MAKING A DIFFERENCE – WEB's Involvement in Community

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROGRAMS –

Jefferson County Foster Children's Fund – 2020 – Wendy Adams/Mary Jane Reinhardt coordinated donations. Members brought donated items (clothes/toys/tablets) to EBMI, went online to their registry or sent in checks for $890, plus $70 in gift cards. We had to do this meeting virtually so received great response for the year of covid and not having an in-person meeting to bring items.

Harter's Hospice & Puppy Rescue – 2019 – Valerie Boring coordinated donations. Members brought many items to this meeting (toys, treats, etc. from their wish list) to help this organization. In addition to the dog supplies, WEB donated approximately $158 in cash/checks.

Paraquad – 2018 – Nicole Wagner coordinated donations. Members brought many items to this meeting (sheets, jump drives, folders, personal care items, from their wish list) to help those with transitional living and at the Bloom Café. In addition to the supplies, WEB donated approximately $1520 in cash/checks and $180 in gift cards.

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services – 2017 – Anne Duncan and Vickie Slade coordinated donations. Members brought many items to this meeting (blankets, dvds, personal care items, etc.) to help seniors living alone and provide some support to their Daycare. In addition to the supplies, WEB donated $805 in cash/checks and $260 in gift cards.

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care – 2016 – Kim Johnston coordinated donations with Dave Wooley. They help military families here with furniture and items needed as well as sending care packages out. WEB provided more than 3000 care package items and $1225 to underwrite the cost of overseas postage.

The Little Bit Foundation – 2015 – Ashley Benage coordinated donations for this organization who helps children in poverty areas with school supplies and clothing. Items donated were valued at $4,850.56! In addition, over $300 in monetary donations were received the night of our meeting.

Sweet Celebrations – 2014 – Carey Adkisson and Rose Ketterer coordinated donations to this new organizations who provides birthday parties for homeless children in shelters.

USO – 2013 – Barb McCollum coordinated donations to the USO for the soldiers passing through this area at Lambert Airport's USO facilities.

Camp Rainbow – 2012 Carey Adkisson coordinated this program.
Donated supplies for their annual camp in the summer for kids with cancer and other blood related disorders

Friends of Kids with Cancer – 2011 RJP coordinated this program.
WEB members donated toys, books, games, gift cards and/or individually packaged snacks to this organization so they could share with these kids … whether for their Winter Wonderland party, Santa visits or just to brighten the day for the child when they have treatments at the hospital.

Women in Transition – 2010 Barb McCollum coordinated this program.
WEB members donated clothing for these women to use for jobs/interviews. In addition, we donated personal care items and filled a basket for each woman in the two homes. We had 4 cars and 1 truck that delivered all of these items.

"Boys Hope/Girls Hope" Christmas Program – 2009 - Carol Bourbon coordinated this. WEB raised $1,000 for these scholars to enjoy several events such as bowling, laser tag, Cardinal game and gift cards from Walmart. In addition, Carol made blankets with each of the girls for their rooms.

"Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis, IL" -2008 Vickie Slade coordinated this. Asked members to purchase individual gifts (toys, games, balls, clothing, etc.), wrap these gifts and label them accordingly so the group knew the item for children from 6-12 years of age. Also gave a donation to Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

"Youth In Need" Christmas Program – 2007 – Chris Phillips coordinated this.
WEB members either did a full shoebox of items for the kids or donated items for them. Chris and her daughter put many of the boxes together for this group.

Ronald McDonald House Christmas Program - 2006 – Carol Yochim was coordinator and asked for toys to be donated for the RMH gift shop. This is at the RMH House and allows families to shop for Christmas presents for their kids. In addition to the items, several WEB members manned the store in the evening.

Shoeboxes for VA Medical Center - 2005 Kim Johnston, Coordinator
We decided to give them to the VA Medical Center at Jefferson Barracks once again. We collected 75+ shoeboxes filled with personal items for the vets.

Shoeboxes for VA Medical Center - 2004 Rose Luedde, Coordinator
Because of the SLEBVets, we decided to give them to the VA Medical Center at Jefferson Barracks. We collected 73 shoeboxes filled with personal items for the vets.

