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## *A New Year of Helping*

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Happy New Year! It is almost too late to be wishing you a happy new year – January is over and February is slipping away. The history making political changes and the financial crisis that our state and nation are experiencing leave us facing a lot of unknowns for 2009. For the Bay Area Crisis Nursery this means more families will be in need of services due to job loss, reduction of services in our area and homelessness. In December Saint Agnes Parish started Perpetual Adoration (someone is praying in a chapel where the Eucharist is present every hour of every day round the clock). My special hour of prayer is Sunday night from eleven till midnight. For me, this is the best hour of the week, a time for prayers of gratitude for each of you who have shared your time, talents and resources with us and a time for prayers of petition for the needs of clients and donors. It is during this hour each week that I renew my commitment to our mission of child abuse prevention and strengthen my hope for the future of BACN. Thank you for your support of the children and families we serve – you keep the children of our community safe and the families together during these hard times.

Due to a major donation from Safeway, our families are currently receiving boxes of cereal, bottles of juice and laundry detergent when they come to the Nursery or Dahlstrom House. With cereal and juice costing two to four dollars a box or bottle and the even higher cost of laundry detergent, this gift is really helping our families who often run out of money before the end of each month. For many of our families, putting food on the table is often a losing battle which these unexpected gifts help them win. Our special needs fund has been helping with BART and bus tickets to get parents in crisis situations to and from the Nursery and to get them to appointments necessary to stabilize their situations. Occasionally this fund helps get a family into a house or put a car back in operation so they can continue working. The story in this newsletter of the family who returned the hundred dollars to this special needs fund so that a future family will have the same assist during a time of crisis indicates how grateful these parents are for BACN's help. Although our basic service is as always residential care of the children in order to keep them safe while the parent works through stressful or crisis situations, these extra gifts help them get their families back home sooner.

Our Crab Feed, the first event of 2009, was a tremendous success. Tickets sold out this year. On Saturday morning, while groups of volunteers were setting up the hall, we received a call from the crab man stating that the generators had failed overnight and the crab had spoiled. He assured us that boats were coming in and he would get the crab to us in time for the dinner. The crab however would be cleaned, cooked but not cracked. Instead of arriving at eleven in the morning the un-cracked crab arrived an hour before the event started! Teams of volunteers added to their tasks the cracking of the crabs. It was a great night – lots of fun, parties within parties, silent auctions, raffles, plenty of great food and the freshest crab we have ever had. Profits were between thirteen and fourteen thousand – the highest crab feed profits to date.

As we begin the New Year we don't know what the future holds for BACN. We do know that the community support during Christmas allowed us to provide Christmas for our families at the same level of past years - material donations were up during the holidays. We are still closing out the books for 2008; however, we do know that we have a negative balance. As a nonprofit organization that exists without any guaranteed income it is vital that we have a safety net to weather the ups and downs of financial donations collected throughout the year. We have never reached the desired one year reserve level however we do average six to nine months available. Our goal in 2009 will be to end with a positive balance and if possible replace the 2008 deficit.

May each of you and your families have a great New Year. I am, as always, grateful for your love of our little ones, your support of their parents and your generosity toward BACN's mission to prevent abuse of children and support families in times of stress and crisis.

*Sr Ann Waltz*

## 2008 ADMISSIONS

CENSUS INFORMATION 1/1/08-12/31/08	NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS (0-5)	NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS (6-11)	TOTAL NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS (0-11)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1086</b>

With heartfelt thanks to all of our friends who donated auction items for the 2008 Fall Gala.

