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Cause An UPROAR

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### Cause An UpROAR...

Can you imagine a world without Tigers, Cheetahs, Jaguars and Leopards? The population of the world's big cats is dwindling to astonishingly low numbers from many threats such as deforestation, climate change and poaching. Scientists are predicting that many big cat species will face extinction within two decades. Duke University Biologist Luke Dollar is behind the National Geographic organization, Big Cats Initiative working with many other conservationists towards the growth and recovery of these amazing animals.

Many of the large cats are struggling for survival due to black market trade and poaching. Many of these large cats are hunted for their pelts or other parts that are thought to be of power in ancient remedies. Others struggle from environmental issues such as human encroachment. We often forget that these apex predators keep the planet's food chains in balance as well as monitor prey populations and migration patterns. They keep the rest of the ecosystem in balance. According to USA Today's National Geographic article "Lions are down to perhaps 25,000 in the African wild, where 450,000

formerly roamed. Leopards are down to perhaps 50,000, from 750,000. Cheetahs number about 12,000 down from 45,000. Tigers number about 3,000 in the wild."

We encourage everyone to take a stand to defend these big cats and cause an UPROAR. To our children, stories like The Lion King and The Jungle Book, will be unbelievable, giant cats with stripes and spots will be as foreign as unicorns and dragons. Let's not let our creatures of today pass into that of myths and legends, keep them here as living wonders.

**Beholdance Youth - Conservation Day of Awareness**  
Participate November 11, 2011 by wearing your  
animal print clothing or a conservation message.  
Wear Their Colors and Show You Care



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# SAVE THE DATE

**June 2, 2012**

**Calling all Race Fans!**

Beholdance youth will be hosting a kid's zone for the Ducktona Dash. This will be the third annual Duck Race to benefit Cabarrus Meals on Wheels and the local Free Clinic.

You will soon be seeing a flock of plastic, yellow ducks about the county. Don't be alarmed if you see them in your yard one morning. It just means someone has "Flocked" you with the Ducktona Flock! The flock will be making its way around the county to promote the event!



Bring out the family and enjoy the activities and get your own duck entered for \$5 or get a Quack Pack of 5 ducks for \$20. Great food, great fun and wonderful prizes for a fantastic cause.

Treat the earth well.

It was not given to you by your  
parents,  
it was loaned to you by your  
children.

We do not inherit the Earth from  
our Ancestors,  
we borrow it from our Children.  
Ancient Indian Proverb



Youth Participating at Beholdance Save the Ducks Game Booth

## Cabarrus Ducktona Dash - Quackers for a Cause...

4,000 rubber yellow ducks were released into the lake at Camp Spencer on June 4, 2011 to raise money for Cabarrus Meals on Wheels and the Community Free Clinic of Cabarrus County.

Beholdance youth participated in the second annual Duck Race by hosting Earth and Environmental Games and Activities for youth attending. Beholdance team leaders, Dustin Barringer, Dakota Palacio, Tori Cantales, Shawn Cantales handled set up and game organization for the event.

Melaine Bush put her artwork to great use encouraging youth to create sidewalk pictures and joined Tori Cantales for festival face painting. Shawn Cantales and Dakota Palacio had some fun teaching other youth to soda pop bottle fish. Patrick McDaniels and Zac Swartz hosted the archery booth while Adam Love and Renee Smith assisted with two liter toss and leaping frog games making the day a great success.

The favorite game booth at this event was educating youth on the effects of litter in the environment. The youth set up a pool with several Mallard Ducks along with typical trash that can become a hazard to wildlife. Youth enjoyed rescuing the ducks by collecting the litter and taking it to recycle. Jaclyn Swartz and Brittaney Klutz did a wonderful job sharing this message with other youth.

All in all, the Ducktona Dash was a great event for all..



## Kannapolis Fire Department Open House



Saturday, October 8, 2011 - Beholdance youth participated at the Kannapolis Fire Department Open House greeting over 150 youth visiting for the event.

The team enjoyed meeting the youth in the community and talking to them about environmental concerns in our area. It was a great way to spend the day playing games and making your own fire trucks. Competition games against Fire Department Staff pulling hoses or moving a victim then ring a bell to win where a huge hit.

Special thanks to Cory Hoyes, Dakota Palacio, Devon Scott and Shawn Cantales for setting up all the Beholdance game booths and for taking time to educate other youth. Also, William Osborne, Jaclyn Swartz, Brittany Klutz, Angelique Jackson, Allysea Thompson, Christelle Kamging, Akshar Patel, Zac Swartz and Harley Brown for their energetic help at the booths.

