



# Bexar County Detention Ministries New Beginnings

## It's time for the BCDM Annual **Holiday Fandango!!**



Make plans to join the BCDM staff, volunteers, Board members, friends and supporters for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Fandango on **Friday, December 9,**

**2011.** This year our holiday celebration will be in the new Green party house **at the Cove restaurant/bar at 606 W. Cypress Street.** Some of the delicious, organic and locally grown foods the Cove is famous for will be served (the Cove was recently featured on the "Food Network"! ). There will also be a cash bar

available for those interested. Be sure not to miss either the silent or live auctions, both featuring a number of great items! This event will start at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. We will have the party house and covered patio attached to the Green House all to ourselves and individuals wanting to hear the band can wander over into the main restaurant. Please contact Stacy Baker at 299-4540 ext. 116 or [sbaker@bcdm.org](mailto:sbaker@bcdm.org) to reserve your tickets today!

## Annual **"Light Up a Heart"** Children's Christmas program



The fifth annual "Light Up a Heart" Children's Christmas program is scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2011 at the Neighborhood Place, 3014 Rivas Street from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Santa Claus, Pancho Claus, the baby Jesus, characters from "A Christmas Carol" and "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" all make appearances! Two requested gifts are distributed to each child, but we **NEED YOUR HELP** with monetary donations or donations

of toys and wrapping paper. Our goal this year is to make Christmas happier for 500 children of the incarcerated. **For more information please contact Outreach Coordinator, Natalia Tovar at [ntovar@bcdm.org](mailto:ntovar@bcdm.org), or to make a monetary donation please contact Business Manager, EvaRae Boothe at [erboothe@bcdm.org](mailto:erboothe@bcdm.org)**

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### Mini Grant Award from Baptist Health Foundation!



BCDM received our first ever mini-grant from the Baptist Health Foundation in the amount of \$7,500 to support our "Lawful Behavior Reentry Program". This funding will be utilized to pay for much-needed reentry workbooks, DVD's and power point equipment to be used in teaching reentry classes to the incarcerated and the formerly incarcerated. The Baptist Health Foundation has supported BCDM in the past with a "responsive grant" for mental health services and we are grateful for their generosity and continued support!

*"Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way."*

~ Native American Saying

### Bexar County Comes Through for BCDM Again!



Bexar County has again seen the need for reentry services provided at our Family Renewal Center, and has allocated \$45,061 in General Funds to support one case manager and 16% of operating costs for the Family Renewal Center. Case Manager, Natalie Lizarralde, was hired last year with funding from Bexar County. She has done an excellent job providing services to 466 clients released from the Bexar County Jail or any of the facilities managed by the Adult Probation Department. **89% were not rearrested last fiscal year.** Natalie was successful in assisting 88 of these clients with finding employment. She also facilitated reentry classes to over 300 incarcerated clients in the Bexar County facilities. Many thanks to Bexar County for their continued financial support!

## 3rd Annual Shades of Green Luncheon



Carol Lockett, Karen Barbie Adkisson & Violet DeLaRosa

“Reentry” was the focus of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Shades of Green” Women’s luncheon honoring Precinct 4 County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson held on October 29, 2011. Libby Doggett, Director of the Pew Home Visiting Campaign, Pew Center on the States and wife of Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Aurora Sanchez, Bexar County Executive Director of Community Resources, Debra Jordan, Deputy Chief at the Bexar County Jail, Dr. Ana Yanez-Correa, Executive Director of the Texas Coalition on Criminal Justice, Pamela Taylor, Executive Director of Dress for Success and our Executive Director Carol Lockett, were all guest speakers for this event. We invited lots of our women friends, staff and clients to this event, including clients Rose Arizola, and Violet DeLaRosa. Violet was privileged to be able to give a moving testimonial, emphasizing how her association with BCDM and the programs and services offered to her assisted her with making an amazingly successful reentry following her release from incarceration.

Violet’s heart-felt testimony was a huge hit with the audience and she drew a standing ovation.

It was a beautiful sight to look into the audience and see the hundreds of lovely shades of green worn by the attendees, and especially to see 300 strong, dedicated and effective women leaders of our community. We are honored to have been included in this inspiring and motivational event. We are also appreciative of Commissioner Adkisson’s dedication to making reentry issues a priority in our community!

### BCDM Volunteer wins the 2011 Bank of America’s “Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award”!

Phyllis Bergen-Jackson, a BCDM volunteer and Board Member featured in our Winter 2010 e-newsletter, was nominated for the **Bank of America’s “Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award”** and she **WON!!** There were five local winners and each winner was the beneficiary of a \$5,000 award to be donated to the charity of their choice. Phyllis’s family and friends, Executive Director, Carol Lockett, and Outcomes/Volunteer Coordinator, Dejah Behnke, were invited to a lovely dinner and award ceremony at the Pearl Stables on Thursday, October 20, 2011. Guess which charity Phyllis chose to donate to?? Thank you Phyllis, for all that you do for BCDM and in our community!!