Nursing Home Shoeboxes - 2003 Carol Yochim, Coordinator
Delivered 50+ boxes to St. Agnes Home in Kirkwood.

Nursing Home Shoeboxes - 2002 Charlene Wingerter, Coordinator
Delivered 60+ shoeboxes with personal care items to Cori Manor Nursing Home.

Operation Christmas Child – 2001 Nancy Merritt, Coordinator
WEB supplied 80 completed shoeboxes for kids, which were shipped abroad to war-torn countries.
St. Louis Crisis Nursery – 2000 Chris Phillips, Coordinator
WEB supplied gifts for family of 4 for Christmas.

Southside Catholic Community Services - 1999 Laura Hoeing, Coordinator
WEB provided gift items from the wish list that was sent by the organization.
St. Louis Crisis Nursery – 1998 Joan Burton/Debbie Swain, Coordinators
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Boys Hope/Girls Hope - 1997 Lynn Schaefer, Coordinator
WEB provided gifts for 12-15 boys/girls for their Christmas Party.
Women's Safe House Program - 1996 Carol Chambliss, Coordinator
Members sponsored "company" baskets or brought individual household items to the November and December meetings and WEB made up 15-16 laundry baskets filled with canned goods, household items and gift cards.
"**The Secret Santa" Program – 1995** Jackie & Carolyn Postiglione, Coordinators
The Suburban Journals was having a program called "Secret Santa". Children, from various shelters and homes involved with Catholic Charities, were asked to write whatever they wish in their letters to Santa. These letters were then forwarded to WEB, and we purchased items for over 20 children.
Sponsored Family from Mo. Div. of Family Services – 1994 Lynn Schaefer, Coordinator
1st year that WEB sponsored a Christmas Family program, in lieu of gift exchange at Christmas Party. WEB sponsored a family of 6 and donated gift cards, toys, clothes, etc.

ADDITIONAL CHARITIES ASSISTED DURING THE YEARS:

Ronald McDonald House – since 1995
Several WEB members supply food for the families of children at Cardinal Glennon or Children's Hospital. We coordinate a brunch in October and barbecue in June of EACH year since 1995.
Vets Barbecue (only assisting EBMIVets – not coordinating it) – since 2006
VA Medical Center-JB
Members assist the EBMIVets with this barbecue for 100+ Vets at the VA Medical Center.
Collecting coats/blankets for the Homeless – 2009 and 2010
We list in newsletter when coats/blankets are needed for homeless, and several of our members continue to donate items.
Children's Miracle Network - 1997
33 SLEB and WEB members (along with friends and family members) volunteered at the Children's Miracle Network. It was once again held at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport.
Children's Miracle Network Sports Challenge - 1996
37 SLEB and WEB members (along with friends and family members) volunteered at the Children's Miracle Network Sports Challenge booth. This was the 3rd Annual Sports Challenge and SLEB was responsible for filling 37 positions.
Children's Miracle Network Sports Challenge - 1995
22 SLEB and WEB members were invited to volunteer at the Children's Miracle Network Sports Challenge booth. This was the 2nd Annual Sports Challenge and this year, SLEB was responsible for filling 22 positions.
St. Louis Olympic Festival - 1994 Carol Yochim, Coordinator
WEB was responsible for scheduling of volunteers for Table Tennis Venue from July 6-10th at Webster University. We had three shifts: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 noon; 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.; and 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. 26 volunteers needed for EACH shift. Participation by WEB members: 40 WEB members, plus 55 of their family and friends. In addition, we had 22 SLEB members and families.

ADDED CHARITIES AT VARIOUS MEETINGS
"St. Stephen's Food Pantry" was an added charity program – 2010
Ashley Schlueter Benage, Coordinator
WEB members donated canned goods for local food pantry.
"Lydia's House" - 2009 Annette Lehnbeuter, Coordinator
WEB members brought in personal items and made small baskets to give each woman at the House.
Women's Support Group (abuse support) -2002 Graybar Electric, Coordinator
Held an auction to benefit this group at our February meeting. We raised $4,600 for Women's Support.
American Cancer Society - 2001 Graybar Electric, Coordinator
Held auction to benefit the American Cancer Society at the March meeting. We raised $3,315 for ACS-Breast Cancer Division.