The highlight of the day was when one little boy got so excited at the Save the Ducks booth that he jumped into the pond to rescue the rest of the ducks. Leaving Dakota Palacio and Jaclyn Swartz a bit wet as well as the child's parents. "Another conservationists in the making." Dakota Palacio stated through laughter.

### Crop Walk



Sunday, October 12, 2011 - Beholdance youth participated in the annual Cabarrus County Crop Walk led by our very own Jaclyn Swartz. They took the pledge to walk to raise money and awareness for those going hungry in our area and abroad.

Beholdance team participants included Jaclyn Swartz, Brittany Klutz, Shawn Cantales, Dakota Palacio, Patrick McDaniels and Zac Swartz.

The theme for this years event is, "We walk because they walk."

SAVE THE DATE - Dec 4th

Join Beholdance youth at the Carolina Mall in Concord, NC to help with the Hospice Christmas Tree Ornament Fund Raiser.

If you would like to participate, please contact Jaz Swartz or Beholdance at [info@beholdance.org](mailto:info@beholdance.org).

## Say What...

Step forward Beholdance youth members that are interested in joining the Beholdance Junior Board. Some current members will be graduating from high school and leaving the area to go to college. These Junior Board seats will be coming available. Nominations will be accepted through December 15th. You may self nominate by sharing why you wish to be a Junior Board Member and what you feel you have to offer in this role (500 words or less) or you may nominate someone you feel would be a great Junior Board member.



## Storm Drain Marking

After the Crop Walk, the Beholdance team members; Zac Swartz, Jac Swartz, Brittany Klutz, Patrick McDaniels, Dakota Palacio and Shawn Cantales, joined forces to mark storm drains in Cabarrus County. Marking the drains brings awareness to the hazard of dumping and pollution in our local lakes and streams.

November 20, 2011, William Osborn and Dakota Palacio anchored some final marking in our Moss Creek subdivision. They were joined by a very young Beholdance member, Brayden Palacio, and took time to help him learn the basics.

Help us make a difference, join the next storm drain marking team by contacting Jaclyn Swartz or Dakota Palacio at [info@beholdance.org](mailto:info@beholdance.org).

## CMOW Soup Sampling

Beholdance youth recently supported the Cabarrus Meals on Wheels Sunday Soup Sampling. The group joined forces with other CMOW volunteers to serve, bus tables, handle trash services as well as take out meals.

Jac Swartz, Akshar Patel, Dakota Palacio and Amanda Surles provided all take out orders and did an excellent job while Patrick McDaniels and Zac Swartz managed bussing tables and handling the trash and keeping all tables clean for guest. Brittany Klutz and Melissa Hendrickson assisted guest with drinks and refills throughout the event.

This was another great Soup Sampling and congratulations to the Beholdance Team members that worked to help out at this community fundraiser.

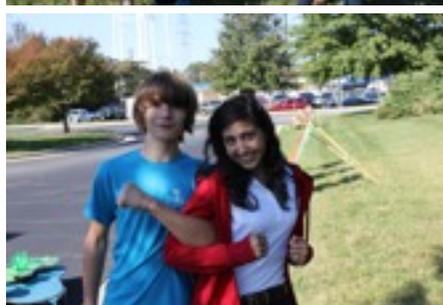
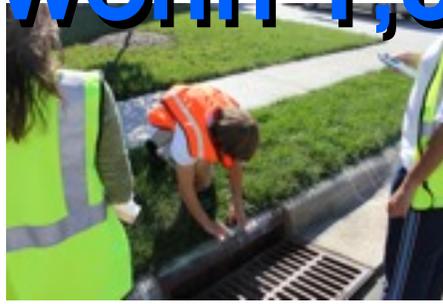
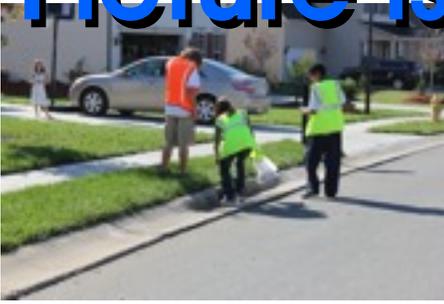
## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT US....

Thank you just doesn't seem like enough to say to you and your group. You have always gone above and beyond to make everything perfect. We really appreciate the fact that you have somehow adopted us. Please let everyone know that helped with the Soup Event how much their hard work was appreciated. With Beholdance's help, we were able to raise sponsorship funding for twenty-eight clients.

~ Lisa Church,  
Cabarrus Meals-on-Wheels



# Picture is Worth 1,000 Words



OVER 5,500 VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS



## Beholdance Mission:

To come together and take a look at issues effecting the health and well being of our planet and to stand up and give our youth a voice to our future, while instilling values, character and education regarding conservation and community service to better the world in which we live. To bring focus to our future because we are the generation that will inherit the earth and it is our voice and actions that will ensure it will be loved, protected and healthy for the coming generations.

