

BIG WALNUT FRIENDS WHO SHARE

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

2011 was another very successful year for Big Walnut Friends Who Share. The out pouring of support from the volunteers and the superb financial and material donations from the Big Walnut Community and surrounding neighbors and friends are very much appreciated. The community should be proud of how this organization is assisting the needy in the Big Walnut School District.

The close working relationship with the community and churches through the church and community liaisons continues to be very helpful in carrying out the BWFWS program. Without these connections, to obtain donations and volunteers, BWFWS would not be able to carry out the program.

BWFWS continues to provide services to clients through the BWFWS Center at 216 High Street in Sunbury and the Furniture and Appliances Storage and Distribution Unit. The volunteers sort clothes, buy food, stock shelves, keep records, attend meetings, meet clients to pick up and deliver furniture and appliances or make these pick ups and deliveries themselves. More than 450 hours are donated at the Center each month.

The number of clients increased from 310 to 360 during the past year. These 360 clients had 3972 visits to the Center in 2011 – a nine percent increase over 2010. During these visits 32,779 food items were distributed (2 cans of corn or green beans is one food item) not counting paper products, shampoo, laundry detergent, etc. The Furniture and Appliance Storage Unit provided some much needed items to a number of families in 2011. These items were distributed to clients on a request basis.

Other major activities in 2011 consisted of the following:

a. Back to School Book Bag Project

This project was conducted with Brett Stelzer's family and friends. One hundred and sixty-six book bags were filled with each student receiving exactly what the teacher ordered for the class.

b. Christmas

Fourteen supporting churches, five businesses, and two individuals provided items for 130 family Christmas boxes that were filled and distributed. Christmas gifts were purchased or donated for 250 children.

c. The Magic is You

The third annual fund raising project “The Magic is You” was a huge success raising \$2,597.00.

d. Walk a Thon

The October Walk-a-Thon was very successful raising \$1,678.32.

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. The tremendous support from within and outside the community is greatly appreciated. More information about BWFWS is available on the BWFWS web site www.BigWalnutFriendsWhoShare.org

Thanks,

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