



# SAMARITAN SENTINEL



Center For Homeless Families

Fall 2008

## PARENT CONSTRUCTION, INC

presents

### Samaritan Center's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup Bowl

#### **BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER for the HOMELESS...A COMMUNITY RITUAL**

**Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Lunch 11:30-1:30p.m.**

**Dinner 4:30-6:30p.m.**

One day each year, SOUP BOWL serving sites throughout Indian River County open their doors to the public where thousands flock to experience Soup Bowl.

This year, co-chairs Kristin Ashcroft and Shotsi Lajoie will facilitate this community-wide event, continuing the tradition thanks to the selfless devotion of hundreds of volunteers, the generous support of over 50 local restaurants and 13 local places of worship and a handful of local businesses.

The Vero Beach Museum of Art was the location of a workshop where 500 wheel thrown bowls were made by volunteer potters and will be available on soup bowl day for a minimum suggested donation of \$10 per bowl. Well-renowned artist Glenda Taylor created this year's soup tureen to be raffled off.

"This year's message is 'Breaking bread together for the homeless... a community ritual event' said Kristin Ashcroft. "Join us for lunch or dinner at a serving site open to the public or host one of the private gatherings in homes, offices, clubs and clubhouses. Bring friends, the more the merrier!"

"Soup Bowl has evolved into a county ritual," said Shotsi Lajoie. "It is a brief pause in a single day, affordable to one and all that closely mirrors a typical homeless meal; a simple bowl of soup, a piece of bread and water."

The minimum donation for a bowl of soup is \$5.00.

#### **11:30AM – 1:30PM Locations:**

Christ By The Sea Methodist Church  
Community Church *to be held at Community Center*  
First Presbyterian Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Holy Cross Catholic Church  
Living Lord Lutheran Church  
St. Helen's Catholic Church  
Our Savior Lutheran Church

Tea and Chi  
St. Sebastian Catholic Church  
Samaritan Center  
Temple Beth Shalom  
Unity Center  
Sebastian Medical Center  
Coldwell Banker Ed Schlitt Realtors  
United Way  
Weichert Realtor

Vero Beach Police Department  
Dwellings Design Center  
National City Miracle Mile Branch  
Regency Park

#### **4:30PM-6:30PM Locations:**

First Baptist Church  
Sebastian Medical Center  
First United Methodist Church

And more locations may be added, so please join us and bring your friends or host your own Soup Bowl on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in forming/ hosting a private gathering (Breaking Bread on the Block, in the Clubhouse, in the Boardroom, at work, at school) and sending in a donation to the Samaritan Center may contact: Kristin Ashcroft or Shotsi LaJoie through the Samaritan Center at 770-3039.

Let's break bread together for the homeless!!! ■



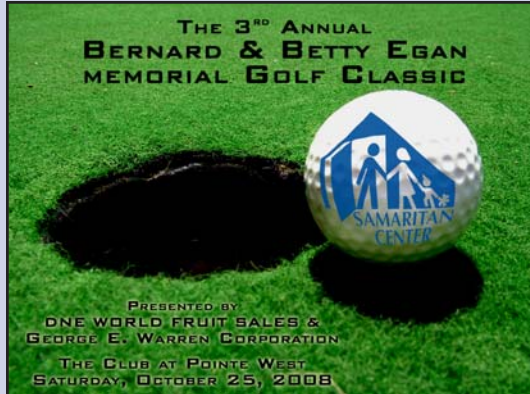
Chairpersons: (l-r) Kristin Ashcroft and Shotsi LaJoie



Bowls in process at the workshop at VBMA

# DNE World Fruit Sales and George E. Warren Corp. Presents the 3rd Annual Bernard & Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic

by Tracey Segal



DNE World Fruit Sales and George E. Warren Corp. are proud to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bernard and Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic to benefit the Samaritan Center for Homeless Families. The tournament will take place on Saturday October 25, 2008 at The Club at Pointe West. The day will start with registration and a continental breakfast at 7:30am and then the fun begins with a shot gun start at 8:30am. The format for the event is a 4 man scramble. Cost per golfer is \$150 which includes entry into the tournament, breakfast, lunch, drinks on the course and 2 drink tickets for lunch. Various contests will be held during the tournament. Raffle tickets will be available for a variety of door prizes and other gifts such as a vacation package to the Ritz Carlton Palm Beach, rounds of golf at Grand Harbor and Pointe West plus many more. Participants also have the option of buying the "All Inclusive" package for \$100 per foursome. This package includes: 4 door prize tickets, 4 raffle tickets for "big ticket" giveaway items, 4 mulligans and 4 tickets for the putt contest.

