



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



Cindy Funkhouser

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Economic Woes Increase Requests for Assistance

As the economy worsens, the number of people in need increases. Over the past 6 months we have experienced this increased need at BEAM. In order for us to meet the number of requests for assistance, we must bring in additional financial support. The sad irony is that as the economy worsens, charitable giving tends to drop off. We hope that all our donors will remember that there are currently many beach families that are suffering financial difficulties and they desperately need our help. Lay-offs are up, rent prices are up, food, gas and utility prices are all up. People who have been living on the edge are now unable to make it. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Please also keep our Food Pantry in mind especially as summer approaches. Summer is the time we receive the most requests for food and receive the least amount of food donated. We ask that when you are at the grocery store and see the "buy one get one free" deals that you consider putting the "free" item aside for BEAM. This is a great way of donating food that takes nothing out of your pocket. We greatly appreciate all the wonderful support that we receive from all corners of this beaches community and we know that we can count on that support in both good and bad financial times.

Clarification on Beaches HOPE Van

Much has been written in recent months regarding the Beaches HOPE Van. Unfortunately some of the information has been erroneous. For the record: The HOPE Van is a program run by The Sulzbacher Center. The Sulzbacher Center received a \$200,000 grant from the Bank of America to fund this wonderful program. BEAM does not run the HOPE Van, BEAM did not receive a \$200,000 grant. BEAM merely offers free space to The Sulzbacher Center to enable them to provide much-needed services to the beach community. BEAM also provides free office space to several other downtown agencies including: Family Foundations, Catholic Charities, Three Rivers Legal, Jewish Family Services and soon WorkSource. We offer this free space in order to bring these critical services out to our beaches community. We are proud of all these strategic partnerships.

Save the Date

Surfin' Safari with BEAM
 at The Crabcake Factory 5-7 Thurs. June 19
Back to School with BEAM
 BUMC, Sat. Aug. 9, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lemon Bar Luau
 Sat. Sept. 13
Beach Bash
 at Casa Marina Mon. Oct. 20th

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Volunteer Spotlight



Ned Jardine

What can you say about Ned Jardine in just one short article? Truthfully, there is not enough space in our newsletter to sing his accolades. Ned was born in Longport, NJ just outside Atlantic City. He had a wonderful 30 year career in the Navy along with his bride, of 51 years, Mary. When Ned retired from the Navy, he and Mary traveled up and down the east coast and found no place they liked better than Jacksonville Beach, FL and we are the better for it. Ned started with B.E.A.M. in 1990 when he was appointed the Community Affairs Chairperson for the Knights of Columbus and took a seat on the B.E.A.M. Board. He still holds that B.E.A.M. Board seat. Ned credits Mary for all his community activities as Mary is deeply involved in their Church and the community as well.

In 1986, there was a feeding ministry one time a week at the Carver Center in Jax Beach, the Jacksonville food bank allowed Ned to go to pick up fresh produce, meat, dairy, etc . . . and bring to Mission House and B.E.A.M. five days a week. Ned has helped parlay that into bringing food to the Donner Center and Beaches Habitat as well. Ned is a past B.E.A.M. Board President, he is a key organizer in the Mailman's Food Drive, he is on the Board of the Elderly Housing Management Corp. and is kept very busy with their three children and three grandchildren. In their spare time, when they can find some, Ned and Mary like to take vacations and travel together. When we asked Ned how he felt about B.E.A.M., this is what he had to say: "B.E.A.M. provides actual assistance to people who are in need. At B.E.A.M., you get to do case management and have the pleasure of working and talking directly to those in need." Thank you, Ned, for all that you do. You and Mary are a true inspiration.



BEAM Financial



Article #1

As the tax season comes to a close, we thought we would take this opportunity to begin writing articles for each issue on pertinent gifting and tax related information. So let's start with the very basic question "What constitutes a qualified charity?"

When an individual donates to a charity, the tax code allows you to deduct your contribution on your tax return only if the charity is qualified. To be considered a qualified charity for federal income tax purposes a charity must meet the following requirements: 1) there are eight categories of activity that make an entity eligible to receive charitable donations: charitable, educational, religious, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports programs, and preventing cruelty to children or animals 2) no part of the organization's earnings can benefit any private shareholder or similar individual 3) the organization cannot attempt to substantially influence legislation or participate in, publish, distribute statements for, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate seeking public office

TIP: Every year, the IRS publishes a list of all qualified charities in IRS Publication No. 78, commonly known as the Blue Book. It is possible for a charity not be listed in the Blue Book because it is new or the IRS inadvertently omitted it. If so, you can request a determination letter from the IRS to see if the charity you would like to support qualifies. The charity, itself, may also be able to provide you with proof of its qualified status.

Next issue . . . What is the difference between a public charity and a private foundation?



Corporate Board April 2008



Thank You Donors!