Alamo - Danville Newcomer's Club  
Alhambra Valley Olive Oil Company  
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
Aurora Mathias L.Ac. MSTCM  
B. Allan Jewelers  
Back Forty Texas BBQ  
Bay Books  
Benita A. McCown-Harper, CMT  
Bennett Lane Winery  
Ms. Pam Biasotti  
Bittersweet Cafe  
Black Tie Transportation  
Bodylines Day Spa  
Tamara Miranda Bohlen  
Bo's Best Pancakes  
Bridges Restaurant  
Mr. Gene Budig  
Byington Vineyard & Winery  
Cafe Esin  
California Magic Dinner Theatre  
Campo di Bocce  
Carla Pie  
Cat Cora Productions  
Changes Salon and Day Spa  
Chateau de Sable  
Cinemark Blackhawk Theatres  
Cinnabar Winery  
City of D'Lights  
Club K-9  
Club Sport of San Ramon  
Mr. Dan Colchico  
Crow Canyon County Club  
Danville Travel and Classic Vacations  
Darlene Tom Photography  
Denim and Lace  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Debbie Derby  
Diablo Light Opera Company  
Dog Bone Alley  
Dolan Lumber  
Dr. John Nash  
Draegers  
Eagle & Rose Winery  
East Bay Flower Company  
Elephant Bar Restaurant  
Elite Limousine

Falstaff Restuarant  
Fonda Restaurant  
Foot Candy  
Forbes Mill  
Forever Young Foundation  
G.R. Doodlebug  
Games Unlimited  
Gelato Classico  
Geoffery Scott  
Ghirardelli Chocolate Co.  
Girard's Cafe and Catering  
Grgich Hills Estate  
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Lafayette Health Club  
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Pete Llama  
Nancy Lucas  
Lunardi's Market  
Mac Arthur Place  
Ms. Susan Mactavish Best  
Gerry Manning  
Elizabeth Marston  
Massage Envy  
Matanzas Creek Winery.  
Ms. Monica Meyer  
Millie's Kitchen  
Momo's Restaurant  
Mustard's Grill

Navlet Nursery  
Nickel and Nickel Winery  
Oakland A's  
Oakland Raiders  
Mr. & Mrs. Cort & Rachael O'Haver  
Orchard Nursery and Florist  
Papyrus  
Gelato Classico  
PAW's Embroidery  
Pebble Beach Resorts  
Peet's Coffee / Danville  
Peet's Coffee / Clayton  
Phoenix Salon and Spa  
Piatti Restuarant  
Marilyn Pierson  
Mr. & Mrs. John & Betsy Piombo  
Ms. Pat Plumb  
Prima Ristorante  
R. Brooks  
Rakestraw Books "The Bookstore in Danville"  
RC Cycles/ Billet Boys  
Renaissance Club Sport Walnut Creek  
Ms. Dawn Renee  
Rocco's  
Ms. Debbie Rogers  
Mrs. Rose Rose  
Roundhill Country Club  
Rubicon Winery  
Russian River Wine Road  
Sage Fine Gifts  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Ame Sauer  
Savignon  
Guy & Stacey Schwartz  
Scott's Seafood Restaurant  
San Jose Sharks  
Ms. Angel Shay - Phoenix Salon  
Sleep Train

Southern Living / Jenny Lyons  
Spunsugar  
Squaw Valley USA  
Stag's Leap Wine Cellars  
Mr. Brett Stephenson  
Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon  
Strizzi's  
Sugar Bowl Ski Resort  
Sunset Color Nursery  
Super Suppers - Concord  
Susan Foord Catering  
Target - Pleasant Hill  
Tassajara Valley Hardware  
Tassajara Vet Clinic / Dr. Elisa Dowd  
Ms. Kay Taylor  
The Alton Group  
The Cotton Patch  
The Nail Shop  
The Organized Woman  
The Paddock  
The Peasant and The Pear  
The Spinnaker  
The Stanford Court  
Thyme to Eat Cafe and Catering  
Tiffany and Company  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Debbie Tills  
Total Sports  
Tower Grille  
Trader Joe's - Concord Ave., Concord  
Trina Swerdlow, BFA, CCHT  
Va de Vi Bistro & Wine Bar  
Mr. Richard Ventin  
David & John Viano  
Walnut Creek Baking Company  
Walnut Creek Newcomers  
Ms. Sydney Webster - Phoenix Salon  
Mr. Erik Weigand  
Wente Family Estate  
John & Lillian Whalen  
Wine Thieves  
Yellow Wood Coffee & Tea  
Yosemite Mt. Sugar Pine Railroad  
Mr. Albert Zavattero

