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Time for
Some Good News...



Reflections 2008



BEHOLDANCE
CELEBRATES GROWTH,
SUCCESS AND PASSIONATE OUTREACH.

December 25, 2008

CABARRUS COUNTY CROP WALK Kannapolis Chapter



CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world and in their own communities. This year Beholdance was a part of it!

Team Beholdance was lead by Jaclyn Swartz for the October 12th event. Jaclyn Swartz, Zac Swartz, Devon Scott, and puppy Harley walked for Beholdance. Dakota Palacio, Megan Hoyes and Cory Hoyes participated as Spirit Walkers. Together the group raised \$175 dollars to help families worldwide as well as right here in Cabarrus County.

Congratulations to Team Beholdance for a very successful and meaningful event. Special thanks to Mary Swartz for being our parent advisor and walking with Team Beholdance.



CABARRUS MEALS *on* WHEELS

Sunday Soup Sampling

The 4th Annual Cabarrus Meals On Wheels (CMOW) Sunday Soup Sampling was held at All Saints Parish on Lake Concord Road on November 9th, 2008. Beholdance and other CMOW Volunteers came out to assist and the event was a big success. Together funds were raised to feed 38 seniors for the coming year. This is the second year Beholdance has volunteered at CMOW Soup Sampling.

Special thanks goes to: Zac Swartz, Jaclyn Swartz, Amanda Surles, Megan Hoyes, Cory Hoyes and Dakota Palacio who assisted by serving, clearing tables and managing trash so that CMOW Guest would have a great meal while helping to support seniors in our area.

Kannapolis Chapter



Gone Nuts

Winston Chapter



The Beholdance Winston Chapter had a great kick-off event with 'Gone Nuts'. They group hosted this event at their school, Hill Magnet School as well as went together to collect at Sprague Community Center. They collected lots of acorns for the squirrels at the local wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Special thanks to: DeAnna Butcher, Jeimy Garcia, Karen Olmedo, Melson Collado, Lizbeth Arellanes, Juan Campos, Britany Epps, Iris, Ruth Yianez, Asanti Carpenter, Devonna Grooms, Sundry Butcher and Mr. Goodman for helping our furry friends survive the winter. Together they put in over 25 hours as a team for this event.



November Litter Sweep

Kannapolis Chapter

November Litter Sweep was a fun experience and we had a committed team that did the sweep in three and a half hours. They were booking it, perhaps because of the crisp November weather.



Special thanks to our November team members: Katie Waldroup, Amanda Surles, Megan Hoyes, Cory Hoyes, Jaclyn Swartz, Zac Swartz, Dakota Palacio. Thank you, Michael Hoyes, Michael Waldroup and Leslie Palacio our safety leaders for this event and last but not least, thank you, Sandra Spry for being our driver and keeping everyone hydrated and safe on the roadside.



...BEHOLDANCE TO THE RESCUE...

Kannapolis and Winston Chapters

To get their voices heard regarding the Gray Wolves in the Northern Rockies, two Beholdance Chapters joined forces and ran Gray Wolf Petitions at their schools. They organized the event and spoke to their friends at school as well as to teachers and staff about the plight of the Gray Wolf.

Currently they are listed on the Endangered Species List; however, some are pushing to have them de-listed. Should they be removed it would mean over 70% of the wolves in the Northern Rockies would be killed. This would include aerial gunning, trapping and poisoning.

Each signee on the petition will be listed in the federal record along with Beholdance as wanting to keep the Gray Wolves protected and their future secure and humane.

Hill Magnet School in Winston, home of the Beholdance Winston Chapter went all out in November trying to get their voices heard regarding the Gray Wolves in the Northern Rockies. DeAnna Butcher, the Winston Chair, lead a petition campaign along with her energetic Beholdance team that included signing a large wolf cut out and paper petition that was sent in to US Fish and Wildlife. This team put in 20.5 hours for this event and over 150 of their 200 students enrolled signed the petition.

Jaclyn and Zac Swartz led the gray wolf petition at Kannapolis Middle School (KMS) and they put in over 11 hours as a team for this project. They had over 500 students, teachers and staff sign their wolf cut out in support of keeping the gray wolves listed and protected in the Northern Rockies.

Help us keep an eye on the decision by US Fish and Wildlife on the future of our Gray Wolves.

Congratulations to Kannapolis and Winston Chapters on a great conservation initiative.



