

Share Your Holiday

Once again, this year's Share Your Holiday event was a true success with 346 members and guests attending! Our all time high! Our theme, the Gift of Giving, was held true with the help and generous contributions from all of you. Everyone helped with the purchase of raffle tickets, adopting BOMA Bears, silent auction items, and of course gave money for this worthy cause. Because of your generosity, 50 families and over 200 children will have food, clothing, blankets, and toys this holiday season.

I would like to give a special and heartfelt thank you to our two guests, Blanca Cordova and Tausha Smith from the House of Grace and Heritage House of CityTeam Ministries. It took a lot of courage for them to stand up and share their stories. They are two amazing women who have gone through far too much at such young ages. Because of their strength and courage and the help of CityTeam Ministries, they are now in a much better place in life. They have continued to be in my heart and prayers since meeting them that day. To me, it brought home why we support CityTeam Ministries year after year. Without the money and support from people such as you, they would not be able to keep their organization going to help young women like Blanca and Tausha.

I would like to recognize below our generous sponsors for this year's event:

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We would also like to express our appreciation to those of you that volunteered for shopping and delivering to our adopted families. Those less fortunate will be blessed this holiday season because of your generosity and caring.

I would also like to take this opportunity and acknowledge my truly wonderful committee, but first I need to admit something. I was prepared to expand on each member's contribution to the committee while I was at the podium at the luncheon, but as some of you probably noticed, I was stumbling with my words. I could not see my notes and got so flustered about that, I couldn't remember anything! I guess since I am now 40 "something", I better break down and get reading glasses! Anyway, now that I can calmly sit at my computer and think clearly, I want to give a proper acknowledgment to my committee. Please indulge me and read to the end.

Bob Jacobvitz, aka "BOMA Bob" – What can I say, this event, nor any other, would be what it is today without the time and persistence Bob gives to the committee. He puts in a tremendous amount of behind the scenes time that sometimes goes unacknowledged, but is never unnoticed. Thank you, Bob!

Bob's assistant, Barbara Hopwood – Thank you, Barbara, for a job well done. She came into the organization right about the time we were ramping up and she dove right in and did a great job!

My Co-Chair and 2008's SYH Chair - Scott Schipper, KBM Workspace – Scott is involved in pretty much everything! He not only kept up with the committee announcements where I could not, he was involved in the luncheon planning, and the operations and assembly side. He will make a great Chair next year! Thank you, Scott, for all your help!

Julie Petit, Equity Office, Subcommittee Chair, Luncheon Planning and Execution – Julie has been a God-Send to our committee! She has great ideas (she loves planning the dessert each year!), is focused, organized, and great in coordinating with the hotel staff. What can I say, she made the lunch come together! And, how about that food selection! Thank you, Julie, so much.

Brian Seifert, Draeger Construction, Subcommittee Chair, Logistics and Delivering – Brian has been doing the coordination of the families for many years and has done an awesome job! Most people think that Share Your Holiday is over after the lunch, well, for Brian, it's just beginning! Much coordination with CityTeam Ministries is involved in compiling the list of families. He then coordinates with his subcommittee and gathers food and blankets and supplies. He puts together the list of volunteers and coordinates who assembles, who buys, and ultimately who delivers. He's done a wonderful job for us over the years. Thank you so much, Brian. He will be taking a break now from his duties and Terry Reicken of CMD Builders has agreed to step up into his role. Good luck, Terry, you have some very large shoes to fill but I know you can do it!

Cory Gross, Pro-Formance Painting, Subcommittee Chair, Sponsorship – He's done an awesome job in collecting sponsorship money. He has exceeded our goal for the last two years! Thank you so much, Cory, for a job well done!

So that there is room for other articles in this Byline, I guess I need to shorten my acknowledgements of everyone, but I do still want you to know that I appreciate all of their time and dedication and tell you what they do for the committee:

Brian Michael, Perfection Sweeping – Sponsorship Committee
Carol Welter, Graphiques - She volunteers all of her time in creating the wonderful graphics and wording for the announcements
Chuck Payton, A-PRO Pest Control – Contributes his time in working with Brian Seifert
Diane Rebecchi, Metro Maintenance and Engineering - Obtains the supplies for the families and works with Jerry Walker for the silent auction sports memorabilia
Don De Fever, Jensen Landscaping – Sponsorship committee
Jean Melton, CMD Builders – Helps out with the teddy bear adoption program
John Yegge, Woodmont Real Estate – Creates our Powerpoint presentation
Karen Cowen, Restoration Management – Luncheon planning and set up
Kathy Nunes, Jensen Landscaping – Creativity in decorations and coming up with the teddy bear adoption program. We will miss you!
Kevin McArthur, Pacific Weathershield Roof Systems – Vacation planner
Laurie Ness, 247 Workspace – Overall assistance
Lon Hansen, Alliance Roofing – Raffle ticket sales and organizer when sending out our mailers
Matthew Hyatt, DelConte Landscaping – Helps on the presentation
Michelle Russell, Sleepy Hollow Management – Silent Auction Coordinator
Myra Eitel, Ritchie Asset Management – Silent auction
Nick Caravelli, C & S Carpeting and Floor Coverings – Operations/assembly assistance
Tammie Mark, Nationwide Floor & Window Coverings – Operations/assembly assistance
Terry Riecken, CMD Builders - Responsible for collecting the dental hygiene supplies and next year's Operations Subcommittee Chair
Tom DelConte, DelConte Landscaping – Overall assistance
Peter Martin, Signature Print Services - Contributed all the printing and signage

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me this opportunity of chairing the Share Your Holiday committee again in 2007. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone in 2008.

Diane Blake,
Chair of 2007 Share Your Holiday Committee