



Fall 2010

INTERFAITH CARING MINISTRIES

Pathways to self-sufficiency

ICM CONNECTION

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

Interfaith Caring Ministries' Annual "Festival of Trees"

Mark your calendars now for Interfaith Caring Ministries' Festival of Trees event. "A Holiday to Remember" will offer two opportunities for our community to participate. The Fashion Show and Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. The runway will present clothing from Dillard's at Baybrook Mall, Back Bay Boutique, Clothes Horse and Jill's Fashions. Individuals representing various philanthropic organizations in the Bay Area have graciously agreed to model this couture clothing. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Tickets are \$95.00 for runway seating and \$75.00 for general seating.

The Dining Event will be Thursday evening, December 2, 2010. In addition to a fabulous dinner, attendees will be treated to the talents of Pamela Saxon from Brinkley Entertainment. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the tickets are \$85.00.

Both events will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City, Texas. Unique to this annual event are the array of beautifully decorated trees that launch the annual holiday season. If decorating is your talent and you wish to participate in readying a tree for this occasion, please contact Susan Bailey, txrealtorsusan@comcast.net. Looking for that special tree to complete your holiday décor at home or the office? Contact Melinda Keeney, mkeeney@claridatcorp.com, and she will guarantee a beautiful addition to your already festive environment.

This year's committee, comprised of more than twenty dedicated volunteers, is working hard to ensure that attendees will have a wonderful experience. The 2011 chairman is League City resident Kim Barker. Katy Bastedo is joining her as the co-chairman.

The success of Interfaith Caring Ministries is due not only to the volunteer efforts of many, but also to the countless businesses and individuals in the community who make a difference by financially supporting fundraising activities. Opportunities for sponsorship and underwriting are still available, if interested please contact Amber Helms at ICM (281-332-3881).

Sponsorship levels are as follows: Diamond (\$10,000.00), Gold (\$5,000.00), Silver (\$3,000.00), 10' Tree Sponsor (\$1,000.00), 8' Tree Sponsor (\$350.00), 6' Tree Sponsor (\$250.00), 4' Tree Sponsor (\$150.00) and Snowflake (\$50.00).

If you are interested in helping with the event, please email us at info@icmtx.org. The next meeting for those interested in volunteering for the festival is November 8, 2010, at 7:00 PM at the ICM office located at 151 Park Avenue in League City.



Festival of Trees Chairman



Festival of Trees Co-Chair

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 29, 2010 6-7:30pm
Volunteer Holiday Reception

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 11:30am

17th Annual Festival of Trees Fashion Show

Thursday, December 2, 2010 6:30pm

17th Annual Festival of Trees Dinner

All Festival of Trees Events will be held at South Shore Harbour Resort in the Crystal Ballroom

For more details about all Festival of Trees events please look at our website.
www.icmtx.org

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 14-15, 2010

Annual Christmas Store at Clear Lake-Presbyterian Church

ICM Christmas Store

Christmas for ICM is here! ICM's Christmas Store provides gifts for low income children residing within the Clear Creek Independent School District. You can be a part of this great program by donating a new, unwrapped toy or gift cards. You can ask your family, friends and community to get involved by having a toy drive at their place of employment, church or school. Signups will begin on November 1, 2010. We will be taking donations at 151 Park Ave. in League City until December 9. All donations after that date will need to be brought to Clear Lake Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 12 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 p.m. For more info on how you can volunteer or donate, please call us @ 281-332-3881.



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- Webster Lab.....281-316-4190

ICM Golf Tournament 2010

Golfers from around the area gathered at Bay Oaks Country Club on September 27th to participate in the 2010 Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament goal was to raise \$25,000 for ICM, a non-profit full services support organization which offers assistance to local families and individuals on their path toward achieving self-sufficiency. Through the generosity of the event sponsors, volunteers, and golfers, ICM was able to eclipse that goal and raise over \$29,000. With the assistance from Mother Nature, who provided the bright blue skies and perfect temperatures, the 32 teams teed-off at 9 AM in a best-ball scramble format. The 2010 ICM Sponsor Trophy winner and 1st Place Overall Winner, with an impressive score of 15 under par for the round, was Hamilton Sundstrand's Silver Sponsor team of Allen Flynt, John Russo, Butch Kirby, and Sam Gunderson.