Volunteer Service Hours & Coming Events

(July – Dec 2008 – Current Group Presidential Status)

Beholdance - Asheboro, NC

- Hours served to date: 144.75 and only 55.25 hours to group Bronze!
- Currently working on a talent show to benefit Habitat for Humanity

Beholdance - Winston Salem, NC

- Hours served to date: 49.25 and only 150.75 hours to group Bronze!
- Currently working on a Smile Train Recycling Campaign at their school.

Beholdance - Kannapolis, NC

- Hours served to date: 703.50 and currently: group Silver!
- Currently working on Smile Train, K9 Krunchies and have been invited to host events for Earth Day and Boo at the Zoo Weekends at the North Carolina Zoo in 2009.



Rain or Shine - Boo at the Zoo



October came alive with lions, tigers and children in costume at the NC Zoo's annual Boo at the Zoo Festival. Beholdance youth and parents did a great job on Saturday and Sunday hosting activities at Kid's Zone and on the Plaza.

Boo at the Zoo is an annual event for Beholdance and members from all three chapters, Kannapolis, Winston and Asheboro, came together to support the NC Zoo.



This two-day event was fun for everyone. Activities included Beholdance favorites; Jungle Door Knockers and Zoo Keeper Says. This year we also had some new games including; Swamp Toss, a fun bean bag toss games featuring turtles and fish with great prizes. Boo Bling, where we helped young visitors create fun fall bracelets. Devon Scott got creative and began doing some puppet shows with the Zoo's puppets asking children to come in to the puppet theater and help him put on a puppet show for parents. A favorite play was about a camion that couldn't change colors because he lost his self confidence. The kids help work to make the camion gain more self confidence and finally he could change colors. The Ring Toss went well as a rainy day substitute and the children loved the games on Saturday under the polar bears and seals even though it rained most of the day. Everyone put on rain gear and had a wonderful time. The favorite Beholdance game was the Recycle Relay, where kids race while picking up items to be recycled and dumping them into a recycle bin then race back through colorful cones to win a prize. Joey Cantales took time to share information on a native lizard that visited us at Kid's Zone to the delight of children that stopped to take a look. The plaza was filled with fun activities and games and the team helped out with some of the booth at the entrance of the zoo. The Beholdance team also managed all face painting and tattoos for the event and did an excellent job with constant line of folks waiting to proudly display their favorites.

Over 460 hours were contributed by Beholdance for Boo at the Zoo so let the youth know what a great accomplishment they achieved as a team.

The Beholdance Boo Team is listed on the next page.



Carolina Raptor Center – Fall Family Festival Kannapolis Chapter

November 29th Beholdance helped out at the Carolina Raptor Center's Fall Family Festival. It was a very cold but great event. Guest and Volunteers got to get up close and personal with the raptors at the center.

The Beholdance Team hosted booths for Autumn Bling, Face painting and Recycle Relay for the young and young at heart at the festival. The team put in 58.5 hours at the CRC.

Special Thanks to Nadine Bucek and Tory Cantales for face painting. Cory Hoyes, Megan Hoyes and Joey Cantales did a great job at staffing the Recycle Relay while Dakota Palacio and Katie Waldroup managed those tiny beads for Autumn Bling. Joey found a way to keep his fingers warm at the event with the flower finger puppet prizes, see below. The group also got the warmers from the concessions and had a hand warming session to end the day.



Special Thanks for the Boo at the Zoo Beholdance Team

Amanda Surles
Anthony Palmer
Cory Mason
Cory Tapp
Dakota Palacio
DeAnna Butcher
Devon Scott
Donna Surles
Hannah Love
Jac Swartz
Jake Self
Joey Cantales
Josh Self
Kaitlyn Mason
Kiara Martin
Kylar Martin
Leslie Palacio

Linda Karriker
Luis Martinez
Madison Goodman
Mary Swartz
Megan Hoyes
Meredith Baker
Michael Hoyes
Missy Mason
Nadine Bucek
Saundra Spry
Sundy Butcher
Tim Surles
Tito Martinez
Tony Butcher
Tori Cantales
Trish Vinocur
Zac Swartz

K9 Kunchies and Feline Munchies Going Strong



Beholdance K9 Krunchies and Feline Munchies are going strong. Since July we have delivered over 600 pounds of dog and cat food to support the pet meals program.

Special thanks to those at the Kannapolis Beholdance Chapter that assisted with packaging meals for CMOW. Also, a big thank you to Saundra Spry for delivering our pet meals this year to the CMOW Office.

