



Mission

B.E.A.M.'S Mission is to keep families housed through short-term assistance and by collaborating with other agencies to get families the long-term help they need to become self-sufficient.

BEACHES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY INC.

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Executive Director's Corner



Vivian Southwell

Goodbye, Thank You, and Hello!!!

While it pains us to say goodbye to our own "Queen of the Beach," Cindy Funkhouser, we also must say THANKS, CINDY!

Cindy joined BEAM three short years ago to serve as our **Executive Director** and blew the doors off our then 20 year old agency. Immediately following her first act --painting her office her "happy color,"(blue)-- Cindy set out to identify service gaps at the beaches and fill those gaps. She accomplished this by collaborating with agencies that provided the missing services. As a result, BEAM has become a one-stop shop for clients to access social services at the Beaches.



Qualified clients can get rent and utility assistance (as funds are available), **Beaches Energy Service** vouchers, now that BEAM administers BES charitable funds, apply for **Food Stamps and Medicaid** with BEAM's **Department of Children and Families**-trained Food Stamp/Medicaid volunteers, participate in **Family Foundation's** credit and financial counseling sessions and classes, receive free mental health counseling from **Family Foundation** and **Jewish Family** counselors, schedule appointments for legal advice with a **Three Rivers Legal** counselor, make an appointment for free tax preparation with our **United Way's Real Sense Prosperity Campaign**-trained tax preparers during tax season, and meet with **WorkSource** counselors for help with job searches, resume writing, and interviewing skills.

Our partnership with **WorkSource** is our newest collaboration--one which Cindy initiated and saw through to fruition-- and serves as a pilot program for **WorkSource** as their first collaboration with a nonprofit to add a satellite office. **WorkSource** is now training volunteers to help clients with this employment service, which offers a data base of thousands of jobs available in Florida. As a strained economy forces employers to cut hours or lay off employees, this partnership serves as a lifeline for many of our Beaches residents.

And now we say, "HELLO, CINDY!!" In her new role as Vice President of Health Services at The Sulzbacher Center, Cindy oversees the medical and dental clinic at the Center, and will open the new Beaches Community Healthcare Clinic by January 2009, right here next to BEAM's offices. This is huge boon to uninsured families at the beaches and promises to have a dramatic short and long term impact on the overall "health" of the Beaches Communities. In addition, Cindy has kept her hand in B.E.A.M. by agreeing to serve on the B.E.A.M board.

So, Goodbye, Thanks, and Hello to "our" Cindy!

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Save the Date

**Players' Club Day of Giving Health Fair at B.E.A.M./ Beaches Clinic
November 20th 11:30 - 1:30**

**Sterling's Celebrity Cookoff to benefit B.E.A.M. with food and toys
at Casa Marina Jacksonville Beach December 10th 6 P.M.**

**All-day Fundraiser to benefit B.E.A.M. with food and \$\$
December 11th from 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.**

**"Stuff the Limo (with food)"/ Feed the Cow (with \$\$)"
sponsored by Chick-fil-A Pablo Creek at Beach & Hodges
"Sweet & Sassy" Family Party from 6-8 P. M.**

**Beaches Holiday Party
at Carver Center 738 4th Ave. S. Jax Beach
December 13, 11 A.M. -1 P.M.
call 241-7437 ext 2 or email jaxbeam@bellsouth.net to participate.**

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Volunteer Spotlight



Virginia Maxted

Virginia Maxted and her husband, Ed, had just moved here from Indianapolis in 2001 when Virginia read about Back to School with B.E.A.M. Virginia sorted clothes for Back to School that year, and met Karen Wolfson and other volunteers. Inspired by Back to School, Virginia got involved with monthly food collections at St. Paul's Catholic Church, and with B.E.A.M.'s Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. Virginia has worked as receptionist and in the food pantry, helped with mailings and special events and with any and everything else B.E.A.M. has asked her to do. She's now a regular Friday office volunteer and served as the Volunteer Committee Chairperson for Back to School with B.E.A.M. this year, an event which included 350 volunteers!

Virginia is organized, cheerful, and helpful, and is a walking billboard for B.E.A.M., *especially* when she wears her lighthouse motif dress and dangling lighthouse earrings. Anytime people ask her about what they might do in Florida with their retirement time, she tells them about how B.E.A.M. could fit into their lives as it has hers.

Growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, Virginia learned from the Sisters of Loretto to serve God, Community and Mankind with "Fides, Mores, Cultura." (commitment to faith, morality and culture). In addition to volunteering for B.E.A.M., Virginia gives her time to the Ronald McDonald House, the Symphony Guild, Friends of the Library, Avanti, Newcomers Alumnae, St. Paul Church Circles, Church Women United, and Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. And, this is just since retirement! Virginia is excited each day to be at B.E.A.M. with such caring volunteers. "BEAM is totally serious about aiding clients, but the volunteers can still have fun among themselves," she says. Her favorite thing is the way everyone works *and* plays together while helping others.

Combined Federal Campaign



Attention Military Personnel, Federal Employees, and Postal Workers: B.E.A.M. IS NOW a participant in the COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN. Nearly four million federal employees and military personnel are able to contribute to the charities of their choice during the annual charity drive, which runs from September 1 through December 15. Now B.E.A.M. is one of the Charities that our local federal employees can designate. Just select # 32138 on your pledge card. Thank you for your service to our country and thank you for making B.E.A.M. your choice.

Did You Know?



You can designate your UNITED WAY contributions to BEAM just by writing in "BEAM" or Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry" on your pledge form.

Sign of the Times



Empty shelves at B.E.A.M.! Please remember us the next time you visit your grocery store and add a few items to your cart for our shelves. Together we can continue to help our Beach neighbors who are in so much need.



Thank You Donors!



Churches, Religious Groups, Foundations, Businesses, and Organizations that donated financially to B.E.A.M. **Apr - Aug 2008**

Churches

Beach United Methodist Church
Beaches Chapel
Calvary Anglican Church
Chets Creek Church
Christ Episcopal Church
Community Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church
First Christian Church
Oak Harbor Baptist Church
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Oceanside Christian Church
Palms Presbyterian Church
Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church
St. Andrews Lutheran Church
St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal
St. Paul's Catholic Church
Sunrise Community Evangelical Church
The Chapel at Sawgrass

Religious Groups

Christian Women's Fellowship
Cypress Village Christian Worship
St Francis in the Field-ECW

Foundations

The Nichols Foundation

Organizations

Allstate Giving Campaign
Beaches Community Kitchen
Beaches Ministerial Association
Beaches Sertoma Club
Coastal Quilters

Church World Service

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Kiwanis Club of Jax Beach
Newcomers Club of the Beaches
Oceanside Rotary
Ponte Vedra Woman's Club
The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Bch
United Way of NE Florida
Volunteer Jacksonville

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The Supply Source

Also a tremendous big **Thank You** to all the **hundreds** of generous individuals who have supported us during this same time frame.

Lemon Bar Luau



Lemon Bar Luau 2008 was a huge success and the event that continues to earn the FUNdraising "Must do" events reputation. A pink pig was among the festive kites flying above the Sea Horse on the beautiful sunny day. With the support of about 400 in attendance, most decked out in flowery Polynesian attire, about \$33,000 was brought in that will be split by B.E.A.M. and Beaches Resource Center to help area children and families. Delicious food presented by Angie's Subs, Beach Diner, Caribbee Key,

Chili's, Culhane's Irish Pub, Joseph's Italian, Mojo's, Safe Harbor Seafood, Shelby's, Slider's Seafood Grill, Sticky Fingers, Taco Lou's, Turtle Island Natural Foods and Winn Dixie included everything from sushi to fudge.

Mayors Fland Sharp of Jacksonville Beach, John Meserve of Atlantic Beach, and Dick Brown of Neptune Beach served as Honorary Chairs of the event.

B.E.A.M. is most appreciative of Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Sea Horse Oceanfront Inn, Community Presbyterian Church, Dr. Sam & Penny Christian, St. Paul's Catholic Church, American Legion Post 129, BB&T Bank, Eagle Wealth Management, Jette Brown CFP Principal, Family Medical Centers, Hillegass, Chipenik & Hood, CPA, Oceanside Bank, Raymond James & Associates-Carrie Stinchfield, Taylor Family Foundation and Terry McCue Real Estate, Inc.-Scott Wiley for sponsoring Luau 2008.

