of many success stories. The bond that these sisters have in helping one another is also an example of how the Nursery staff continues to help our families, as they have over the past 30 years.

Hello, my name is Tamille Davis - BACN's new Program Manager/Client Outreach Coordinator.

With over 20 years experience, my career began when my mother did foster care for medically fragile infants. I was fascinated by the social worker who visited and realized that was what I wanted to do...that summer, at age 18, I began to job shadow her at the San Francisco Dept. of Social Services Foster Care Unit.



As they say, the rest is history...I got my BA in Social Work and spent 5 years in Alaska working for the State Mental Health Department, traveling by small plane to rural and remote villages administering support and counseling for Native families and individuals who had no immediate access to mental health care resources.

Returning to the Bay Area I obtained my Master's Degree and worked for various organizations in Contra Costa.

While growing up, taking in other people's children was second nature. BACN is an extension of what has always been a part of my life. Sharing and a sense of community is an integral part of who I am. Helping staff provide the best services for our families, working closely with families in crisis and collaborating with other agencies are things that will make working at BACN extremely enjoyable!



And now a word from Melissa!

Hello BACN supporters. My name is Melissa Spann and I joined the Development team (well, Sandy) in June 2011. In addition to my enthusiasm, I bring more than 10 years experience serving children and families. A Contra Costa native, I earned my BS degree in Child and Family Development from San Diego State University. I worked as a pre-school teacher and director, then elementary teacher before I discovered my niche for social service/non-profit work. I have a 12 year old son, Jared, who is adept at keeping me on my toes. I was asked to provide a picture of myself but fortunately, I was able to escape picture taking - this time. If you'd like to put a face with the name, you can swing by any of BACN's events and meet me there. I'll be the one avoiding the camera 😊.

A House of Wonders

By Bill Gallagher
Childcare Volunteer
Board Member

Have you ever seen miracles happen?

Not walking-on-water kinds, but every-day ones?

I know of a place where they happen almost all the time

And have been happening for thirty years

A house of wonders

Inside this house, lives are changed, rescued, made whole

Shattered hopes are restored

The power of love is continuously unleashed on those innocents needing it most

As miraculous is the act of giving birth

So is the act of enabling rebirth

At this factory of hope, the Nursery workers ache to make rebirth possible

Rebirth of a mother's belief in herself, of a child's acceptance of love

Rebirth of a future filled with hopes and possibilities

The soul of this house sings with each of these miracles

The walls tremble with giddiness hearing a child's laughter

A Mom's smile brings forth a contented sigh in the rafters

If this house had not been born, we would crave it

If it closed, we would mourn it

In this world seared with the scars of indifference

The Crisis Nursery is a beacon of love

Marking a harbor of hope.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY??? Yes, it is time to plan helping BACN give new toys and clothing to the families we serve. **Our official Holiday Wish List will be available at www.bacn.info shortly.** By 8/31 we will have copies available at the Nursery or you can request one to be emailed or mailed to you.

We need **new toys and clothing, for ages birth through 17.** No war or violent toys, only G rated videos and E rated games. **Small gifts for parents** are also needed - towel sets, picture frames and photo books, toiletry sets for women and men, mini-tool kits, flashlights, etc.

Food is also needed-not expired, dented, repackaged, handmade.

Some ideas to get you started:

Dolls and Action Figures	Remote Control Cars	Cars
All Ethnicities	Jewelry for teens	Toy Story
Board Games	Baby and Toddler Toys	Sponge Bob
Especially for over 6 yrs.	Especially for 2 yr olds	Thomas the Train
No Candyland, Cherry-O	Fleece Sweatsuits	Batman, Spiderman
Sports Equipment	Teen Cosmetic and Bath Sets	Fisher Price
All Kinds	Boys need these too!	I Carly
Craft Kits	Socks	Captain America
All Kinds - Beading, Models, Scrapbooking	Handheld Games	Miley
Skateboards with Helmets	Portable Music Players	Harry Potter
Books	DVD's	Justin Bieber
Legos and Blocks	Science Kits	Dora the Explorer
	Educational Toys	Kung Fu Panda



Thanks to Casino Grande Sponsors / Volunteers

Over 100 people enjoyed dining and gaming among the cars at Blackhawk Auto Museum ~ the poker, blackjack, roulette and craps tables drew a crowd eager to help BACN and win some great raffle prizes! Special thanks to Chairperson Elizabeth Cofer!

Steve Fagalde, Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar
21 Fun Casino
Kikkoman
UPS
Concord Lions Club
Diablo Valley Mustang Association
Terra Soaps - Judi Welden
EXCEL Roofing Services - Dennis Negherbon
Clayton Valley Bowl
The Tanning Co.!
Milan Institute of Cosmetology
Autopia Car Wash & Detail Center
La Mediterranee
Le Top
Dee & Alta Garrett
Christenson Construction

Clayton Mind & Body Connections
Park Plaza Salon
Di Pietro Todd Salon
Minoo's Aesthetic
Future Ford of Concord
House of Music - Joan Miller
Hotel Shattuck Plaza
The Cofer Family
Nancy Scott
Sandy Hathaway
Stephani Van Dyk
St. John Vianney Just Faith Group
Bella Luna Chocolates
Steve Grimes & Jenny Skrel
National Charity League - Vista Oaks
Sheri Green

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEEDED NOW!

