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Volunteerism Comes **ALIVE**

A newsletter celebrating volunteerism and nonprofits in our community.

Riley Miller is awarded “Rookie Volunteer”

Riley Miller, a sixth grade student at Richpond Elementary, organized a massive day of Alex Lemonade Stands in the Warren County-Bowling Green area. What started out as Riley’s idea to have a stand in her own neighborhood, with the help of many friends and volunteers, grew to over twenty stands across our area. Because of her unselfish spirit and willingness to give of herself, the stands raised a total of \$15,678 for pediatric cancer research and treatment. Riley was nominated by the ALIVE Center for the Volunteers In Action 2006 Volunteer Awards.



Value of Volunteer Time

The estimated value of a volunteer’s time is \$18.04 per hour for 2005, according to the Independent Sector, an advocacy group for volunteers and community service groups. This number gives charitable organizations a tool to help quantify the valuable contributions volunteers make. “It is a challenge to place a dollar value on the important work volunteers do for millions of charitable organizations and communities across the country,” said Diana Aviv, president and CEO of Independent Sector. “But this number can help put into perspective the enormous contributions provided by our nation’s volunteers.” The hourly value of volunteer time is based on the average wage of all non-management, non-agricultural workers as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with a 12% increase to estimate for fringe benefits. Learn more about the value of volunteer time at www.independentsector.org.

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Greetings and welcome to another ALIVE Center Newsletter!

I want to send a special “Thank You” to all the agencies that participated in the 3rd Annual ALIVE Center Volunteer Fair. Networking, food and conversation were in abundance, and some volunteer sign-ups, as well. Our staff will be hard at work during the summer months putting together a Nonprofit Fundraising Calendar in addition to a Annual Activities Brochure for Youth. We’re also gearing up to support the Community Youth Mapping Project over the next few weeks and Teen Summit, which will take place on Saturday, June 3rd. Again, many thanks to all the nonprofits and your volunteers for making Bowling Green such a great place to live!

Cheryl Kirby-Stokes, Director

Nonprofit Community Calendar
June~July~August 2006

- 06/2 **Stand for Children Day** (Diddle Arena)
BG-WC Community Education
- 06/3 **Teen Summit** (WKU)
ALIVE Center
- Warren County Relay for Life**
American Cancer Society
- 06/2-3  **Construction Yard Sale**
HANDS
- 06/10 **America's Walk for Diabetes**
American Diabetes Association
- Affordable Home Ownership Festival**
BG Dept. for Housing & Community
- 06/17 **Motorcycle Run & Bike Show**
Kids on the Block
- 06/24 **Garden Tour & Tea**
Kids on the Block
- 06/25 **PTK Annual Fund Raiser** (Lost River Cave)
Public Theatre of Kentucky
- 06/29 **Free From Violence Auction & Dessert Fair** (L&N Depot)
BRASS
- 07/01 **Thunderfest**
Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green 
- 07/17 **Purple Pride Readifest (City Schools)**
(Parker-Bennett Curry Elementary)
- 07/22 **Sunset Run** (BG Regional Airport)
Lifeskills, Inc.
- 07/27 **Spirits in the Cave** (Lost River Cave)
Big Brothers Big Sisters
- 07/29 **Warren County Back to School Bash**
(Hillvue Heights Church)
- 08/5-6 **Duncan Hines Festival**
Bowling Green Jr. Woman's Club
- 08/11-12 **Festival of Sand**
Kids on the Block
- 08/12 **Get Down in the Valley**
Lost River Cave
- Shine Up & Show Off** 
Hope Harbor
- 08/19 **Community Unity-All Gods Children**
(BG Human Rights Commission)

To promote your nonprofit's fundraising event in our next newsletter and on our community website, please contact Cindy Gaffney, Information Coordinator, at 270.782.0082 or email cindy@alivebg.org.
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ADMISSIONS IS AUGUST 25, 2006



GRANT SPOTLIGHT:

Grant Writer Group~NEW!

The ALIVE Center will facilitate a group for those that write grants for nonprofits to share information on grant sources, have presentations on topics of interest, and provide opportunities for networking and mentoring. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 9** from **11:30am-1:00pm** at the **ALIVE Center**. We plan on having everyone share their current grant contacts and successes as well as hear from guest speaker Tom Hiles, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Western Kentucky University. Tom will discuss how to develop a basic donor list, how to ask for money, and how to estimate how much someone will give based on giving history.

The ALIVE Center will provide lunch so please contact Tracy Harkins, ALIVE Center, Grant Facilitator, 782.0824, if you plan to attend. The Grant Writer Group plans to meet every other month. Sharing among grant writers at our past workshops has been one of the most successful parts of those sessions. If you research or write grants for your organization, we hope you will consider becoming part of this effort.

BG-WC Habitat for Humanity ReStore

The ReStore opened its doors on May 4th and is now accepting tax deductible donations of appliances and building materials. ReStore is open Fridays & Saturdays from 9 am—5 pm and is located at 2323 Nashville Road. Contact Dewey Satterfield, Store Manager, at 901.0150.