Second and Third Place went to Team Pappas and Alfred Conhagen Inc. respectively. The day was marked by an event that all golfers dream of but few get to experience – a hole-in-one! ICM volunteers Carol Gomez and Lisa Ruchte witnessed this amazing event and were so excited they want to come back next year to witness another. With impressive prizes attached to all four of the Par 3 holes for anyone who could produce a hole-in-one, Jeremy Merritt answered the call by acing the 14th hole and winning a Garage Makeover sponsored by Mott Manufacturing. Silent Auction winners walked away with major golf prizes such as Golf and Vacation Excursions and Spa prizes, and the Grand Prize Raffle winner left with a beautiful 42" Flat Screen Plasma TV from Best Buy!



The winning Hamilton Sundstrand team accepts the ICM Trophy (from left: John Russo, Allen Flynt, Butch Kirby, and Sam Gunderson)

With a great turnout and generous contributions from so many people, ICM and their Title Sponsor, Booz Allen Hamilton, would like to thank the following organizations for their support; Bay Oaks Country Club for hosting the tournament at their beautiful course; Jimmy's Egg for providing a scrumptious breakfast, Carrabbas Italian Grill for providing a delicious lunch; Gold Sponsor United Space Alliance; Silver Sponsors Ares Corporation, Barrios Technology, Carrabas, Cimarron, Hamilton Sundstrand, Houston Area Safety Council, MGC, Minutemen Press, MRI Technologies, and REF-CHEM; Hole Sponsors Digitex, Pro Gutters, and the Enos Law Firm; Hole-in-One Sponsors Advantage BMW of Clear Lake, Lexus of Clear Lake, Norman Frede Chevrolet, and Mott Manufacturing; Putting Green Sponsor Odyssey Space Research; and last but not least the many volunteers who donated over 1000 hours of their time to ensure successful planning and day-of execution of this fundraising tournament.

About Interfaith Caring Ministries

ICM, in its 25th year of service, is the only full-service support organization in the community, offering assistance to those who need a "hand-up" in times of hardship. On average, ICM serves nearly 300 families per month with services that include financial assistance to struggling families, childcare payments for single parents, assistance to senior citizens for prescriptions, school supplies for children, and food and gift donations to low income families during holidays.

Ways to Give to Us...

- Food Donations
- Volunteer
- Pledge a monthly or annual donation
- Matching or Employee Gifts
- Mail In Check or Cash

Donate online through our website
www.icmtx.org

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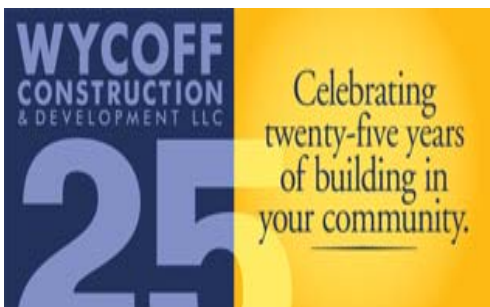
Randall's Good Neighbor Program
www.randalls.com/IFL/Grocery/Good-Neighbor

Please consider linking you Kroger or Randall's card to Interfaith Caring Ministries and we will become a recipient of the proceeds.



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ICM NEWS

Through ICM's Christmas Store, school supplies program, car donations and senior food delivery, we are able to provide assistance to our clients when they are in a time of need.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Interfaith Caring Ministries began distributing school supplies on August 2, 2010. We gave school supplies to 543 children. ICM's School Supply Program has provided school supplies to children of low income families for over ten years. ICM believes that supplying children with the necessary equipment they need will motivate and encourage them to excel as they start the new school year. Additionally, it will enhance the self esteem of children whose parents cannot otherwise afford the cost of new school supplies. For more information on this worthwhile program and how you can contribute, please contact Interfaith Caring Ministries.

CAR DONATIONS

Cars are donated to Interfaith Caring Ministries and are given to clients who are having difficulty with transportation. There has been one car donation since July and it was given to a client that needed transportation in order to get to work so that she could support her family. A big thank you goes to the donors of this vehicle; you have truly made a major impact in the lives of our client. If you would like to make a positive impact in someone's life by donating a car, or if you know of anyone who is interested in donating a car, call Interfaith Caring Ministries @ 281-332-3881.

SENIOR FOOD DELIVERY

Every fourth Saturday of the month, volunteers pack and deliver two bags of groceries to area seniors. The seniors in our Food For Seniors Program are homebound, have extreme difficulty with transportation, or have other physical problems. We are so grateful to the volunteers and their continued support, this program would not exist without them. If you would like to be a volunteer for this program, or would like more information, contact Maria Nelson @ 281-332-3881.

