



WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

✘ Charity Chat ✘

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

-- Chinese proverb

A TOUGH CHALLENGE FOR NON-PROFITS

Charities across the United States have already felt the impact of a faltering economy. What will 2010 bring? The Chronicle of Philanthropy's list of the nation's top 400 organizations showed a median decline of 9 percent in donations, which could mean an even greater impact on smaller non-profit and charity organizations. Although the amount of monetary donations have dropped, those seeking help are increasing at a rapid rate. As we begin 2010, let us keep this

in mind and remember the true definition of philanthropy: "an active effort to promote human welfare" – which does not necessarily require spending any money at all.



Monetary donations do make the greatest impact, but do not let financial constraints keep you from giving in a whole new way.

Consider your individual talents, take a look outside of the box, and figure out how **you** can make a difference. And remember as we say here at Care For Others, **Kindness is Contagious!**

Check out the pictures below... a few great prizes auctioned off at CFO's Harvest for Hope 2009 Fundraising event.

A Night at the "Q"



Brown's Tailgate Package



Care For Others Comedy Corner

"A teenager brought home her new boyfriend to meet her parents, and they were appalled by his appearance: leather jacket, motorcycle boots, tattoos and a pierced nose. Later, the parents pulled their daughter aside and said "He doesn't seem very nice." "Mom," replied the daughter, "if he wasn't so nice, why would he be doing 5000 hours of community service?"

- Readers Digest-



Harvest For Hope 2009

Times are tough... Care for Others has not been unaffected by the economic circumstances, but we are extremely fortunate to announce that CFO has had yet another successful fundraising event. Harvest for Hope 2009 held at La Malfa Party Center on Saturday, October 17th helped raise over \$40,000 in donations

that will continue to be used to give those in need a helping hand. We would like to give a special thanks to our donors, event attendees and of course our amazing volunteer staff for putting on yet another truly special event. Keep an eye out for details on this year's fundraising extravaganza!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!



CFO now has a Facebook page! Stay current with what's going on with the organization, become a fan, and help spread the word!

Tell Us What You Think!



We are growing, but we need your help to continue to make a major impact. So if you have an idea, suggestion, a grant opportunity, or just a way to reach out... email me @ bdilella@careforothers.org

A Letter From Our President...

The Spirit of Giving

Everywhere you turn the economic news seems to indicate nonprofit organizations are about to face the toughest year in history. Many charities have been weakened by one of the longest recessions we've ever experienced and indications are that 2010 will be a difficult year for all non-profit organizations. The search for money to finance charitable work will grow more competitive than ever with endowments that have dropped sharply

over the last 2 years. This comes at a time when the need continues to rise sharply as unemployment reaches over 10% and the under-employed is almost 25% (according to government statistics). As times get tougher, donors are looking more carefully than ever at charities to make sure every dollar is spent well. Charities have the responsibility to work as hard as ever to make sure they are fulfilling their objectives in making a difference. Even with all the difficulties facing us, interest in community service is at a new high. According to USA Today community for

charity and philanthropy writer Christie Garton and the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports 1.6 million more people volunteered in 2009 versus 2008. That means 63.4 million Americans, almost 27% of the population are involved in giving back! This is amazing... more than 1 in 4 helping someone they probably don't even know. This truly is following Jesus' example and having a servants' heart.

Wishing all a healthy and blessed 2010.

-Mark Mekota-