NEW WORKSHOP:

Tax-Exempt Organizations in Kentucky

This one day session is designed for accountants, attorneys, CFO's, executive directors, officers and trustees. The workshop will give attendees a basic knowledge of the laws affecting tax-exempt organizations. Topics include: liabilities and responsibilities, Sarbanes-Oxley, tax return filing requirements, IRS hot buttons and unrelated business income.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, July 26** at the **Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green, KY**. Presenters are A. Franklin Berry Jr., Berry Law Firm and Larry C. Howlett, CPA. Call Mr. Howlett at 270-842-4242 for more information.

Registration forms are available at the ALIVE Center or by calling Lorman Education Services at 866.352.9539.

OUR CARING COMMUNITY:

Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center & Big Brothers Big Sisters



BARREN RIVER AREA CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

103 E. 12th Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Executive Director: Dawn E. Long
Contact: 270.783.4357
Website: www.bracac.org

MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission of the Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center (BRACAC) to reduce trauma to child abuse victims by providing one safe, child-friendly location where teams of professionals work together to pursue justice and offer treatment.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

The Center is based on the belief that no one agency or professional can prevent and treat the crime of child sexual abuse. Rather, it takes a multidisciplinary team of professionals in law enforcement, child protection services, and legal, medical and mental health professionals working together on behalf of a child to stop the cycle of abuse and crimes against children in our community. By working together, children can “go through the system” in a way that is respectful to them and to their non-offending family members or caregivers.

HISTORY

In the spring of 1998, child advocates and community leaders in the Barren River Area met to discuss the lack of critical services for victims of child sexual abuse and their non-offending family members. They determined the region desperately needed one, very special and child friendly place that would provide on-site crisis intervention, case investigations and coordination of team members, and most importantly, services to child victims. Today, BRACAC maintains a staff of one Executive Director, two Crisis Intervention Counselors, one Medical Unit Coordinator, one part-time contractual therapist, one secondary contractual therapist, six volunteer physicians, PRN nursing professionals and a host of enthusiastic volunteers to support its mission and services to the community. The Center recently secured funding to expand its mental health services and one full-time forensic interviewer to meet the special interviewing needs of child victims. The Center is also establishing a network of individuals who are qualified to provide interpretation services for children with special and diverse needs.

FACILITY

The BRACAC is blessed with an 11,000 sq. ft. facility that has been in the community since the 1890's. It provides:

- Several private family waiting areas and a separate child waiting/play room
- A pediatric medical examination room and small laboratory
- Three age-appropriate video-capable interview rooms and one monitoring room that allows investigating professionals to interview children in a safe and comfortable atmosphere
- A large, comfortable Family/Group Therapy Room and one large Child Play Therapy Room
- Multiple large conference and meeting rooms to accommodate the Multidisciplinary Team meetings, ongoing professional training and development and various other activities
- Large kitchen and break area for visiting children, families and professionals
- Separate space for staff offices and visiting team members while working at the Center



As with all “homes,” the Center’s facility is in need of improvements and ongoing maintenance that are not covered by grants or state funds. The Center currently needs funding to:

- Make repairs and upgrades to the facility
- Update computers, software and other equipment
- Maintain the grounds and furnishings

BRACAC provided services to 492 children and 405 non-offending family members during fiscal year 2005 (June 2004 / July 2005), serving all ten counties in the region.

BRACAC has two annual events that help raise funds and awareness about the crime of child sexual abuse, which are the Great Teddy Bear Run for the CAC (held on the first Saturday of April every year) and the Board Break-A-Thon, which is held in October. The Teddy Bear run raised over \$20,000 this year and continues to be a fun and empowering way to raise both funds and awareness for services to kids in our community.

OUR CARING COMMUNITY:

Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center & Big Brothers Big Sisters



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky

716 East 10th Avenue, Bowling Green, KY 42102

Executive Director: Dana Brown

Phone: 270.781.1180 Website: www.bbbsky.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) has been bringing stability to the lives of America's "at-risk" children for just over a century and has become the nation's oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization. Locally, BBBS has been serving the South Central Kentucky region for the past 33 years. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth in our communities; to assist them in becoming confident, competent and caring individuals; and to provide committed volunteers to serve as mentors in a nurturing relationship or "match" between the child and adult volunteer. BBBS currently influences the lives of over 450 children through their mentoring services offered in Warren, Allen and Barren Counties.



Poppy and his 'Big Brother' Joey enjoyed a night out at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 24th, where Joey received the Big Brother Rookie of the Year Award.



Silent Auction table at the 2005 Spirits in the Cave

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky is a private, nonprofit organization with a portion of its funding coming from United Way of Southern Kentucky, various grants, and private donations. The remainder of funding is generated through other fundraising efforts such as Bowl For Kids' Sake, which occurs annually in late February, and also their summer fundraiser, Spirits in the Cave. The fifth annual Spirits in the Cave will take place Thursday, July 27th, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at picturesque Lost River Cave in Bowling Green. The event features an extensive food show,

where patrons savor tasty samples from many local restaurants, as well as sip wine, beer and sodas from local distributors. While enjoying the delicious cuisines and beverages, patrons can enjoy the live music from popular band Exit 4. The event also includes a substantial silent auction which features something for everyone.