Sponsors include: DNE World Fruit Sales, George E. Warren Corporation, UBS Financial Services, Blue Goose Growers, Gold Coast Landscape Management, Lucas Waterproofing, RBC Bank, Riverside National Bank, and Sunrise Ford. Tee Sponsors include: Culinary Capers Catering, Direct Sales and Leasing, Indian River Travel of Vero Beach, Lucas Waterproofing, Roy's Liquor, Inc., Jean Conway, Geraldine Downey, Frances Graves, Aileen Hoguet, Betty McDonald, Thomas Murphy, Barbara Pitts, Arlene Rossway, Anne Schemel, Nancy Thayer, and Mike and Bernadette Emerick & Family.

Committee members helping with the event are: Co- Chairmen Tracey Segal and Chris Bieber, J.B. Egan, Cathy Gilet, Patrick Grall, Corbin Griffith, Jason Salerno, Michele Lucas, Shotsi LaJoie, Greg Nelson, Norman Wells and Tom LaRocca.

Golf entries and Sponsorships are still available. Please call Samaritan Center at 772-770-3039 or Tracey Segal at 772-559-4043 for further information.

*We are delighted to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bernard and Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic to benefit the Samaritan Center for Homeless Families. We are especially thankful DNE Fruit Sales and the George E. Warren Corp for underwriting this charitable event. ■*

## Samaritan Center Welcomes New Administrator



Catholic Charities - Samaritan Center staff, board and clients welcomes Sheryl Daniels-Duncan as the new Program Administrator for the Samaritan Center. Sheryl lived most of her life in Rhode Island and just recently moved to Vero Beach, FL. She has a 21 year old son, Jack W. Daniels III who resides in Rhode Island.

Sheryl comes to Samaritan Center with experience and enthusiasm. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Rhode Island. She worked for the American Cancer Society for a number of years as the Regional Director organizing special events and as the Director of Chariho Tri-Town Task Force developing Federal, State, and local Community Grants. Her experience in program development, fundraising, grant writing, event planning, and community development will carry on Samaritan Center's mission in assisting homeless families in Indian River County, and prepare them to be independent and successful citizens.

As the new administrator, Sheryl is looking forward to meeting with the local businesses, churches, community organizations, and members of the community as she moves forward in this new opportunity of making a difference.

Sheryl would like to extend a big thank you to Samaritan Center staff and Catholic Charities for their warm welcome. She is thrilled to be here and loving the Florida sunshine. ■

## Case Management Notes

by Jennifer Trotter, Case Manager



At the Samaritan Center, “Back to School” is not just for children! Many of our adult residents are starting exciting new educational programs!

One of our residents will be participating in a class that will allow her to take her commercial driving exam. Another one is pursuing her

certification in massage therapy, with plans to take the national exam. Additionally, two of our residents will be taking their GED examinations this fall and one has applied for her medical assistant certificate!

Many of our residents are also moving forward with their employment and personal goals. We are proud to have three of our residents finding employment and recently started with their new jobs. One has already received a job promotion and is doing very well with her new position. One family saved enough to move into a new apartment. We also welcomed a new baby boy into the center in late August!

We are always looking for employment opportunities for our new residents. If you are an employer who would like to post a recruitment flyer, please contact the Samaritan Center Case Manager at 772-770-2900.

At the center, parents are participating in a new and updated series of parenting, positive discipline, and issues on child health and safety courses. Sessions on the new positive discipline classes started in August and we are currently finishing the new health and safety courses. The next classes on the schedule will include topics on HIV and abstinence.

