

BIG WALNUT FRIENDS WHO SHARE

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Big Walnut Friends Who Share is very grateful for the outstanding support from the Big Walnut Community and surrounding neighbors and friends in 2009. The community very generously made financial contributions and donated food, clothing, furniture, appliances, and many miscellaneous items during this economic crisis when people were losing their jobs, homes, etc.

The overall operation of the BWFWS Center and the Furniture and Appliances storage unit went very smooth. Volunteers spend approximately 3500 hours at the Center sorting clothes, stocking shelves, assisting clients, etc. in 2009. This does not include time spent buying and delivering food, picking up and dropping off furniture and appliances, and the many hours spent by the BWFWS Board, 25 Church Liaisons representing 18 Churches, and the 6 Community Liaisons preparing for and attending meetings, collecting food, school supplies, etc.

BWFWS received requests from 100 new clients in 2009 resulting in 309 active clients at the end of the year. These clients had a total of 3643 visits to the Center during the year receiving 25,725 food items (2 cans of corn or green beans equals one food item) not counting paper products, shampoo, laundry detergent, etc. Approximately 1.5 tons of food was provided per month.

The Back to School Book Bag Project organized and coordinated with the Brett Stelzer Family was highly successful. One hundred and sixty-eight book bags were filled with each pupil receiving exactly what the teacher ordered for his/her use.

BWFWS attempts to make sure all of the needy, especially the children, in the community receive something for Christmas. One-hundred and sixty Christmas Family boxes were filled and distributed. Christmas presents for 250 children were purchased and wrapped using BWFWS funds.

It is impossible to name all of the contributors and activities of BWFWS during the past year in this Annual Report without leaving an individual,

organization, business, church, or activity off the list. A list of all of the donators is available on the BWFWS web site www.BigWalnutFriendsWhoShare.org BWFWS conducted two fund raising projects in 2009. The spring fund raising project “The Magic is You” was an outstanding success raising \$6,100.00. The fall Walk-a-Thon raised about \$1700.00. The tremendous support from within and outside the community is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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