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

Churches

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

Religious Groups

Cypress Village Christian Worship
Palms Presbyterian Women
St Francis in the Field-ECW

Foundations

Jacobsen Foundation
The Taylor Family Foundation
Thompson Smith Foundation

Organizations

Allstate Giving Campaign
Coastal Quilters
Compass Charity -Jacksonville
Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus
Knights of Columbus
Newcomers Club of the Beaches
Volunteer Jacksonville

Grants

The Sontag Foundation
River Branch Foundation

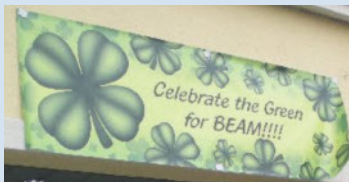
Businesses

Baptist Medical Center Beaches
City of Atlantic Beach
Christian Carpet Cleaning, Inc.
Colbalt Moon
ELMC, Inc.
European Street Cafe
Fletcher Management Co. LLC
Health-tech Consultants
Kyds Clothing
Menagerie Marketing, Inc.
Ocean Yoga
Seafood Galore
Sole Sisters, Inc.

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

Celebrating the Green for B.E.A.M.

St. Patrick's Day brought a new reason to "Celebrate the Green for B.E.A.M." and supporters packed Culhane's Irish Pub in Atlantic Beach in a sell-out for the first charity event ever hosted by Culhane's.



Local favorite Irish musician, Bobby Flynn, provided toe-tapping tunes and green was everywhere to be seen...green hats, green clothing, green necklaces provided with admission and, of course, green beer. The mood was fun and festive and lived up to the standards now anticipated at B.E.A.M. events !!

Culhane's owners, four sisters from County Limerick, Ireland, provided traditional Irish treats like "Nana's" Sausage Rolls, "Irish Farmhouse Skins", and Scotch Eggs which were thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. One of the Culhane sisters, Maryjane, who was working at the B.E.A.M. event, actually went into labor and delivered her baby three weeks early the night of the event.

About \$3,000.00 was raised, and equally important, the event raised awareness and enthusiasm for B.E.A.M. Culhane's has committed to having the event again next year so another B.E.A.M. tradition may be in the making. Thank you to Culhane's, Bobby Flynn, and all of you who supported the first annual "Celebrate the Green for B.E.A.M."

Cinco de Mayo at the Ritz



On Saturday May 3rd the Ritz held a fundraiser for B.E.A.M. There were great door prizes given out through-

out the evening and a custom-made Cinco de Mayo for B.E.A.M. surf board was auctioned off (see picture above). B.E.A.M. wishes to thank David Cole, Perry and all the staff at the Ritz for hosting this great event!

Donor Appreciation



On Monday, May 5th, B.E.A.M. was host to a reception and Open House at our offices at 850 6th Ave South, Jacksonville Beach, to show appreciation to our wonderful donors. There was food, wine,

beer, and music. Tours of our newly expanded offices were given. The event was from 5:30-7:30.

Birdies for B.E.A.M.



"Birdies for B.E.A.M." is in contention for an award for the most creative kick-off in the 2008 "Birdies for Charity" event. With Jim Reed as the Big Birdie, himself, the Great Birdie race down the "Lil' St. John's River" in the water park, miniature golf birdie contests, and local cheerleaders competing to sign up pledges for "Birdies" this event was jam packed with creativity under the direction of Executive Director, Cindy Funkhouser. Add about 150 people getting their fill of unlimited Laser Tag, Frog Hopper, Wacky Worm and miniature golf,

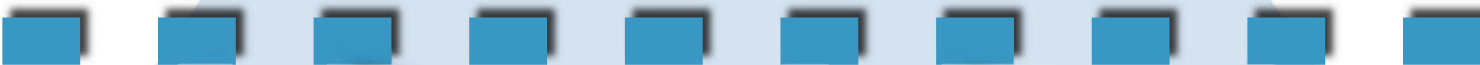
topped off with pizza and burgers B.E.A.M. certainly made a grand entry into the annual PGA Tour community fundraising event. Even the cloudy skies cleared and the raindrops ceased over Adventure Landing in time for "Birdies for B.E.A.M." to proceed.

Marcie Connelly and Bob Hicks' birdies won the Great Birdie race. Brett Wetter and Anthony Schuman were the top adult birdie makers in miniature golf with Drew Taylor scoring the most miniature golf birdies in the children's category. Although the Nease cheerleaders took the early lead gathering Birdie pledges, the Fletcher eked out a win in the end. Without a doubt, the April 3rd event, was a "FUN raiser" and unique kick-off for B.E.A.M.'s participation in the 2008 "Birdies for Charity" fundraiser.

Surfin' Safari with B.E.A.M.



Please join us for a FUN kick-off to summer Thursday, June 19th, from 5 p.m. - 7 p. m., at the new Crabcake Factory restaurant (space formerly the Moon) on Beach Blvd. Tickets will be \$35.00 and include food, great surf music, drink tickets, outrageous flip-flop contest and much more!



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 Benefactor
- \$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:

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This makes wonderful memorial gifts, teacher gifts, birthday, and holiday gifts.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
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City and State: _____ Zip: _____
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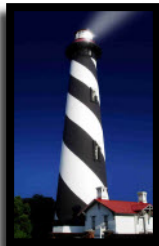
Credit Card donations can also be made on line at www.jaxbeam.com

Wish List

- Canned meat or Pasta
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti sauce
- Jello/pudding
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Powdered milk
- Soup
- Instant rice or potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Diapers and baby wipes

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