# A Great Gala!



Sister Ann and Gala Chair Rachael O'Haver celebrate a successful event

From the moment the guests arrived in the foyer there was a heightened sense of a very special night ahead. The Annual Fall Gala was held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Diablo Country Club in Diablo. With the theme of "Building Blocks for the Future", supporters of the crisis nursery enjoyed a spectacular evening of beauty, elegance, good friends and good intentions.



The capacity crowd at Diablo Country Club

Headed by BACN Board Member Rachael O'Haver and a team of wonderful, dedicated volunteers, the Fall Gala proved to be a successful and memorable evening for the over 250 guests in attendance. The evening flowed beautifully as guests were offered wine and appetizers upon arrival setting the mood for the evening. Children from The Alamo School Chorus sang as guests meandered through the rooms dedicated to the silent auction, bidding on items and greeting each other warmly.

Later, singer Antonia Venezia wowed the guests with her jazzy vocals in the beautifully dressed ballroom as supporters dined on a gourmet dinner prepared by the Diablo Country Club. A heartfelt video honoring the crisis nursery was watched by all, along with Sr. Ann personally thanking the guests for their support. With dessert came the fun and entertaining live auction and a raffle for a shiny, tangerine colored Vespa scooter. The evening closed as auctioneer Damon Casatico brought the guests to a frenzy as the winner was selected.

Heartfelt thanks go to Rachael and her committee of volunteers (Anne Birdsong, Lynelle Boorey, Cristina Briseno, Dee Geisler, Sandy Hathaway, Brad Herzog, Karen Hultman, Karen Lee, Madeline Liddicoat, Nancy Lucas, Maria Palmer, Susan Reckers, Debbie Sharp, Lisa Thompson, Mary Claire Wall, Raji Watawala) who came together and worked tirelessly. To all the businesses who donated items for the silent and live auctions and to Diablo Country Club, we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

In addition, heartfelt thanks go to our corporate sponsors who contributed substantially to the success of the event: Mechanics Bank, The Hofmann Foundation, Valero Benicia Refinery, Toyota Motor Sales/SF Region, Dolan Foster Enterprises/Taco Bell, The Paul and Betty Baldacci Family Foundation, Earl & Rosalinda Rupp Charitable Donation Fund, San Ramon Regional Medical Center, Mark Thompson Construction, San Jose Construction Co., Dome Construction Co., Dr. Kyle Van Brocklin~Canyon Lakes Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Abbey Carpet of Danville, Corbin & Heather Stead, Arakelian/Westhoff Private Wealth Management, Kohl's Cares for Kids.



Auctioneer Damon Casatico shows off this year's quilt with BACN children's art; pieced by Frankie Kohler

Special thanks to all the following who also contributed to making the evening very special: American Express, George & Anne Birdsong, Charity Benefit Auctions~Damon Casatico, Chloe and Jane, Dr. Robert Cuenin and Dr. Michael Whisler, Diablo Country Club, Ghiradelli Chocolate, Harvard Copy of Danville, Pinkies Nail Salon, J. Rockliff Realtors-Clarke Stone, The Safeway Foundation, Lisa Heimbruch, Jim Douglas Sound System, Just Tix, Mail Forever-Mary Claire Wall, Michael Pozzan Winery, Multivision Production Walnut Creek, Pacific Coast Motors Inc., Alive Magazine-Eric Johnson-Publisher/Editor, CTV Channel 30-Robin Farr, Mark Curtis, National Charity League~Rolling Hills Chapter, Gerardo Millena.

Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or errors in the list of sponsors, auction donors and special thanks.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month


### Support BACN

- ♥ Schedule a speaker for your group
- ♥ Schedule a tour for friends, family, co-workers
- ♥ Hold an informational house party
- ♥ Call BACN to volunteer

# CHRISTMAS


Forty-six different groups and 508 individuals came in to wrap over 3100 gifts! AWESOME JOB! That's 1016 volunteer hours valued at \$10,160 - AMAZING!

In the photo, scouts from Jr. Troop #429 - St. Agnes School rest after their labors.



Safeway staff deliver toys, clothing, checks and gift cards.  
L-R: Dennis Franklin, Cathy Ikeuchi, Jeff Mason and Jennifer Marinopolus.

## SAFEWAY'S HOLIDAY SPIRIT



When Mervyns closed, BACN was worried - each December, Mervyns would donate 300 toys for the children. No Mervyns, no toys. However, our main contact with Mervyns, Wendy Fukamaki, had gone to work at Safeway in early 2008. Wendy decided she would like to make up the toys that Mervyns normally donated. She took 300 names and Safeway put up giving trees at several corporate locations.

Within two weeks we received an email saying, "I hope you don't mind but the ornaments with names flew off the trees so fast, we duplicated them all." That was perfectly okay with BACN!

The week before Christmas Safeway arrived with a small truck and 600 toys! Each toy had a complete article of clothing with it. These incredible donations were from the employees themselves, who picked names and went out and purchased the items. This was an awesome donation. We were overjoyed!

Then, Jennifer Marinopolus said "since the toys were from the employees themselves, we wanted to make a donation as a corporation - here is a check for \$5,000!" We were astounded. "But," added Dennis Franklin, "since we are a grocery store, we felt we should also give something food related - here are Safeway gift cards totaling \$5,000!"

We were blown away by Safeway's generosity, caring and kindness. Our thanks go out to all the employees who contributed and to Safeway Corporation - you helped make an unforgettable holiday season for our families.

# MEMORIES

## GIVING BACK



*Early in 2008 we helped a couple with multiple, serious problems including the mother's need for surgery but no insurance to pay for it. After working with other agencies to resolve most of the problems, the insurance issue was all that was left. A way was found to obtain insurance but the family needed their birth certificates. They had lost their copies and needed to request them from another state. The request and return copies needed to be expedited. The cost for all of this was \$99. They simply didn't have that. Out of our Special Needs Fund, BACN provided the money. The certificates were obtained in time and the mother was able to get the insurance. After the problems were resolved, the family didn't need our help and we didn't see them again until December. The mother came to our door with tears in her eyes, clutching a \$100 bill. **She said, "I know the \$99 was not a loan, but I wanted to give it back to you. We are doing fine now and want another family to have the opportunity we had."** It was a great Christmas gift for all of us at BACN!*

## SANTA ARRIVES AT BACN

Santa, along with a large number of elves all riding Harleys arrived at BACN, bearing toys and good cheer. Each year members of Mt. Diablo Harley Owners Group (HOG) do a toy run, buying gifts for the children and riding out to BACN on their motorcycles. It is an awesome sight seeing all those motorcycles roaring up loaded with toys!

Santa always stops in at the Nursery to visit the children. This year, a little girl told Santa that the only thing she wanted for Christmas was her very own small Christmas tree. Santa was so touched by this child's request that he brought back a perfectly shaped small tree and the decorations! The mother, upon hearing of this gift, laughed and said she was not aware her daughter wanted her own tree but she was most grateful to Santa for providing her little one with the "special" gift that she would cherish.



## THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

**IF YOU ARE 70 ½ OR OLDER AND HAVE A TRADITIONAL IRA OR ROTH IRA, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION AS A DONATION TO THE NURSERY AND NOT BE TAXED ON THE AMOUNT DONATED.**

The IRA Charitable Rollover law was extended through 2009.