Beholdance Computers Get A Good Home



Cory Hoyes has been working hard for the past several weeks on three computers that were donated to Beholdance from CISTECH's computer lab. He put these to great use by taking them up to his high school in Linville Falls and using them in their computer science class for education and then wiped the hard drives and refurbished them to give away to youth in need. Two of these computers turned out to be able to be refurbished. December 22nd, Cory and other Beholdance members delivered the computers to the Carolina Children Center in Concord, NC.

Join us in thanking Cory for his 20 hours spent working on these computers for the benefit of Beholdance and others in our community.

Beholdance Participates in the 71st Annual Kannapolis Christmas Parade

Nothing like a parade to share in the holiday celebrations! Beholdance participated for the first time in the local Kannapolis Holiday Evening Parade and shared the holiday spirit as well as shared the Beholdance mission with the community by submitting an entry called, "A Gift of a Healthy Planet". The float had a huge gift box decorated in beautiful, red shimmering ribbon with a 40 inch Earth coming out of the box. Several endangered animals rode on the float. Shhh, we didn't tell the crowd they were stuffed. The entire unit was full of white lights and large snowflakes that twinkled as the youth made their way down Main Street. Beholdance members walked beside the float and waved at the crowd gathered on the parade route.

We are lucky to have great sponsors this year. Mary and Brad Swartz were the sponsors for Beholdance. Also, the truck was provided by Donna and Tim Surles of Kannapolis. Tim also did the framing for the base of the truck. Jimmy Palacio and Michael Hoyes did the framing of the gift box and managed the electrical needs for the float. Leslie Palacio and Sandra Spry provided the lights and decorations. The youth assisted with the painting and decorations of the unit. It was a team effort and turned out to be a fantastic first entry for Beholdance in the Kannapolis Christmas Parade.

Those of you that are local can see the parade on channel 22, Time Warner Cable.

**Wishing you a
Happy Holiday!**



Beholdance 2008 Entry for the Kannapolis Holiday Parade.

Long Awaited Decision For Beluga Whales In Cook Inlet

The NOAA Fisheries Service has announced that the Beluga Whales in Cook Inlet will be listed as endangered under the ESA. This will give these last members a chance at survival.



Congratulations to those of you that assisted with letters during the comment period. You helped make this possible! Please, help us keep an eye on the status of the Beluga's in Cook Inlet.



ABOUT BEHOLDANCE - WHO WE ARE

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.

Meaning of Beholdance:

The meaning of Beholdance has been defined by our founder, Dakota Palacio.

"Beholdance is an energy-heart word. It is kinda like a placeholder in your heart where the love and compassion exist. To be in beholdance of something means to hold a place in your heart and to give it love, joy and compassion and to know it will manifest from that love and support. For example, I might be in beholdance of my grandfather's full health because he just had major back surgery or I might be in beholdance of a person, event, relationship, etc. I picked it from a combination of words:

- **Behold**, which means to have in sight; to see clearly, to hold focus, to support.
- **Beholden**, which means to have or hold gratitude, to be indebted with respect.
- **Dance**, which is a symbol of love, joy and happiness in motion

These words I felt help best describe our mission and this is why I chose the name Beholdance. Personally, Beholdance is about holding a space in my heart for the planet and all who call it home so that we may all come together in peace, health and love. I hope it will help teach the new youth how to love, honor and protect our Mother Earth and her plants, animals and its people. It's about taking responsibility for our home, our planet Earth. We were born on this planet with all that we need and we have developed in our intelligence yet we get so involved in upgrading society that we too often forget about basic care. Therefore we've endangered our planet as well as ourselves. It is now time to give back what we can and to look at how our actions both good and bad effect how we live.

To pledge Beholdance, means to take responsibility; to claim the vision and outcome of the health and well being of our future and to remind all who call Earth home that each and every one of us is indebted to its continued health and protection.

This is what it means to be '**In Beholdance**'."

Goals and Objectives:

Beholdance hopes to engender love and protection for our animals, people and planet in the minds and hearts of our youth and to grow that voice and vision globally. To take responsibility for our actions and choices that effect our environment and the inhabitants of our shared home and to set the vision and voice for our future by upholding the full health and well being of all concerned. We'd like to become the leading youth conservation and community service organization on the planet because ultimately the planet belongs to those who are coming and we are simply responsible for its care on their behalf.

Beholdance 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**'."