



KARE CRISIS NURSERY, INC. NEWSLETTER



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FALL 2011

KARE AT WORK — LYNN WOERNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings Friends & Family!



All of the children who come to the Nursery quickly become “my” children, but they are also “your” children, they are our children. We are all part of a bigger community, and we need to be there for these children and their families. We were not put on this earth alone, we’re meant to live life together, to help each other, to support each other, to care for each other, to love each other. These children have been hit the hardest by the financial downturn our country is experiencing, and yet, they are the ones who have no choice and no voice. They just look at us with these big beautiful eyes, sometimes filled with confusion and fear, but also love, and joy, and that childlike innocence that just wants to know and believe that they will be loved in return, protected and taken care of. Their parents are struggling mightily to hang on, to keep it together enough to provide food, shelter, transportation, the basics, the things that we all take for granted. We all know that today, we will drive home, open the door, and there will be warmth, family, food, and a bed to sleep in. Many of our children and their families don’t have the same knowledge and security.

We recently had the privilege of helping a young mother with 3 children who had been living in a barn, cooking on a camp stove and bathing her children in the N.I.D. ditch. They were in pretty desperate states when they came to us, and our Staff enfolded them in their arms with so much love and support. (and many tears!) We have been able to help provide all the basic necessities, as well as assist Mom in finding housing. We, at the Nursery, are all sleeping better now, knowing they have a warm place to call “home”. You have the opportunity to greatly impact families just like this, and our community at large. There are so many ways to help. Often, what seems like “just a little thing” to us, is enormous to others, and can even be life-changing.

This season we are going into often causes us to reflect on our blessings, and I want to say, once again, that all of you, the KARE family, are one of my greatest blessings. May you have a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and love!

With Much Love,

Lynn



MARK THE DATE!

*Hope to see you at our
upcoming events*

November 13, 2011 10 AM—1 PM

Cut-A-Thon at Stray Cats & Co.

All proceeds to benefit KARE Crisis Nursery

December 10, 2011

Christmas Shoppe

December 18, 2011 10 AM—1 PM

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March 31, 2012

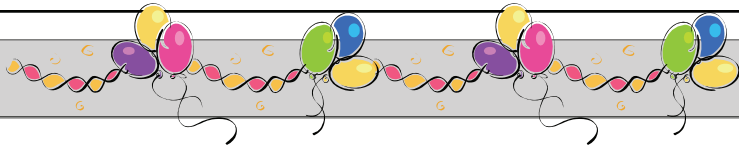
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**If you or your group would like a tour
of the Nursery please contact**

The KARE office at 265-0693



KARE Volunteers 2011 Pumpkin Patch



KARE AFFAIRE

Kare Affaire, a Wonderful Evening



On October 15th, a fine group of people gathered at the home of Jim and Carol Young at Rincon del Rio for a delightful evening of good food and good company. After scrumptious appetizers made by the Young's were served, a delicious dinner provided by Shannon and Eric Hatch of "Coming Together" Catering was eaten with gusto. Live music by Dave Swart and his talented son enhanced the evening. The party then moved to the house for the silent auction and dessert at poolside. The highlight



of the evening was unveiled as 15 daring models proceeded to parade before the group in their expertly designed costumes. Their true theatrical inner-selves were revealed as they pranced on the deck and across the pool on a specially designed ramp (without falling in!) to lively music. When the evening was over, thanks to the efforts of countless people, we raised over \$9000 to help provide services to our children and families in need, and had a fine time doing it. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped make this such a rewarding evening.



(List of models and costumes: Jeff Ackerman (Rocky the Boxer), Cathy Anderson-Meyers (Ms. Northpole, Snowshoe Queen), John Chase (Giant Bottle of Sierra Knolls Wine), Laura Duncan and Peter Bridges (Mr. and Mrs. Potato Heads), Dr. Jill Fitzpatrick (Alice in Wonderland), Rod Fivelstad (The Mad Hatter), Scott McFarland (Buzz Lightyear), Cathy Medeiros (Carmen Miranda), Shawna Riebe ("Sparkle" the Sparkplug), Ed Scofield (Julius Ceasar), Allison and Daniel Swartzendruber (Cleopatra and Marc Antony), Jerianne VanDijk (VanDyjk self portrait), Mary Ann Trygg (E-book - "The Help").

We are in the planning stages for next year and already have 5 models and costumes signed up! Mark your calendars for the middle of October, 2012.



SANTA'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPE— ELVES REQUEST HELP!



On Saturday December 10th from 9-12 we will again be hosting the "Santa's Christmas Shoppe", in conjunction with Sierra Presbyterian Church with the help of Trinity Episcopal Church. Young children (10 and under) and their families can come to purchase gifts at reasonable prices (\$.25-.50) for their family members and pets. We have the children bring a shopping list, and they are assigned an "elf" to help them shop while their adult family members have coffee and goodies in another area. Their gifts are then wrapped and bagged for them to take home and put under the tree. We are especially targeting low income families for the event.

We are in need of the following things:

Donations of gently used or new items that family members might use (tools, jewelry, toys, kitchen items, pet toys)

Wrapping paper, ribbon, tape, gift bags, small and large boxes, bubble wrap.

People to help make cookies and for the refreshment room

"Wrappers" to help wrap and bag gifts.

If you'd like to help, please contact the nursery at 530-265-0693 or karecommunity@sbcglobal.net



PIES, PIES, PIES !!!

