



OUTLOOK

Beaver County Association for the Blind

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Keystone Kids Put Their “Heart” into a Work of Art

by: Joanna Greco

Each year, Pennsylvania Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (PIBH) hosts a banquet and recognizes Pennsylvania’s “disabled workers of the year”. They present one employee with the **Nettie Mann Achievement Award** and honor all of the nominees from their member agencies.

American Idol Season 8 finalist Scott MacIntyre was the keynote speaker for this year’s event. He shared his experiences of being blind since birth and becoming an accomplished singer/songwriter.

Working in cooperation with Joanna Greco from the Beaver Co. Rehab. Center, nine Keystone Kids created a sculpture for Scott McIntyre entitled “Heartstrings”. The piece of art represented in heart-shaped balloons was done in honor of the song *Heart Stings* by Scott McIntyre.



Although some of the hearts may not be easily recognized by those who have sight, their meaning goes above and beyond the definition of “heart”. One of the pieces feels more like a circle, but the artist wanted Scott to know that her heart was inside the piece. Another looks incomplete with the

wood still showing and the outside cracked and dimpled. This artist was doing this intentionally so that Scott could feel the wood inside and that the dimples of her own fingers would be felt by Scott’s fingers. Each Keystone Kid handled the plaster hand at the base of the sculpture so they could understand how their contribution would be part of the whole.

The Keystone Kids were proud to be asked to help create this token of appreciation for Scott McIntyre and wish him well in his future.

Sunny Skies for Agency “Hikers”

BCAB held its 21st Annual Hike for Sight on one of the prettiest days this summer had to offer. The staff, clients and friends of the agency took a pleasant stroll in the sunshine and raised nearly \$2,000.00 to support our mission.

The sun was shining and the skies were clear as close to 30 walkers, escorted by Police Officer Siget and Officer Kryder, took to the streets of Beaver Falls to raise funds and awareness for the county’s blind and visually impaired residents. With our best turnout ever, the “hikers” strolled on 7th Avenue and then returned to the agency for a “cookout” style lunch donated by Ken Sheets and served by our wonderful volunteers.

BCAB owes our success and a debt of gratitude to the generosity of our sponsors and to our staff and clients who collected pledges. While our sponsors’ names were listed on the back of this year’s t-shirts, a special thank you goes out to those clients and staff who pounded the pavement to reach such a lofty goal.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort to make this a successful event!



Volunteer Bill Changoway of Low Vision Works, escorting client Pauline Haney

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United Way Day of Caring

On Wednesday, September 14th, volunteers Dan Dobson, Bob Gwin and Mike Super from First Energy Corp. (Bruce Mansfield Plant) donated their time and muscle at the agency during the United Way's Annual Day of Caring. They moved heavy items out of the upstairs office space in preparation for renovations that may start as early as late fall, and they repainted the fire door leading to Doud's Hall.



Volunteers (L-R) Dan Dobson, Mike Super, and Bob Gwin of First Energy Corporation, Bruce Mansfield Plant

Thanks to our Hike for Sight T-shirt Sponsors

Chippewa Area Lions Club
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Jeff & Pam Mowrer
Shawnee's Spirit
In Memory Jane Janicki
- from her daughter, Judy Glenn

BCAB Receives \$5,000 Grant from Verizon

by: Pam Mowrer

At first glance, a blind association applying for a grant from **Verizon Reads** (Verizon's annual literacy program) might seem like a waste of time. If you can't see, you can't read... right?

Well, even though the odds might have been against us, we did indeed apply for Verizon's literacy grant. Our argument was that there are many different ways to define literacy, other than the traditional thought of teaching a "sighted" person to read the written word. A broader definition of literacy involves any type of learning that enables an individual to achieve his or her goals, to develop his or her knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in the wider society.

Here at BCAB, we do just that. We offer many different types of learning experiences for our clients, all aimed at the overriding goal of maintaining independence and participating fully in life. Fortunately, the grants committee at **Verizon Reads** agreed with this and they awarded the agency \$5,000.00 to further our mission!

BCAB will be using these funds to set up an assistive technology lab right here at the agency. This will buy the computers and software needed to allow our clients to learn how to use assistive technology to read books and email, communicate in business or personal matters, and open their worlds to a wide array of entertainment and leisure opportunities.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Verizon and especially the **Verizon Reads** program! Their generosity and willingness to think "outside the box" will be a benefit to all involved.