Carol Lockett, Phyllis Jackson, & Dejah Behnke



### Board Member Spotlight Louis Rubiola, BCDM Board President



Louis Rubiola,  
Board President

*It had been four months or so since I completed my term as Board Chair at Seton Home and was wondering why I had so much time on my hands and what God might have in store for me next. For some reason I called Steve Saldana of Catholic Charities who was on my Board at Seton Home to see if he knew of an agency that might need my help and was promptly referred to Bexar County Detention Ministries.*

*Since I had been going to the Bexar County Jail and The Dominguez Prison Unit for many years to hold addiction and spirituality classes it seemed like a good fit for me. I was fortunate to meet Sr. Teresa at the Jail and saw her dedication and work with the incarcerated and thought I would like to be part of any organization she is associated with.*

*I have had the pleasure of watching and participating in the growth at Bexar County Detention Ministries over the last few years and am privileged to continue to be a small part of this incredible agency as it makes a difference with the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated, their families and their children.*

## BCDM Clothes Closet



If you haven't driven by the back of the Family Renewal Center, you haven't seen the new, improved and on-site clothes closet, called the "Attire for Hire" center. Through a generous grant provided by the Myra Stafford Pryor Charitable Trust, we were able to purchase the 14'x40' portable building, sitting next to the Family Renewal Center. Megan Madalinski, a high school senior, approached us about completing a project to earn her Girl Scout Gold Service Award (equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Award). Megan and her mother, Mary Ellen Madalinski, have been volunteers with BCDM for several years, collecting school supplies for our annual "Stuff the Backpack" program, and collecting gifts for children of the incarcerated for the annual Christmas program. Megan and her helpers completed the inside of the 600 sq. ft. portable building by constructing shelves and racks. She then organized all donated clothes into separate racks of male/female and children's clothing by size. She designed a beautiful sign to hang in the front of the clothes closet and worked with Stacy to add a very informative icon to our website. Please visit the BCDM website at [www.bcdm.org](http://www.bcdm.org) and click on to "Girl Scout Gold Award". Thanks so much, Megan, for choosing BCDM as your Gold Award Project, and for a job well-done!



## Attire for Hire

In order to properly prepare our clients for job hunting, and for a large job fair at the Embassy Suites Hotel, BCDM staff and volunteers coordinated the annual "Attire for Hire" program. This year's event was held at the Family Renewal Center on October 16, 2011. Nearly 50 clients were assisted with clothing, shoes, haircut vouchers, hygiene items and resumes in an effort to prepare them for job interviews. This is the second year we've held this event and it was extremely successful. We'll do it again next year!!

## Testimonials

*Being in this program has really helped me in many ways. My case Manager, Natalie Lizarralde, took her time to help me do what was needed. The help is there. With Natalie's support and effort to help me, I now have a job and am moving forward. So I thank you Ms. Natalie and the program you work for. The help is there, go and get it if you want to change. It's there! ~ L. DeLaGarza*

***Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping him up. ~ Rev. Jesse Jackson***

*First of all I am very grateful and thank God for your help in all that you do. You all are God-sent to me. All your help to me is vital for my well being. I cannot thank you enough on all your good works. Anger management and money management have been very helpful to me. Bexar County Detention Ministries, I will always be in your debt! ~ E. Baca*

## Retreat for Incarcerated Men



Forty male inmates at Bexar County Adult Detention Center (BCADC) enjoyed a spiritual retreat on Friday, October 14, 2011.

The team of 15 men, led by Don Hanson, represented various Catholic Parish Communities from across San Antonio. The theme for the day was, "Jesus the Risen Prisoner: An Invitation to Freedom," based on the book by Jesuit Priest, Michael E. Kennedy, SJ.

This day of talks, meditations, prayerful reflections, song and shared discussion was very meaningful for all involved. Together, both team members and retreatants came to realize more deeply God's love and forgiveness, and that the Risen Jesus walks with us along the road of life.

~Sr. Teresa Carter, Catholic Chaplain at BCADC

# SAVE THE DATE!!

**Thursday, March 1, 2012**  
**Floore's Country Store**

Looking for something fun to do on a Thursday night?! Join us for some great bbq with all the trimmings & kick up your heels with the Ben McPeak Band. Contact Stacy Baker at 210/299-4540 ext. 116 or [sbaker@bcdm.org](mailto:sbaker@bcdm.org) for more details.

**Wednesday, June 6, 2012**

**4th Annual New Beginnings Luncheon**

@ The Bright Shawl . More details to come!

Call or email Stacy Baker at 210/299-4540 ext. 16 or [sbaker@bcdm.org](mailto:sbaker@bcdm.org) to reserve your table or tickets now!

## Volunteers



**Hal Shrewsbury** has been volunteering with BCDM since March of 2010 at the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department/Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF) & Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center (BCJDC). He facilitates Bible Study classes on the weekends to both adults and juveniles. Before he and his wife moved to San Antonio, he taught NJROTC at Milpitas, CA for 16 years, and was Chaplain at San Leandro Juvenile Hall and work camp. He also volunteered at the Federal Correctional Institution and work camp in Dublin, CA, as well as Santa Rita Jail from 1995 until 2010.

Hal is a member of First Church of Christ Scientist San Antonio. His loves swimming, biking and horseback riding.

For anyone who is looking to volunteer with BCDM, Hal says, "It's the greatest experience that you can have. This is the most fun I've ever had!"

When asked what he loves most about volunteering with BCDM he said, "I love to see the people's eyes light up when I tell them the good news; that they are God's perfect children."

His favorite scripture is "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." John 8:32

On behalf of our staff and clients, we would like to thank Mr. Shrewsbury for his devotion and caring attitude. He, like all of our volunteers, is a true blessing to this community. With all sincerity, we thank you.



For more information about these events **OR TO DONATE**, please visit our website at [www.bcdm.org](http://www.bcdm.org).

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