PIES, PIES, PIES AND

KARE Crisis Nursery sold a grand total of 282 homemade pies at the Draft Horse Classic and Celtic Festival! Our hard work netted us close to \$6200 as well a great deal of public exposure for KARE. We are delighted to say that because we chose to sell pies at the Celtic Festival as well as Draft Horse Classic, our profits were significantly increased.

Much thanks goes out to the 70 community volunteers that stepped forward to make pies, bake pies and staff our pie booth for both weekends. Without these kind and community minded folks, we wouldn't be able to have this fundraiser. **Thank you all so very much!** Please pass the word to your friends that we can always use more help. If you are interested in co-chairing these fun events next year please contact Sarah Woerner as soon as possible.

As co-chairs for 2011 pie booths, Sarah Woerner and Ginger Van Wagner can honestly say that KARE Crisis Nursery and our homemade pies have become a steady fixture at the Draft Horse Classic and Celtic Festival!



KARE WISH LIST

Ten Ways To Help The Nursery:

- No. 1—Become a KARE Partner
 - No. 2—Female Friendly Snow Blower
 - No. 3—Plastic floor protector for Volunteer office
 - No. 4—Wireless Mouse
 - No. 5—Book Shelf 38 1/4" High x 34 1/4" Deep
 - No. 6—Someone to build a sand/water feature in the yard (AKA "A Cool Sandbox")
 - No. 7—Digital Bathroom Scale
 - No. 8—New Snow Shovel(s)
 - No. 9—Pavers for the walkway from the south parking area & a load of sand for under the pavers
- And finally, and most importantly,
- No. 10—If you see any family with a small child who needs a safe place to stay during hard times, have them call us at 265-0693 or 265-6520.



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Honoring DeeDee Brownell and Sharon Deen-Darmon

ALL of Kare's Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. We would especially like to highlight two of them in this Newsletter.



DeeDee Brownell is a seamstress par excellence, and has used her talents to help Kare by making aprons, bean bags, AND, along with friends, constructing both the Mad Hatter and the Alice in Wonderland costumes for the Kare Affaire. She always has a smile, and she and her needles and threads have been a wonderful addition to the Kare volunteer pool.

Sharon Deen Darmon, Master Gardener, has been helping with garden projects at the Nursery for many years. She has hand raised hollyhocks from seed and tenderly nurtured them through the seasons. This year she created a pumpkin patch for the children with seedlings as well. When the number of pumpkins was found to be insufficient for the number of children who needed them, she showed up one Monday morning (in the rain) with a trunkload of pumpkins to "plant" in the patch so that the jack-o-lantern stock would be enough for our little trick-or-treaters.

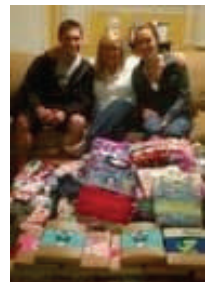
SPECIAL THANKS



A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Ann Brandt for making 12 beautiful aprons! To Mary Hudson for making 6 aprons and taking them to the Nursery, and also to DeeDee Brownell for making 6 aprons and also attaching the KARE Crisis Nursery Logo to 6 aprons. These aprons are a wonderful outreach to the community; they were worn by volunteers at the Draft Horse Classic and at the Celtic Festival. Now they can be seen worn at all the events KARE sponsors. Thank you so much ladies! Bean bags were distributed to children at the Draft Horse Classic and Celtic Festival.

Also . . . Jane Green baked in excess of 82 pies AND worked in the pie booth! What a woman!

Thanks also to Josh Toft, Marissa Varni and the Leadership Class of Bear River High School- had a Jammie & Sock drive, collecting 47 pairs of P.J.'s and 20 pairs of socks!



S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD

Don't forget to use your **S.H.A.R.E.S.** card every time you shop at Save Mart. Three percent of your qualified purchases will be donated to **KARE** by Save Mart each quarter. For your S.H.A.R.E.S. card contact the **KARE** office at 265-0693 today.





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PRESIDENT'S LETTER — PAT LUND



It certainly takes a community to raise a child and the community that is here for Kare is doing a remarkable job. It was a busy time for our pie makers & bakers preparing for Kare's pie booths at both the Draft Horse Classic and the Celtic Festival, our volunteers who made phone calls and those who staffed the booths. We had our 2nd Kare Affaire at the Young's home, Rincon Del Rio, and all who attended had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fashion show with homemade costumes modeled by some of our local residents. There were a lot of hours put in by all to make these three events such successes.

Others in our community are our Kare Partners who faithfully support Kare financially with their committed amount from monthly to annual payments. Our "Golden Girls" who come to the office weekly and accomplish so much. Those individuals and groups who take care of the yard and house that the children love so much. The seamstresses who make beanbags to hand out to children, aprons, pillow cases, and beautiful quilts that the children snuggle up to. There are those who provide day to day items as well as items on our wish list that are needed. I'm sure there are others that I have missed but to each of you your commitment to Kare and the children does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Even with all that each and every one of you do for Kare and the children we still need more Kare Partners whether you are an individual or a business. This keeps the day to day business going that most grants that we are able to apply for will not cover. Please consider becoming a Kare Partner if you are not already one. Anything you can commit to whether it is \$5 a month or more helps us to help the children and their families who are in need and in times like this there are so many out there.