## Over 22,000 Pet Meals

K9 Krunchies and Feline Munchies started in 2007 when the Beholdance Youth learned that local seniors receiving meals on wheels were sharing their meals with their pets. This was selected as a Beholdance project to help pets and fill a local need.

The pet meals are packaged in one gallon freezer bags and sent with the seniors meals. Some holidays, pet treats and bones are donated and these are



also special packaged to be distributed to the pets receiving meals. The youth have packaged over 22,000 pet meals to-date and are excited to share the success of this project.

Beholdance has worked diligently along with Cabarrus Meals On Wheels to get cat and dog food donated as well as zip lock bags and other supplies to make this project successful.

Beholdance youth are excited and look forward to continuing this project in our local community.

If you are interested in supporting this cause through donations such as cat food, dog food, financial contributions or wish to assist with packing or delivering K9 Krunchies and Feline Munchies, please contact Dakota Palacio at [info@beholdance.org](mailto:info@beholdance.org).

## JOIN BEHOLDANCE



### *Make the Pledge...*

"I promise to love, honor and protect our home, Earth.

I want a world where poverty is history compassion comes first and where all life is equal.

I will watch out for all living things and work to make it a better place.

I promise to take care of our animals, plants and environment as well as all who cross my path.

I am 'In Beholdance'."



## Watch Out For Wildlife

We live in an age where forest and wildlife areas are being greatly challenged. Many of the natural areas where wildlife thrive is being paved over for shopping malls and residential developments. Beholdance youth is asking you to take an extra minute to watch



out for wildlife that is in the road way. Countless pets and other native wildlife are injured or killed by cars and trucks each day. With busy schedules and trying to meet deadlines or timeliness, we all lose track of the little ones

trying to make it around us that have alternative transportation options, such as hoof, wing or paw. This methods of transportation do not keep up with the 55+ mph cars and trucks we drive. So make a promise and pass with care. Watch out for wildlife in your area.

Ways you can assist...

### Eastern Box Turtles

Eastern Box Turtles are starting to rapidly decline in numbers due in majority to traffic injuries or death. These slow moving land turtles do not understand, 'Get out of the road.' They are territorial and remain in the same area. they are the only land turtle found in North Carolina and slow to mature and have very few offspring per year. With the roadside challenges, this is making the numbers of turtles drop rapidly and conservation groups are trying to raise awareness.

If you see a box turtle crossing the road, take time to move it out of the road, in the direction it is headed. Please watch for traffic as the roadside often doesn't prove much safer for humans. If you cannot stop, please take extra precaution to not hit the turtle.

Their survival as a species depends on it.

### No Butts

Another roadside hazard for many species is caused by cigarettes being tossed out the car window. If the cigarette is still lit it can create a fire, especially in dry seasons. The cigarette butts are just as big of an issues. Small animals tend to use the filter material for nest and while at the roadside they attract raptors and other birds of prey. These large birds are very single focused and if they are hunting they do not see the oncoming vehicle. They are often too large to lift off quickly and as a result get struck by the passing car or truck. Raptors have hollow bones and an injury like this is often fatal. Those few that do survive the hit too often end up abandoned on the roadside and left to starve or die of their injuries. This can be avoided by keeping your butts in the car and emptying them when you stop for gas or when you clean out your car. This is true for food and other litter.



### Snakes, Frogs and Deer

Other native wildlife may be more prominent on the roadside during certain conditions. Before or after a rain storm, snakes and frogs are found in the road. This is because they are headed to higher ground. Please do not squeal your tires over a snake as it only injures the reptile and puts other passengers on the road in danger. Deer are more common in the early morning and late evenings on the roadside as well as in foggy weather so be on the lookout for these large animals. Trust us, you don't want a deer as a passenger in your car or to be a hit and run. It creates a great deal of damage to your vehicle and to the animal.

## The Beholdance Promise

Make a promise to yourself and to the planet to watch out for wildlife and environmental challenges in our area. Make a commitment to consolidate your route when driving to help save energy and gas. Also promise to slow down and help protect local wildlife.

### Coming Events

- Litter Sweep
- K9 Kunchies Packing Session
- Ramona's Closet - Clothing Drive
- Holiday Parade
- Junior Board Elections

### Beholdance Top Wildlife Concerns

- Right Whales, Bottlenose Dolphins, and Loggerhead Sea Turtles off NC
- Eastern Box Turtles in NC
- Gray Wolf
- Red Wolf
- Mexican Wolf
- Spirit Bear
- Polar Bear
- Bengal Tiger
- & all large cats



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