



# New Beginnings

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## Upcoming Fundraisers!



**Friday, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

@ The Family Renewal Center  
parking lot  
503 San Pedro, 78212

Appliances, Kitchen items, knick-  
knacks, clothes,  
MUCH MORE!

If you have items to donate,  
please contact Stacy Baker @  
210/299-4540 ext. 16

## *New Beginnings Luncheon a Smashing Success!!!*

The second annual "New Beginnings" luncheon held at the Doubletree Hotel on June 24, 2010 was, by all accounts, a huge success! Nearly 300 professionals, community leaders, Board members and friends, family and supporters of BCDM were in attendance at this event! Steve Spriester, from Channel 12 News, did a fantastic job as our Master of Ceremonies. Father David Garcia, of Las Misiones, Old Spanish Missions of San Antonio, gave an inspiring, motivational message, and Aurora Sanchez, Executive Director of Bexar County Department of Community Resources graciously and enthusiastically accepted the second annual "John Byrd Community Service Award". It was an honor to have John's son, Jason, make a surprise appearance for this luncheon! Finally, our outgoing Board Finance Chair, Tom Duesing, was rendered practically speechless upon receiving a surprise award for six years of dedication and service to BCDM!

This luncheon was the most well-attended and profitable event BCDM has hosted in many years, but we would not have had the success we had without our dynamic Fundraising Committee, the support of the BCDM Board and Advisory Board, and the support of the San Antonio and Bexar County community.

We sincerely believe our staff and volunteers assist with putting broken lives and families back together. We're happy that our community is taking notice! Thank you, especially to all our table sponsors....

### GOLD

Valero Energy

### BRONZE

Akin Gump  
Center for Health Care Services  
NuStar Energy  
Wells Fargo Bank

### PATRON

Bill Miller Bar-B-Q  
El Centro del Barrio  
Hutchinson Shockey Erley & Co.  
M.E. Allison



*Back row: Carol Lockett, Executive Director, BCDM,  
Front Row: Aurora Sanchez, Award Recipient, Diana  
Doria, President, Shearer Hills Homeowner Assoc.,  
Cathy Valdez, Executive Director, Project Mend*

### PROGRAM

Alamo Area Community Colleges  
Alpha & Omega Career Center  
Bexar County  
Bexar County Bail Bond Association  
Judge Sol Casseb, III  
Catholic Charities  
Chief Justice Catherine Stone  
Crosspoint of San Antonio  
Frost Bank-Capital Investments  
HEB  
Karen and Tim Hixon  
Kell Munoz Architects  
Lifetime Recovery/Alpha House  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
Judge Barbara Nellerhoe  
Aurora M. Sanchez  
St. Anthony Fraternity Secular Franciscan  
Order  
San Antonio Housing Authority  
Melody Sittenhauer – Invitation Illustrator  
& Designer  
University Health Systems  
Wathall Saches & Pipes  
Wortham Insurance

**BCDM &  
the Blue Bonnet Palace  
17630 Lookout Road**

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Serving time starts at 5:30 p.m.



Are you ready to have some FUN??  
Come out & have a fun filled evening  
filled with jeans, boots, barbecue, &  
country music.

No cover after 8 p.m. if you purchase a  
b-b-q plate ticket.

**Tickets are \$20 each**  
& includes:

Texas slow  
smoked bar-b-q brisket

Blue Bonnet seasoned buttered new  
potatoes

Garlic/onion seasoned  
green beans

Sweet chocolate fudge brownies

Dinner rolls & butter

Texas Tea, coffee & water

*Served buffet style,  
one time thru*

Contact: Stacy Baker @  
210/ 299-4540 ext. 16

**VISA/MC, CHECKS & CASH ACCEPTED!**

**BCDM receives \$17,000 Tenant – based  
Rental Assistance Program Grant**

Bexar County Department of Community Resources has been very good to BCDM and we were happy to learn that we are the recipients of a \$17,000 grant to provide tenant – based rental assistance (TBRA) to 16 of our formerly incarcerated clients and their family members. A maximum of \$1,000 may be spent on each individual or family, and BCDM

case managers will assist with finding appropriate and safe housing. Individuals provided this TBRA service will be required to attend an intensive “money management class” and a job readiness and job search class, if they are not currently employed. We appreciate the continued support from Bexar County!

**New location for “We Are Not Alone”  
-WANA support group**

After months of searching for a new permanent location for the “We Are Not Alone” (WANA) support group for women with an incarcerated family member, we have finally found a home at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church at 227 W. Woodlawn! The generous staff at this beautiful 101 year old church in the Monte Vista area of San Antonio graciously agreed to allow us to utilize their fellowship hall and two classrooms for the support group and the children’s activities. Many thanks to the Rev. Jim McClain, Community Outreach Coordinator, Judy Davis, and Administrative Secretary, Elizabeth Jackson for listening to our plea and allowing us to make Laurel Heights United Methodist Church the home for this very important support group.

We are also very grateful to our volunteer, Phyllis Jackson and the members of the Hodges

Chapel A.M.E. Church and to BCDM staff Natalia Tovar and the members of St. Timothy’s Catholic Church for allowing the W.A.N.A. group to meet temporarily in these two churches until we found a permanent location. The “We Are Not Alone” group meets each Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The evening meal is provided to all, and children are always welcome! BCDM staff and volunteers provide childcare and coordinate children’s activities. For more information, please contact Dejah Behnke, Volunteer Coordinator or Carol Lockett at 299-4540. We would be happy to have new members!