Recruiter - Write up "ads" about open volunteer positions and email/mail to volunteer agencies, faith communities, clubs and organizations, businesses. Can be done from home anytime. About 2 hours per week.

Faith Community Coordinator - Call faith communities already on our database to update contact information and see if we can speak, obtain volunteers or donations (goods and/or financial). Call from our offices at first, eventually calls could be made from home. Calls must be made during the day Monday - Friday. 4 hours per week.

Procedure Writer - Document BACN procedures and events. Involves coming into BACN, talking to and observing staff at work to take notes on procedures. Actual write-ups can be done at home using MS Word. 4-8 hours per week. **2 volunteers needed.**

Calendar - Maintain calendar on computer - events, deadlines, meetings. Also involves calling/emailing or researching on the internet when agencies, organizations, are holding fairs and events. Can be done at home, via email and phone - days, evenings. 2-4 hours per week.

Holiday Help



Holiday Volunteer Coordinator - Send out information to various groups about gift wrapping. Schedule groups to come and wrap gifts in December, using online scheduling (Googledocs) and Excel. You would use your cell phone and BACN's event email. Information is sent out in September; signups begin October 1. Also involves coordinating and signing up "head elves" - gift wrapping supervisors. Very busy during November and December. Generally, gift wrapping takes place from 12/8-12/22. Starting date could be a little earlier. There are four gift wrapping sessions each day. (9-11 AM, 12-2 PM, 3-5 PM, 6-8 PM). During November and December could require up to 8-10 hours per week.

Holiday Donation Manager - Coordinate warehouse of Thanksgiving food and holiday gifts. Prepare space for food and holiday gifts, ensure that items are sorted and stocked on shelves. Items begin arriving in November - warehouse should be ready as of 11/1/11. 8 hours per week - could be any days of the week, between 8 AM - 6 PM.

CONTACT SANDY AT sandyhathaway@bacn.info or 925/685-6633



**HIGH SCHOOL INTERN
RESTARTS OUR FAITH**



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

During May BACN was very lucky to host Emily Hampshire, a high school senior from Bentley School in Lafayette. Seniors at the school complete a one month internship in a field of interest. Emily, who wants to go into non-profit work after college, chose BACN after hearing about us through her mom, the Crisis Line/211 Director at Contra Costa Crisis Center. She also heard about us through Girl Scouts and TAPS, a teen volunteer program in Lafayette.

Working with Sandy, Emily set up and documented the process of keeping in touch with faith communities that have helped BACN. BACN has an active database of 13,000 records making it very difficult to build relationships with all our donors. The faith communities, like clubs and organizations often change contact persons frequently. We want to keep in touch because all of our faith communities are wonderful about providing volunteers and donations (both financial and material).

Emily did an excellent job not only in documenting but also in calling and getting updated information. However, she was only here one month, so there is a lot more calling to be done. Maybe you are looking for some way to help and have a few hours a week to spend. Please, please call Sandy about the Faith Community Coordinator volunteer position! We want to keep up the momentum and keep up the contact with this most helpful part of our donor base.



GIFT WRAPPING SIGN UPS BEGIN 10/1

**4 Sessions Daily from 12/8-12/22 ~
9-11 AM, 12-2 PM, 3-5 PM, 6-8 PM**

Check the website beginning September 15 for more info or e-mail us at events@bacn.info.

NO SIGNUPS TAKEN PRIOR TO 10/1

ONLY ONE SESSION PER ORGANIZATION

12 PEOPLE PER SESSION

**INDIVIDUALS WILL BE PLACED WITH
SMALLER GROUPS**



In Memory of those we love, with gratitude we thank you.

**RECENTLY
BACN RECEIVED
WORD OF A
GENEROUS
BEQUEST THAT
WILL TOTAL OVER
\$30,000**



**REMEMBERING
BACN IN YOUR
WILL IS A GREAT
WAY TO
MAXIMIZE YOUR
DONATION
AND KEEP YOUR
GOOD WORKS
ALIVE**

**~
YOU MAY ALSO
WANT TO
CONSIDER AN IRA
DONATION
IRA CHARITABLE
ROLLOVER
EXTENDED
THROUGH 2011**

Individuals aged 70½ and older donate up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to public charities without having to count the distributions as taxable income. Consult your tax professional.