Taxpayers 70 ½ and older are required to make annual distributions from their IRA's. The distributions are included in the taxpayers' adjusted gross income and taxpayers pay taxes on them. The IRA Charitable Rollover permits taxpayers to make donations directly to charitable organizations from their IRA's without counting them as part of adjusted gross income, and therefore, not pay taxes on them.

### IMPORTANT PROVISIONS:

- ♥ **GIVE NOW** - Donations can only be made between January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009
- ♥ **GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY** - Distributions must be made directly from the IRA trustee payable to the Nursery.
- ♥ **MUST BE 70 ½ OR OLDER**
- ♥ **ONLY TRADITIONAL AND ROTH IRA'S** - No 403(b) or 401(k) plans, pension plans or other retirement plans are eligible.
- ♥ **NO GIFTS IN RETURN** - Cannot be used for auctions, raffles, fundraising dinners. You cannot receive any goods or services in return for your donation.
- ♥ **LIMITED TO \$100,000 PER YEAR**
- ♥ **NOTIFY US TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN RECEIPT** - Since your IRA Administrator may send the check directly to us and not include your name and address, you should contact us to let us know the donation will be coming. We will see that you get a receipt meeting IRS substantiation requirements.

### WHY DONATE THIS WAY:

The following types of taxpayers may benefit from this law:

- ♥ Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions.
- ♥ Itemizing taxpayers who have reached the charitable giving limit.
- ♥ Taxpayers whose deductions decrease as their income increases.

This information is intended to provide general guidance and is not a substitute for professional counsel. **BE SURE TO CONSULT YOUR TAX OR LEGAL ADVISOR FOR PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE.**

## Oakland Raider Wives Brighten Dahlstrom House

A special group of volunteers gathered to renovate our home for older children in early November. As wives of the Raider's coaches and players, the women volunteer their time to help within the community and spend time with each other. They spent over a week painting and redecorating the three bedrooms in the house, designing a special theme for each room.

A tropical jungle, futuristic outer space and sunny seaside were the themes. Providing a welcoming environment for the children was their main goal, and the rooms look truly beautiful! With gratitude we thank these special women for the attention and caring they have brought to the crisis nursery!

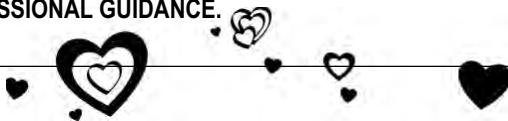


## **BACN IS IFMA GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFICIARY**

BACN was chosen as the beneficiary of the 2009 International Facility Management Association (IFMA) East Bay Chapter Golf Tournament. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament for IFMA East Bay (IFMAEB), will be held at **Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon on Monday, June 1, 2009**. Each year IFMAEB chooses a local charitable organization to be the beneficiary of their tournament. BACN Board Member Linda Pettie, an IFMAEB member, nominated BACN and the group selected us!

IFMA is an organization that represents Facility and Property Management professionals – those who manage people, process, assets and the work environment, providing quality operation, design and maintenance of facilities. Through research efforts, educational programs and resources, professional certification, a network of chapters and councils, and global professional development events, IFMA assists corporate and organizational facility/property managers in developing strategies to manage human, facility and real estate resources. IFMA offers a shared community of facility management experts who explore and analyze issues affecting facilities and their environments. Check out the East Bay Chapter at <http://www.ifmaeb.org>.

Golfers who want to enjoy a great round of golf, or those interested in sponsorships, can go on-line to <http://ebifmagolf.golfregistrations.com/> and register for the tournament or sign up as a sponsor. Registration is limited to 144 golfers, so get your registration in early. Registration **includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course and dinner. If you don't have a foursome, there is always a spot for a single or two.** Sponsorships are still available for Master, Lunch, Dinner and others. Some are limited, so check them out on the above web site under Sponsorships. For questions or more information contact Linda Pettie, 925-671-6041.