WEBSTER LAB

The Webster Computer Lab is an after school program which hosts students from 3rd grade to 5th grade that attend McWhirter Elementary. This program provides a safe and fun learning environment for all students. Through this program, students who do not have access to a computer in their home, have the opportunity to learn and develop the skills necessary to stay on pace and achieve in school and the workforce. The students who attend receive at least 30 minutes of homework time and at least 30 minutes of computer instruction. The computer instruction includes working with Microsoft Office 2007 (Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint), Internet safety and typing lessons. The after school program also provides a snack and drink for every student. In September, the Webster Computer Lab completed its eleventh anniversary. The Webster Computer Lab is located in the City of Webster Recreational Building which is located at 311 Pennsylvania Ave. Webster, TX 77598. The hours are from 3pm-6pm and follows the CCISD school calendar.



PANTRY POST

ICM Food Pantry would like to thank Dr. Michael Ennis from Ennis Chiropractic for his great effort in organizing a food drive at his office. Dr. Ennis asked his patients to donate canned foods and non-perishable items on a designated day. They donated over 500 lbs of canned goods as well as non-perishable items and many personal hygiene items. Dr. Michael Ennis, Ennis Chiropractic 16852 Titan, Houston, TX 77058.



SHOPPING LIST

With the Holidays right around the corner, we would like to give our clients a little extra food. Listed are some of the items needed for the Holiday Bags. We are collecting these items now and will begin handing out the first week of November.

- 1lb Canned Ham
- Dressing mix
- Cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cans of Chicken Broth
- Packages of Turkey Gravy Mix
- Cans of Yams
- Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- Boxes of Instant Potatoes
- Cans of Pumpkin
- Cans of Evaporated Milk



Calling all Shoppers!!

ICM Resale Shop 631 FM 270 League City, TX 77573 (281) 332-9894 Open Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm

ICM Resale Shop 118 W. Bay Area Blvd. Webster, TX 77598 (281) 332-2025 Open Monday-Saturday 10am-7pm

Look for upcoming sales at both resale shops on our website and blog. If you would like to be added to the resale shop email list please email Amber at ahelms@icmtx.org with your name and email address. We send out special sales and coupons via email each week.

Recently had a garage sale? Don't know what to do with your leftover stuff?

ICM can pick up your donations, please call (281) 332-2025 to make arrangements for pickup.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

It is fall, and the holidays are fast approaching. Interfaith Caring Ministries has several volunteer opportunities both for the holidays and throughout the year.

Holiday Programs/Events

November 28 - Sunday - 8:30 AM get boxes of trees from storage for "Festival of Trees"

9:30 AM helping assemble about 50 artificial Christmas trees

Sunday, December 12, 2010 from 12 PM - 4 PM Set up toys and gifts for our "Christmas Store"

Monday, December 13, 2010 from 9AM-1 PM Continue set up for our "Christmas Store"

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 8:30AM - 11:30 AM and/or 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Work the "Christmas Store"

-Volunteers help clients choose individual gifts for their children

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 from 8:30AM - 11:30 AM and/or 12:30PM - 3:30 PM Work the "Christmas Store"

- Volunteers help clients choose individual gifts for their children

Donation Pick Ups - Flexible Schedule

Pick up the grocery items from the Red Barrels located at various grocery stores once or twice a week, or donations such as bakery items, kolaches or pizza from community partners. Donations are then delivered to the our food pantry at 149 Park Avenue, League City.

Food for Seniors - One Saturday a Month - 8AM - 9:30 AM

Pack groceries for approximately 100 seniors. The next two dates are November 20 and December 18.

Newsletter and Other Mailings - Flexible Schedule

Stuff, fold, label and tab materials for various mailing throughout the year - newsletters, letters, etc.

Pantry - 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Fill client food orders, sort food contributions, stock shelves and keep pantry clean and organized - must be able to lift 25 lbs. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Receptionist/Scheduler - 12PM - 4:30 PM (Substitute Basis)

Answer phones, make appointments, greet guests, transfer calls, file, etc., on a called as needed basis. Some mornings available. Training provided.

Resale - Thursday Afternoon, Anytime Friday or Saturday - Flexible Schedule

Sort and organize clothing and household items donated, straighten store and help donors and customers. The two locations are 118 West Bay Area Blvd. in Webster and 631 FM 270/Egret Bay in League City. Volunteers must be at least 16.

Please contact Janey Nelson at Interfaith Caring Ministries - 281-332-3881 or jnelson@icmtx.org.



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