Polynesian Pride entertainers came up from Ft. Lauderdale with hula girls and fire dancers who coaxed audience members like Daniel Gilliam and Justin Yaros onstage for hula lessons.

Pat Lucas went home with \$258 as the winner of the 50/50 contest. Many of those attending lingered to see the full moon rising over the ocean as another successful Lemon Bar Luau, a win-win event for the whole community, came to a close with many commenting, "can't you do this twice a year?"



Beach Bash 2008

B.E.A.M. wishes to thank the following organizations and individuals for sponsoring the Fifth annual Beach Bash (our joint fundraiser held with Habitat for Humanity of the Beaches) which was held October 20th, at the Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach.

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B.E.A.M. Holiday Happenings

It's hard to believe but the holidays are right around the corner. Here are some ways that you can help B.E.A.M. make the holidays a little brighter for our beach families.



1. Thanksgiving baskets – BEAM will be handing out Thanksgiving baskets to our families from Monday, November 11th to Tuesday, Nov. 25th. We are looking for individuals or groups willing to do food drives or donate already assembled baskets. If you are interested in this project, we will send you the list of items requested. We need all food and food baskets to us by Friday, Nov. 14th.



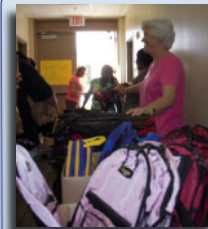
2. Adopt-a-Family for Christmas – Our families sign up by December 1st if they need help for Christmas. These families are asked to provide information as to children's interests, etc. If you are interested in adopting one of these families, we will pass along the pertinent information to you. Gifts need to be returned to BEAM by Monday, December 15.



3. Ornament Tree – If your group would like to buy individual gifts for children, we can provide you paper lighthouse ornaments to hang on a Christmas tree. Each ornament has a specific toy and the age and gender of the recipient. People can then pick an ornament and purchase that one toy. We also ask that groups consider a gift card tree for older kids and teens. On these ornaments we put a gift card request and amount (Target, \$25).

For further information on any of these events, please contact BEAM at jaxbeam@bellsouth.net or call Vivian Southwell @241-7437 X1 or 610-4699.

Back to School with B.E.A.M.



We recently celebrated our fifteenth annual Back to School with B.E.A.M. event, thanks to the tireless efforts of 350 volunteers and the B.E.A.M. staff. The "shopping day" for almost 1000 Beaches' children was held on August 9th. The children not only received new school supplies, socks, underwear, gently used clothing and shoe items, but they also enjoyed hair cuts, library cards, books, eye exams and so much more thanks to our community resource tent where fifteen organizations provided information and services. We

proudly share the following Back to School with B.E.A.M. facts.

\$33,000	# of dollars donated
933	# of Children served
350	# of Volunteers
10,509	# of gently used clothing and shoe items
8,847	# of new clothing items
925	# of backpacks
925	# of school supply bags
983	# of shoe vouchers
11,853	# of children helped in our 15 year history
2,581	# of volunteers in our 15 year history.

Back to School with B.E.A.M. is truly a testament to the power of people caring about others in their community! Thank you for your support.



Your gift to B.E.A.M. can keep a family from losing their home, keep a senior from losing electricity, or keep a child from going back to school without essential supplies.

Giving Levels
 \$25..... and over Friend
 \$100..... and over Sponsor
 \$500.....and over Patron
 \$1,000.. and over Lighthouse Society
 \$10,000..and over BEAM Saint
or the gift of your choice

Enclosed is my check made out to B.E.A.M.

- Traditional donation to benefit most significant need
- In Honor of _____
- In Memory of _____

A donation to B.E.A.M. has been given (In Honor of or In Memory of) _____ by _____ . This donation will help local families with financial emergencies.

Please send gift notification to:

Name _____
Address _____

Wish List
 Canned meat or Pasta
 Peanut Butter
 Jelly
 Spaghetti sauce
 Canned vegetables and fruit
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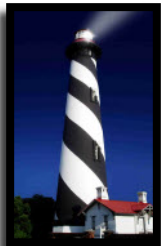
This makes wonderful memorial gifts, teacher gifts, birthday, and holiday gifts.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
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Email Address: _____
Donation Amount _____.

Credit Card donations can also be made on line at www.jaxbeam.com

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