# JOIN BACN AT THE CONCORD FAMILY CARNIVAL



BACN is excited to be a part of this fun, family event.

The Carnival is located in the front parking lot of Concord High School - at the corner of Mendocino Drive and Concord Blvd.

What better way to get the word out during Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) and have fun at the same time.

Try your hand at Ring Toss or enter the Hula Hoop Competition and earn funds for BACN! Call us for more info or just show up and say hi!

## APRIL 24-26, 2009

*Friday, April 24th, 3 pm-11 pm*

*Saturday, April 25th, 11 am-11pm*

*Sunday, April 26th, 12 noon-9 pm*

**THRILLING KID AND ADULT RIDES  
BY BUTLER AMUSEMENTS**

Did you know Tom Hanks was born in Con-

TOM HANKS  
"TRIVA QUIZ"  
DRAWING  
benefits  
Concord's  
Community Youth  
Center

### 2009 EXTREME CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Sat/Sun

- 1 pm ~ Relay Pie Eating Challenge benefitting Muscular Dystrophy Association
- 2 pm ~ Bubble Gum Blowing Challenge benefitting Contra Costa Police Athletic Association
- 3 pm ~ Jump Rope Splash Challenge benefitting American Heart Association
- 4 pm ~ "Got Hula?" Challenge benefitting Bay Area Crisis Nursery
- 5 pm ~ Oreo Cookie Challenge benefitting Salvation Army

#### SPECIAL EVENTS EACH DAY

**Saturday 12 noon-5 pm**

#### SF BAY AREA SALUTE TO AMERICA'S HEROES

(Honoring U.S. Armed Forces, Police, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and School Teachers!)  
Presented by VFW Post 1525

#### PRESCHOOL INFO JAMBOREE

(Featuring Local Preschool Information Booths)

**Sunday, 12 noon- 5 pm**

#### "GO GREEN!" AUTO & HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOWS

#### USA YOUTH FITNESS & HEALTHY KIDS CLINIC

(Featuring Youth Sports Leagues/Organization Information Booths For Parents of Kids Ages 5-16)

**Sat 12 noon-6 pm**

**Sun 12 noon-6 pm**

#### ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

#### BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY RING TOSS BOOTH

**MACY'S SHOPPERS  
IT'S TIME FOR  
COMMUNITY SHOPPING DAY**

Tickets still just \$10 and BACN keeps the entire \$10.

If you live in San Francisco, Tri-Valley or San Ramon Valley, here's a BACN event you can participate in close to home!

For those used to shopping in the East Bay - why not make a fun day of lunch and shopping in San Francisco!

**Call, send a check by mail, go online or come in to get your tickets.**

When ordering online please be sure to enter in the comment section of the donation form: "Macy's CSD tickets" and the number of tickets wanted.

**Ticket entitles you to \$10 off one purchase of \$25 or more plus 10-20% discounts throughout the store (some exclusions apply).**

**If we sell 100 tickets BACN nets \$1000 ~ The more we sell, the more we make!**

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO ON 5/16

greeting people, sorting and selling tickets and more.

Exact hours TBD. Contact Sandy Hathaway at 925/685-6633 or via email: [events@bacn.info](mailto:events@bacn.info)

**SATURDAY  
MAY 16, 2009**

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# EVENTS

2009

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| <b>APR</b> | <b>CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH<br/>CONCORD FAMILY CARNIVAL<br/>SAT/SUN APRIL 25-26, 2009<br/>TEEN/ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>                               |
| <b>MAY</b> | <b>MACY'S COMMUNITY SHOPPING DAY<br/>SATURDAY MAY 16, 2009<br/>KIDFEST - CONCORD<br/>MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (MAY 23 ~ 25)<br/>TEEN/ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b> |
| <b>JUL</b> | <b>29TH ANNIVERSARY</b>  |