*“You haven’t lived a perfect day until you have done something for someone in which they have no way of paying you back.”*  
**R. Schmeltzer**

**BCDM facilitates class at Haven for Hope!**

At the request of Haven for Hope management, Cipriano Martinez, our Substance Recovery Coordinator, recently began facilitation of a faith-based, 12-step substance

recovery class at Haven for Hope on Monday mornings. We are excited to be a part of the Haven for Hope and welcome Haven for Hope members or those staying in Pros-

pects Courtyard, to join BCDM clients in this faith-based 12-step program. For more information, please contact Cipriano Martinez at 299-4540 ext. 14.

**BCDM Board News!**

BCDM is fortunate to have two important members of our community elected to the BCDM Board in the past three months. They are:

**Rev. Claus Rohlf**  
Senior Pastor  
Travis Park United Methodist Church

**Louis Rubiola**  
(former Advisory Board member and BCDM Board member from several years ago!)  
Owner, Rubiola Mortgage & Realty Co.

**New Board officers elected June, 2010:**

Lin Lichtenberg,  
President

Paul Michel, Jr.,  
Vice President

Theresa Scheets,  
Secretary

**Committee Chairs:**

Pete Doemel,  
Finance Chair

Mark Seal,  
Nominating Chair

Inez McBride,  
Personnel Chair

Zach Fanucchi,  
Facilities Chair

A Board retreat for all BCDM Board members and Advisory Board members is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the new Crosspoint facility, the Summit, located at 301 Yucca, to work on strategic planning and develop five year goals.



**The Family Renewal Center attempts to go "GREEN"!!**

The Family Renewal Center will soon be getting new lighting throughout the building which will be more energy-efficient and less expensive, thanks to a new City Public Service program called "S.A. City Lights". Rodney Pray from the "S.A. City Lights" pro-

gram has met with staff and Board members several times and based on specific recommended lighting retrofits there is an estimated savings to BCDM of over \$1,200 annually. Although the cost to BCDM for the lighting is \$2,786, the City of San Antonio is

giving BCDM an instant rebate of \$922 and will allow us to finance the balance at 0% interest for 18 months!! We are happy to be partnering with the City of San Antonio as we make our outreach center more "green"!



**Would you like to donate to BCDM but find it difficult at this time? Consider a bequest!!**

**What is a bequest?**

A bequest is a gift to a charity at time of death and it is the simplest type of planned gift to make and implement.

**Who can make a bequest?**

Bequests are gifts that anyone can make.

You can leave property to a charity by including a bequest in your will or trust. Property that passes through a beneficiary designation (such as individual retirement accounts) can be left by designating the charity as a beneficiary.

If you have any questions about bequests for BCDM, please contact Stacy Baker, Development Coordinator [sbaker@bcdm.org](mailto:sbaker@bcdm.org) 210-299-4540 ext. 16

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." ~ John Wesley*

### Day Retreat at the Bexar County Adult Detention Center



On Monday, Sept. 20, thirty-seven incarcerated men took part in a day retreat at Bexar County Adult Detention Center. This event was planned and facilitated by a team of fifteen men and women from various church communities throughout San Antonio. Beginning at 8:00 A.M. - the inmates entered fully into this day of prayer, talks, ritual and reflection. The theme of the day was "Hope" and surely the reflection from the team members summed-up so well the meaning of the day when they said - "Today, we saw the face of Hope!"



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web at  
[www.bcdm.org](http://www.bcdm.org)

### "Stuff the Backpack" 2010



324 children received a backpack complete with school supplies at the annual BCDM "Stuff the Backpack" event, held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Timothy's Catholic Church!! In addition, 62 children received free haircuts from Rick Torres (you always come through for us, Rick! Thanks so much!!) and the Southwest School of Business and Technical Careers students. Another 76 children had their fingerprints and DNA samples collected by Craig Damon and Rick Meuse with the San Antonio Police Department. The Fox mascot from the San Antonio Silver Stars was present to provide entertainment, and delicious snow cones were eagerly consumed on that very hot day!! Thanks so much to Jewish Family Services, Grace First Baptist Church, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Our Lady of Atonement Catholic Church, Fellowship of San Antonio Church, Senator Carlos Uresti, and all the Board members and individuals who donated supplies!

### Upcoming Staff Retreat, October 21<sup>st</sup>!

BCDM staff will meet for our twice-yearly staff retreat on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Summit (the new Crosspoint facility) at 301 Yucca! We are very grateful to Dr. Kevin Downey, CEO of Crosspoint, for agreeing to let us use this beautiful facility. Rev. Dr. Luster Lockett and Rev. Lynne Lockett will facilitate the program "Understanding our Differences". We'll answer a series of questions and determine our personality types. We'll also learn what kinds of personalities we get along with and what kinds of personalities we may have problems with. It should be an interesting day!

### Testimonials

*Just wanted to thank your facility for the services that you provide and express our gratitude for the assistance with our CPS bill and backpacks for our children. We greatly appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts! ~ A. Eliserio & family*

*The first time I came into the office of the Family Renewal Center (FRC,) I sat through the job search class. Getting help from others didn't look promising, when my own family had judged me after an arrest. My Case Manager at the time (Steven) focused on getting me employed again without needing an explanation. I decided to sign up for community service right after that. What I saw during those few months made me realize the blessing God had put in my life the day I walked through the FRC doors. The same day I finished community service I immediately signed up to volunteer and give back as much as I could. I'm proud to now be a paid part-time case aide and assist clients who sit in the chairs I once sat in. ~ M. Gonzales*