*A VERY special thank you to
Terry and the BCAB staff for making
the 2011 Hike for Sight a huge success!!*

***"It is a rare person who can take care of hearts
while also taking care of business."***

*Also, thanks to our sponsors, clients, volunteers,
the planning committee, Ken Sheets for providing
lunch and our "chefs" in the kitchen. THANK YOU!!!!*

From: The BCAB Board of Directors

Calendar of Events

2011

October

- 3 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 4 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 10 Agency closed, Columbus Day**
- 11 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 12 Shopping Trip, Cancelled
- 12 Board of Directors Meeting 1 PM**
- 18 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 25 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

November

- 3 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 1 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 7 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 8 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 9 Shopping Trip, K-Mart (Monaca)
- 10 Agency closed, Veteran's Day**
- 15 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 22 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 23/24 Agency closed, Thanksgiving**
- 29 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

December

- 7 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 6 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 12 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 13 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 14 Shopping Trip, Wal-Mart (Monaca)
- 20 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 22/26 Agency closed, Christmas observed**
- 27 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

Please Note:

Beaver County Association for the Blind
offices will be CLOSED:

Oct. 10, 2011 for ***Columbus Day***,

Nov. 10, 2011 for ***Veterans' Day***,

Nov. 23-24, 2011 for ***Thanksgiving***,

Dec. 22 & 26, 2011 for ***Christmas***,

Jan. 16, 2012 for ***Martin Luther King Day***,

Feb. 21, 2012 for ***Presidents' Day***,

and **May 28, 2012** for ***Memorial Day***.

2012

January

- 2 Agency closed, New Years observed**
- 3 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 9 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 10 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 11 Shopping Trip, K-Mart (Rochester)
- 16 Agency closed, Martin Luther King Day**
- 17 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 18 Annual and Board Meetings, 1 PM**
- 24 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 31 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

February

- 1 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 8 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 9 Shopping Trip, Beaver Valley Mall
- 14 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 15 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 21 Agency closed, Presidents Day**
- 22 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

March

- 6 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 12 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 13 Shopping Trip, Wal-Mart (Chippewa)
- 14 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 20 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 27 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

April

- 3 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 9 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 10 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 11 Shopping Trip, Target
- 17 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 18 Board Meeting 1 PM**
- 24 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

May

- 1 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 8 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 9 Shopping Trip, tba
- 14 TIC Meeting 10 AM
- 15 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 22 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM
- 28 Agency closed, Memorial Day**
- 29 Life Skills 10 AM to 2 PM

BCAB's 13th Annual "Drive for the Blind" Takes Another Winning Lap

by: Terry Lukes

Memorial Day weekend kicked off the summer season here at BCAB and as has become our tradition; we started the weekend early with our annual golf fundraising event "Drive for the Blind". Even though the golfers had to weave in and out of some rain showers, this year's scramble was a record breaker. Despite the weather, the field of 13 teams still enjoyed registration lunch, a full afternoon of golf, raffles, prizes, a top-notch Chinese auction and full steak dinner while we raised money and awareness for BCAB and our mission of service to the local community.

Thirteen was not an unlucky year for "Drive for the Blind". With the help of a wonderful group of clients, staff and volunteers, the support of a great base of sponsors and the Beaver Valley Golf Club, we definitely ended up in the winner's circle, raising close to \$6,500.00!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's event a great success!

Congratulations to the following 2011 winners!

Results of the Day

1st Place AHCI 1

2nd Place AHCI 2

3rd Place Beaver County Times

4th Place Beaver Falls Lions Club

**Beaver Falls Lions Club was also the winner of the first annual Lions Club Challenge Trophy*

Longest Drive: Tom Robinson

Longest Putt: Jeff Bauman

Closest to the Pin: Jeff Bauman on #18

Closest to the Pin: Laurie Staph on #11

Thanks for the Special Donations

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First Place Team: Allegheny Health Choices, Inc. Team 1

Thanks to All of Our Teams

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Beaver County Association for the Blind's 13th Annual "Drive for the Blind"

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Pittsburgh Opera
Pittsburgh Penguins
Pittsburgh Pirates
Pittsburgh Playhouse
Pittsburgh Steelers
Pittsburgh Symphony
Seven Oaks Country Club
Three Rivers Paintball
Wal-Mart Chippewa

Save The Date!

Drive for the Blind 2012 will be **May 25, 2012.**

Welcome Back!

Site "N" Welcome Center located along I-95 N in Delaware County re-opened to the public on June 20, 2011 after being closed since May 1, 2010. The site was completely leveled and rebuilt to 8500 sq. ft. with a large outdoor picnic area, dual restrooms and a beautiful welcome center featuring an antique car filled to overflowing with PA related items such as hunting and fishing gear, sports apparel, etc.

Recruiting and hiring staff to maintain the 24/7 operation was assisted by the following: Sarah Twomey (PA Career Link), Jean Lynch and John Byrd (Community Integrated Services), Tim Carroll (Sr. Community Employment), Alison Smith (OVR / DCIU), and Chris Linker and Coleen Myers (Norristown OVR).

We wish site supervisor, Daytwan Quail, and her staff all the best! Stop in, and say "hello!"