One of the highlights of Spirits in the Cave is the extensive food show.



Patrons enjoying the festivities at last year's Spirit in the Cave

While BBBS is currently in the planning stages of Spirits in the Cave, they are eager to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring this event, making a donation to the silent auction, inquiring about being a vendor, or requesting ticket information. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available for purchase in early July.

For more information about Spirits in the Cave, volunteering or making a donation, contact the local BBBS office at 270.781.1180 or bbbsrobin@bellsouth.net, or visit www.bbbsky.com.

The next newsletter will feature the Girl Scouts and the Bowling Green Junior Woman's Club. If you would like your organization to be showcased in upcoming newsletters, please contact Cindy Gaffney at 782.0082 or cindy@alivebg.org.

Youth News



June 2, 2006

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Diddle Arena

***Practice Random Acts of Kindness:
It's the Little Things That Count!***

BG/WC Community Education,
American Bank & Trust &
Bowling Green Kiwanis Club
bring you

Stand for Children Day!

Parents and childcare providers, bring your little ones out to Diddle Arena on Friday, June 2nd for a morning of fantastic fun. Over 40 service agencies will be there to share information about their programming, as well as to provide fun activities for your youth. They will also have music, dancing, balloon animals, magic and juggling. This event is perfect for toddlers through early elementary age children. It is FREE to attend. For more information, call 270.842.4281.

YOUTH SOLUTIONS GRANTS

Youth Solutions is a grant program designed for area youth to learn how to write a grant to fund a service project of their choice. Projects are service-oriented, educational, or community building in nature. The project ideas and development must be completely youth-driven. Each project needs an "adult advocate" from a youth-serving organization to guide the project and serve as the fiscal recipient. To download a copy of the Youth Solutions grant application, visit our website at www.alivebg.org.

Congratulations to the many teams of young people who have successfully completed a Youth Solutions grant project! Over \$20,000 has been awarded for projects since program inception.

2006 YOUTH SOLUTIONS GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Taylor Chapel AME Church: Computer Training Program
St. Joseph Catholic Church - Walking & Jogging Trail
William H. Natcher Elementary: Growing the Greenways
T.C. Cherry Elementary: Youth Literacy Project
Warren County Day Treatment: Helping Hands of Youth
Henry F. Moss Middle School: It's Raining Cats and Dogs: Humane Society Project

Keep in it tha Mix of 2006!

3rd Annual Teen Summit

Saturday, June 3rd

9am – 8:30pm

**Western Kentucky University's
DUC and South Lawn**

This event is absolutely free and open to participants ages 12 to 18. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. The day will consist of educational and interactive break-out sessions that will include:

**Community Culture & Diversity
Expressing Yourself...through the Arts
Teens & Drug Awareness**

There will also be a **College Prep session** available from 1pm-3pm.

All participants will receive a **FREE t-shirt & backpack**, and many door prizes will be given throughout the day. This event will close with a **talent show**, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

This event is a collaborative effort among the ALIVE Center, Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc., Housing Authority of Bowling Green, Kaleidoscope, Parker Bennett Community Center, and a team of dedicated youth from the community of Bowling Green.

For more information, contact Leah Tibbs at 270.782.0812 or leah@alivebg.org.



SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS

Just a reminder that the ALIVE Center maintains a listing of summer activities for kids & families on the 'Youth' informational pages on the ALIVE Center website.



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The services the ALIVE Center provides to nonprofit organizations include posting volunteer opportunities, community events, employment opportunities, youth development, and grant services as well as providing meeting space and equipment (tables & chairs) free of charge.

Watch for our next newsletter in September 2006!

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Remember to send us your event news.

Dual Community Youth Mapping Projects underway in Bowling Green

The ALIVE Center is coordinating two community youth mapping projects this summer. The Academy for Educational Development is training sixteen area youth for the two projects. Ten students from the marketing club DECA at Bowling Green High School will implement a Healthy Food & Beverages Marketing survey project to determine how foods and beverages are marketed to our youth and how that affects their purchasing choices.

This project is funded by the Kellogg Foundation and spearheaded by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. The Institute of Medicine is partnering with the Academy for Educational Development to complete this project in three other cities in the nation, including Harlem, NY, Pinellas County, FL, and Sussex County, DE.

Six students from Greenwood High School will implement a mapping project on Bowling Green youth activities. The Academy of Educational Development is working with Bowling Green, Lexington, and Louisville communities to gather comparable data on youth activities and youth space available throughout the three communities. The data will be compared and reported by Kentucky Child Now in Frankfort.

The end product for our community will be a published Community Activities Guide for families and children in Bowling Green. All youth participants will receive a stipend of \$500 for their efforts. Watch for updates as the projects begin to unfold. For more information, contact Leah Tibbs at 782-0812 or leah@alivebg.org.

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