ALLEN, MARTHA
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Colchico
BAAKE, CHARLES
Valerie Baake
BENHAM, JIM
Beatrice and Cindy Benham
BLASION, SYLVIA
Claire Covington
CAMA, RAFAEL
Pittsburg Business Services
CAMITZ, MARIE
Pittsburg Business Services
DAVE
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schafer
DONLIN, HAROLD
Ms. Barbara McLaughlin
DUGAN, ALANA
Mr. Joseph Dugan, Jr.
DWIGGINS, GWEN
Ms. Leanna Bruschini
Jane Fry and Lisa Hunter
Susan Fry
Harvey and Patricia Harmon
Joy Harvey
Catherine Martin
Nancy Prescott
Earl and Nancy Smith, Jr

ENES, GEORGE GARY
Pittsburg Business Services
FOSTER, ARET
Peggysue Dunn
GALLAGHER, JOAN
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huvane
GOLDSMITH, EVELYN
Deborah Dobbs
HARGUTH, MARILYN
Bob and Doreen Allen
Larry Brown
Patty Herrmann
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne
Stacey Poirier
**HARMON,
BRADFORD**
Nancy Spinelli
HUTCHINGS, LEN
Mr. and Mrs. Blair Akey
KELLY, TAMMY
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Knaapen
KORTE FAMILY
Mr./Mrs. Stephen R. Driscoll
LUTZ, JIM
Ms. Charlotte Himsl

MARCELLI, EMIL
Carol Melnichek
PERRONE, TERRY
Mr. and Mrs. George Piombo
PHILBROOK, LEONA
Leisurely Lunch Bunch
RIEDMILLER, CHASE
Pat and Bill Kray
SAVAGE, ANNE
Mrs. Elisa Drago
SCHAFER, PETER
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schafer
SHELTON, CLAYTON
Pittsburg Business Services
SHINE, WILLIAM
Ms. Carol Shine
SPANYARD, RUTH
Ms. Alice Scott
STIRCHAK, LOTTIE
Todd and Alice Jacobson
VARNI, JOHN
Ms. Lorraine Costa
WATAWALA, RAJINI
Senthilkumar Mani
WILLIS, JOHN
Pittsburg Business Services

from April 1 to June 30, 2011

In Honor of those we love, with gratitude we thank you.

CHRISTIN, NOREEN
Kathlee Corcoran
GINOCHIO, PEGGY
Mary Ginochio
**GUITTERREZ, SR
CARMEL**
Mary Ginochio

LAZJ
Benham, Beatice
LIAM
Cynthia Reiley
LUCIA, JILL
8TH Grade Class of 2011

MANGINI, KAREN
Mary Ginochio
TANENBAUM, TINA
St. Agnes School



Brownie Troop #33065 made and delivered Project Night Night Bags. The bags have a book, toy and handmade blanket.

What a wonderful gift for any child but especially one who may be living in a shelter or spending time on the bus while the parent is following up on the referrals we give them.

THE GLAMOUR OF GIVING

Bay Area Crisis Nursery's
Fall Gala

Save the Date! Saturday, November 14, 2011 Diablo Country Club

We Need Your Help! Here's how you can help make the 30th Anniversary Gala successful:

Feel the Glamour of Giving!! – The following items are just some examples of items that have been popular in the past:

1. *Timeshare/Condo Use*
2. *Sports Memorabilia (including tickets to Bay Area sporting events)*
3. *Wine*
4. *Artwork*
5. *Theatre/Show Tickets*
6. *Gift certificates to your favorite restaurants, stores, etc.*
7. *Any other items you would like to donate! We'll gladly accept!!*

Help Create Your Own Hollywood Star – The Fall Gala offers various levels of sponsorships from \$10,000 to \$500. Consider asking your employer to be a sponsor or if you own your own business, you might want to consider having a sponsorship in your company's name.

Play A Leading Role!! – Make sure you attend this fun-filled event – it will surely be a night to remember!! Start now getting a table of friends to share this evening together. Discounted pricing will be available for purchases of entire tables!!!

If you have any questions or need assistance in obtaining donations, please contact Chuck Trepinski at 925-372-0594 or email at twopinskis@comcast.net.

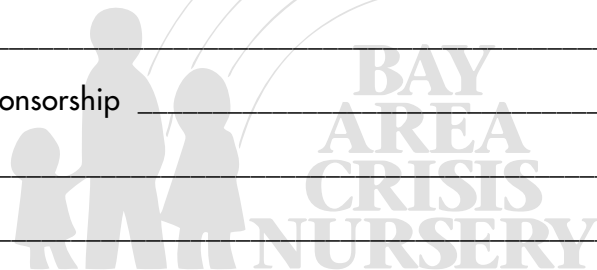
Please complete the following form and return to the address as noted below:

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Description of Donation/Interest in Attending/Sponsorship _____

Please return form to: Bay Area Crisis Nursery, 1506 Mendocino Drive, Concord, CA 94521-1743





1506 Mendocino Drive
Concord, CA 94521
925/685-8052
www.bacn.info

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #42
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA 94521

OCCUPANT OR

Come by our Annual Yard Sale and pick up some great deals for the whole family!

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17

8 AM ~ 2 PM DAILY



CHILDREN'S CLOTHES 25¢ EACH,
ADULT CLOTHING, SHOES, PURSES, ELECTRONICS, CRAFTS, HOUSEHOLD
ITEMS, LINENS, BOOKS, DVD'S, LP'S AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

1000'S OF ITEMS!