Talking with Tulip

by: Tulip, Dog Guide

Golf scrambles, Hikes for Sight and dog presentations have occupied these past several months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my summer, although I must admit, I could have done without the fireworks. We dogs have very sensitive hearing and loud noises such as fireworks affect us more than they affect humans. Never take your dog to a fireworks display; we surely will not appreciate the bright colors or the noise. My Sandie would never think of exposing me to such events and for that I am extremely grateful.



Now comes Fall and I am again looking forward to what is in store for me this season. I would like to attend the Sizzler for Sight and would look forward to seeing all of you there. It is a wonderful time of enjoying delicious refreshments and visiting all of our friends.

Please remember BCAB in your will.

For assistance, contact

Atty. Tom Dill 724-347-5501 x 233

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Lighthouse for the Blind – use of their van
Beaver County Fruit Co.– weed spraying
Lilly Optometric – used glasses
Rebecca Matscherz/Eyecare Boutique – used glasses
Jerry Antonetti – Adaptive Lamp & Telephone

BCAB thanks the following for your generosity:

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 Sandra Fronzaglia

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The Bingo lady

by: Terry Lukes

Often, after lunch at our Tuesday Life Skills classes, the time-honored call of “O-66, B-3, I-24...” can be heard echoing throughout Doud’s Hall. The call is coming from long-time volunteer Emma Neville, who coyly refers to herself as the Bingo Lady.

It was more than 15 years ago, when Emma first heard of the Beaver County Association for the Blind from a friend’s son who was a doctor. Shortly after, another volunteer at the agency asked her to serve here at the agency. Emma accepted and has been with us ever since. Early in her BCAB volunteer days, Emma would drive clients to the agency, to Lion’s Club parties and would assist as a driver/escort for shopping trips.

Today, as Emma puts it, she has “slowed down a bit”, but we don’t see it. She still takes the time to drive other volunteers to the agency, donates candy and baked goods to Life Skills Classes, organizes prizes for Bingo and calls the games. In addition to serving at BCAB, Emma also volunteers at the

Salvation Army and helps serve and make the syrup at the annual Brady’s Run Maple Syrup Festival.

Here at BCAB, we all agree that our Emma has a great out-going personality, a contagious smile and demure sense of humor. Our favorite “Bingo Lady” is “B”-yond wonderful!



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What is a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust?

by: Tom Dill, Esq.

Many people are lost when it comes to understanding legal terminology. Sadly, this leaves many individuals behind when it comes to reaping the benefits of certain programs. Allow me to take a moment to help explain a **Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust**.

A **charitable remainder annuity trust** (a.k.a. “annuity trust”) is a gift plan defined by federal tax law that allows you to provide income to yourself or others for life or a term of years while making a generous gift to Beaver County Association for the Blind through the Community Foundation.

What it means:

- You irrevocably transfer assets (usually cash or securities), to a trustee of your choice (i.e., the Community Foundation).
- During the trust’s term, the trustee invests these assets and provides a fixed dollar amount to income beneficiaries named by you (i.e. Beaver County Association for the Blind) annually, semiannually, or quarterly.

- When the trust’s term ends, the principal passes to the Community Foundation to be used to benefit Beaver County Association for the Blind.

Benefits Include:

- A federal income tax deduction for you.
- Payments for the length of the term of the trust for your designated income beneficiary
- Possible reduction in probate costs and estate taxes for your estate.
- Generous long-term support to BCAB.
- Expert asset management provided by the same professionals who manage Community Foundation’s endowment

**For more information
about charitable
remainder annuity
trusts, please contact
Atty. Tom Dill at
724-347-5501 ext. 233.**



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FOR THE BLIND
AND PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED**



*"Hikers" from BCAB's 2011 Hike for Sight
(see complete story on page 1)*

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Renovation Update

by: Terry Lukes

Renovation contract bids have been submitted and opened; Skerlac Contracting was the lowest bidder. According to the Community Development Office, the architect now has to tabulate the bids to make sure nothing was missed, and the lawyers will go over the contracts to make sure all is in order. Once this process has been completed, Skerlac Contracting will be officially awarded the contract and have the option to accept or deny the contract.

After the contract is accepted, paperwork will need to be filed, such as building permits, bonding and insurances. Following the completion of all the paperwork, construction will begin.

Donate Your Vehicle to BCAB

Are you considering purchasing a new vehicle? If so, would you please consider donating your used vehicle to Beaver County Association for the Blind? The Casework and Prevention of Blindness employees at BCAB are on the road on a daily basis as they travel throughout the area to help clients learn to be more independent and to educate our residents on blindness prevention. We are in need of vehicles in good working condition. For more information on donating a vehicle, contact Terry Lukes at 724-843-1111.

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