

IMPACT *Bethel*

A Non-Profit Organization

Volunteer Newsletter

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****Hurricane Ike Relief****

As many of you know several residents in Bethel Township were greatly affected by the remnants of hurricane Ike. IMPACT Bethel was honored to be part of the emergency relief effort. Within 24 hours after the storm it became clear to township officials that many people in our area were in need of extra

support. IMPACT assembled a team of 10 volunteers and assisted the city in distributing over 1,000 fliers. The next day we helped create a second flyer that was distributed throughout the schools. We also worked closely with Jamie Leighty and Bethel Churches United to establish hot meal sites throughout the town-

ship. Many churches and other volunteers gave of their time and resources to feed our community. Later in the week IMPACT assembled several clean-up crews and assisted residents in the clean-up of their property. Together we were able to help twenty families remove debris from their property.

Dessert Banquet

IMPACT Bethel is hosting a dessert banquet the evening of October 7th @ 7pm. BC Café has agreed to house the event and has donated all desserts and coffee. All township churches as well as some local non-profits have been invited. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss hunger in Bethel Township. It is the belief of IMPACT that by working together we can be more effective in our community. We are excited to see what the Lord brings from our conversation. Look for details from the meeting in our next newsletter.

Christmas Toy & Food Drive

This holiday season IMPACT Bethel will help needy families with toys, food and other necessary items. To accomplish this we will need many volunteers and donated items. If you would like to be part of IMPACT Bethel Christmas or have general questions regarding the program please contact:

Mandi White at
mandi@impactbethel.org

or Carrie Arblaster at
carrie@impactbethel.org

Or take a look at our web site
www.impactbethel.org

Community Assessments

Volunteers Needed!!!!

We are still trying to finish our assessment of township residents. Our goal is to complete them before thanksgiving. For those who are interested, volunteering provides you with a great opportunity to better know the community. Each assessment is done via a door to door interview. This way volunteers see first-hand the needs of the community.

If you are interested in helping please contact Carrie Arblaster at carrie@impactbethel.org

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Volunteer Hours

As IMPACT continues to grow more opportunities for volunteers are created. In order to keep track of how much time our volunteers give to the organization, in October we will begin logging all volunteer hours.

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"
James 2:14-16



"Let's IMPACT this Community one person at a time."

IMPACT Fundraisers...

First Annual Car Wash

On August 23rd IMPACT Bethel, with the help of the Tecumseh YMCA swim team, held their *first annual a car wash*. In addition to the swim team several children from a local Vacation Bible School donated beautifully decorated signs to promote the event. The fundraiser was a success, raising \$200 for the residents of Bethel Township.

Cornhole Tournament

On September 13th IMPACT Bethel hosted our *first ever cornhole tournament*. The event was a huge success, drawing in participants from as far

away as Cincinnati. The evening was made complete by a 50/50 raffle, beverages and a local vendor selling corn hole bags. We had a total of 20 teams register. Steve Vanverver and Shawn Bouske won first place and took home \$400. In second place and taking home \$200 were Rick Crawford and Dan Sayres. The third place team Jeremiah Brooks and Linc Brooks received \$100. We look forward to next year's event and plan on making it even bigger and better. Thank you to all of you who helped and special thanks to George White who is now IMPACT Bethel's official cornhole guru.

Best of Bethel Township Cookbook

Beginning October 1st IMPACT Bethel will begin collecting recipes for our "*Best of Bethel Township*" *cookbook*. We are very excited about the cookbook. It is a great opportunity for the community to share in something we all enjoy doing... cooking and eating! Stop by our booth at the Heritage of Flight Festival and donate your recipe. If you miss us at the festival, or if you have questions regarding this project please contact Chris Fiste @ 937-308-0403 or Natalie Jackson @ 937-776-1188.

Food Pantries

CSFP/Honey Creek food pantry, Re-register patrons 10/10 and pass out food 10/17

As part of our effort to assist Bethel Churches United, IMPACT Bethel has begun working with Elvera Buckmaster and the food pantry at Honey Creek Presbyterian. In addition to running the food pantry, Elvera also provides food assistance to the elderly.

Once per month she receives food from the federally funded Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP). Elvera has been a faithful servant to the residents of Bethel Township for over two decades. IMPACT Bethel's role is to assist Elvera in any way she may need. Currently we are helping her fulfill her duties regarding the CSFP.

Grants

IMPACT Bethel completed three grant proposals requesting funding for 2009. Grants were submitted to the following foundations: Nehemiah Foundation, Springfield Foundation, and the Turner Foundation.

IMPACT will attend an orientation at Dayton Public Library regarding grants and grant research on October 22.

IMPACT in the Community...

The first weekend in October IMPACT Bethel will have a booth at the Heritage of Flight festival in New Carlisle. Stop by to learn more about the organization, to chat with an IMPACT volunteer, or for infor-

mation about how to become a volunteer yourself. Hope to see you there!

October 18th IMPACT Bethel will participate with the Tecumseh YMCA in their annual

fall fundraiser. IMPACT will have a table set up for face painting. Stop by, support your local YMCA and IMPACT Bethel and don't forget to enjoy the festivities!