

# HEARTS&LIVES BEAUMONT OPERATIONS

## Activities Report for December 2010 & January 2011

- Our inaugural Christmas party was held on December 12. Approximately fifty volunteers, provider agencies, tenants, the Blue Jay staff and families attended. Great food and good fun was had by all.
- Carter's Children's Clothing of Cabazon made donations of new children's clothing on December 13, 2010 and January 6 of this year. The first batch consisted of 449 pieces with a retail value of \$5,193. The second batch was 192 pieces with the value still to be determined. The donor requires that the items not be sold and have all price tags removed. A more formal protocol meeting is planned to document specifics and request regular donations. To date one church and one family have benefitted.
- The Beaumont Operations Food Distribution Project launched on January 6. We received an estimated 2000 pounds of groceries valued at \$8002, which was in turn distributed to about 18 families. The second distribution on January 20 resulted in distribution to 22 families. The food is purchased for \$95, picked up by our staff, sorted and packed in appropriate amounts for families to pick up from our facility. Registered clients who are able pay \$20 and receive approximately \$100 worth of food. Those whose cases have been approved receive food without charge.
- We joined the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce in December and are afforded all the entitled benefits.
- As of December, Operation Kidz Komfort is now on onsite provider agency.
- Our facility appeared in the "Discover the Pass" community magazine for January. Beaumont hosted an operations/case management meeting with the Blue Jay staff and two provider agencies on January 6. The Operations Manager has made contact with and is establishing a relationship with Child Help of Beaumont.
- The Riverside County Office of Education toured the facility on January 18 and has expressed interest in sub leasing Building A. Their inclination is in taking over the entire operation of the donation center/store in an effort to provide disabled citizens the opportunity to train and work in the retail sector. A letter of intent was provided to the local office and has since been forwarded to the district office. A follow up is scheduled for February 3. The arrangement could result in increased revenue of \$1200 per month.
- Bank of America representative Raul Bustillos toured the facility with the Blue Jay staff on January 27 and spoke on the current climate of, and the importance as well as difference in, Operations vs Program grants. The meeting was an informative experience and established a Beaumont facility rapport.
- Currently on site are Music & Voice Tutors, Yoga Classes, a Church Youth Group, an Antique Dealer and a resident as paying tenants. These five tenants provide revenue of 1200 per month.
- The current client case load is seven.
- Community Action Partnership has been added as provider agency.
- Contact has been made with Jackie Peoples, a School Readiness provider agency.
- Contact has been made with the Beaumont Head Start Program.