



Blessings from the Heart, Inc.

“Helping to provide for our neighbors in need”

“HeartBeat” January/February/March 2012

Welcome to the current issue of “HeartBeat”, the newsletter from Blessings from the Heart, Inc., an Arizona 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that provides assistance for US/Mexico border towns and other disadvantaged communities by distributing donations and helping to facilitate aid.

Next up: “Tools for Success” Scholarship

2012 is off to a great start. We are now gearing up for our “Tools for Success” Scholarship, and we need your help! This scholarship is offered to local High School Seniors who are planning their future, but need some assistance with their choice of education. Any amount would be helpful. Last year we were able to provide **ten** students with help on tuition, tools for their trade, or supplies they need to be successful in their studies!

Since beginning in 2008, we have provided funding for a nursing student, a very talented fashion design student, business majors, one with a minor in Sports Marketing, an aspiring Journalist, a student studying Speech Communication, a creative writing major, a mechanic, a budding engineer, and many more. We are proud to help these students, and look forward to seeing them achieve their goals and succeed in whatever they choose. If you know of a High School Senior that may benefit from this scholarship, have them contact us at blessings_heart@juno.com. Your tax-deductible donation to this program helps us to offer additional opportunities to these students. Thank you!



Trip to Agua Prieta in March

We will be making a trip to Agua Prieta to see the children in the orphanage on March 24th. We are collecting: diapers and wipies, detergent, children’s snack foods and toilet paper. If you can provide just one item, please contact us! If you would like to join us, we make it a day trip, leaving Tucson by 8 am, and returning around 5 pm. Just bring your passport and a bag full of hugs!

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Message from the Director:

Hello and Happy 2012! We here at Blessings are planning for another wonderful year. We are starting our TENTH year as a corporation, my how time flies! We could not do it without your support. As we continue to provide for those less fortunate than ourselves, and look to the future, we are glad you stand by our side. Thank you, Vicki Willan

And now a word from our Partners....

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 31st.

There will be a car show at Casa Blanca Plaza, at Oracle and Rudasill Roads, here in Tucson. Plans include vintage autos, a raffle, and other attractions. All proceeds will benefit the Flowing Wells Family Resource Center.

Flowing Wells Family Resource Center

Working with the Northwest Firefighters Charities, Flowing Wells Family Resource Center was able to provide Holiday Help for 2011 for 267 families, which included 657 children! There were some additional families that were also referred, making a total of 907 individuals that received help for the holidays. That is a lot of good done in the community, and a lot of happy children! **Congratulations** to Jackie, Jason and their teams for making it happen.

Café Justo

Do you have your Café Justo yet? Contact us for a pound (or two!) of delicious coffee. Café Justo's mission is “to deliver the highest quality, organic, environmentally conscious, fresh roasted coffee to our customers at a price that is fair and just. We work to create a bond between the members of the coffee growing community in Salvador Urbina and our customers throughout the world.” Their slogan is “Caffeine with a Conscience”. For more information about this fabulous corporation, go to www.justcoffee.org.

Thank you!

Board Activities

As always, we are looking forward and planning events and activities to further the mission of Blessings.

We are in need of individuals to join our board of directors. We have opportunities in development, fundraising, and planning. We meet once a quarter and most board members are elected to a two year term. Won't you join us?



Come find us on facebook!

We have a facebook page, where you can see the latest photos and activities of Blessings. Just search for Blessings from the Heart, and tell us you like us!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tucson-AZ/Blessings-from-the-Heart-Inc/146276801704>

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Who do you GoodSearch for?



Search the web with www.goodsearch.com and money from Yahoo advertisers will go to Blessings without you spending a dime! Simply enter Blessings from the Heart into the “Who do you GoodSearch for” line and press “Verify”. The website takes care of the rest!

Do you have your Albertson’s “Community means a great deal” card? We are participating in this program and there is no cost to get involved. You scan the key tag every time you shop at Albertsons and it helps us earn much needed funding! Contact us if you need a card!



Collect Drink Pouches for Blessings!



Yes, we have a fun way to earn funds for Blessings. If you have children, know children or just like drink pouches, we need you! We are collecting drink pouches to help save the environment and receive a penny for each one redeemed. Please remove the straw and cut the top off the drink pouch as close to the seam as possible, and rinse.

Tax Deductible

Donations Always Needed:

- Cash (checks may be made out to “Blessings from the Heart, Inc.”)
- Canned and nonperishable food
- New or used clothes in good condition
- sturdy shoes, all sizes
- Personal items:
 - shampoo & conditioner
 - soap
 - hair ties
 - deodorant
 - lotion
- Laundry and cleaning supplies
- Twin size Sheets and Blankets
- Dry drink mixes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Your help is needed and greatly appreciated! Contact us for pick up of goods and consider one of our many volunteer opportunities!



“God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us”

--Augustine