Thank you to all of our supporters! We are looking forward to a productive fall at the Samaritan Center! ■

## Fall Wish List

### Residential Needs:

**Food Items:** chicken, pork, ground beef, canned goods, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, juices, milk, cereal, regular coffee, cake/cookie mixes, cooking oil, bread flour, yeast, and cooking spices.

**Household Items/Supplies:** laundry detergents, floor cleaner, cleaning supplies, mops, Lysol disinfectant spray, dish and bath soaps, batteries, water, first aid kits, paper plates, plastic cups, table napkins, crib sheets, trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, and personal hygiene items.

**Children’s Program Supplies:** birthday decorations and candles, napkins, fall decorations, plastic storage bins, and colored copier paper.

For further information regarding our needs or drop off instructions, please contact Michele Rabuck at 772-770-2900. ■

## The Children’s News

by Keri Hodge, Children’s Coordinator



It is with great honor that I accept the position of Children’s Coordinator. I am very excited and look forward to working with each resident family in our program. Each child brings their own individual creativity and talent to the table and it is my pleasure to help them channel these gifts in a positive way.

Summer was filled with fun activities including the summer camps that the children had the opportunity to attend. Many thanks to Cathy Sommers for her continued support in sponsoring the children each year.

In June we kicked off our summer celebration with our First Family Fun Day. This event was sponsored by Samaritan Center, Homeless Family Center, Indian River Sheriff, and Fire & Crime Prevention Dept. Transportation was provided by the Gifford Youth Activity Center. Families from Samaritan Center and Homeless Family Center came together to enjoy a family-style cook-out! Each family had a chance to participate in the presentation given by the Fire & Law Enforcement; such as Gun Safety, Stranger-Danger, Canine Unit Prevention, and Water & Fire Safety. Drug Awareness was presented by James Bond. Water games were played by many; just to “cool” things off! All participants received free prizes. A special Thank You to Detective Teddy Floyd and Homeless Family Center for helping plan this awesome day of fun. We are very grateful to the generosity of the Firehouse Subs and Coca-Cola for providing food and beverages for this fun-filled event.

In July the residents enjoyed the Family Night Talent Show and trips to the Fountains-Water Park and to the Main Library for Pajama Story Hour.

Our Back to School Bash was held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Each family played games, enjoyed the lunch and ice-cream social. The highlight of this event is when each child received a book bag personalized for them with supplies needed for school. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Rowley and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Suhorsky for providing the children’s school clothes and supplies. We would also like to thank Subway, McDonald’s, and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Royster for donating the food and beverages for this event.

During the summer the children continued their self-esteem and character value curriculum. We were also able to focus on Kindergarten and reading readiness for our children. A big thank you to Patricia Strickland, Joanne and Megan Hodge who come every week to give extra help with reading, letter recognition and writing skills to the children. Also, thanks to Bonnie Niblack and Judy Wisniewski for their time and effort in helping with child care.

I have encouraged each family to work with their child or children to prepare them for success this school year. As they set out to do this, I believe not only will the children benefit by becoming more confident in who they are, but it will be reflected in their grades. We really can change the face of this generation...one child at a time! ■

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### Important! Mark Your Calendars

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**3rd Annual Bernard & Betty Egan  
Memorial Golf Classic  
Pointe West Golf Club  
Saturday, October 25, 2008**



**16th Annual Soup Bowl  
Thursday, November 6, 2008**



**Annual Dinner  
Thursday, February 12, 2009**



**For more information, please call  
Samaritan Center at 770-3039.**

## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The Samaritan Center for Homeless Families held its Annual Installation of Officers on June 26 at Culinary Capers Catering.

The 2008-2009 officers Steven Brooks, chairman; Curt Lienemann, vice-chairman, and Rene Donars, secretary were installed by the Rev. John J. Pasquini, pastor of St. John of the Cross Catholic Church and Elisa Bland, division director of Catholic Charities.

The Advisory board welcomed new board members Tom LaRocca, Julie Norris, and Norman Wells for the 2008-09 year.

Other Advisory Board members include: Kristin Ashcroft, Patrick Grall, Shotsi Lajoie, Tony Loupe, Tracey Segal and Joyce Wild.

Catholic Charities - Samaritan Center is appreciative of the time, talent, and treasure these individuals are contributing to the community. ■