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Builders Without Borders of Texas

A 501(c)3, non-profit organization dedicated to helping others help themselves.

December 2020

We don't just build buildings. We build lives.

H O P E (Heart Optimism Perseverance Endurance)

2020 has certainly had its challenges for all of us. Builders Without Borders of Texas is not immune to the struggles. However, we have HOPE! We will continue to run the race that is set before us.

So let's begin with the good...

- The 10th annual Pumpkin Patch saw record-breaking sales.
- The Blue Monkey Resale Gift Shop re-opened at twice its previous size after being closed for three years due to severe damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. Plus, the community has really come through with bringing incredible donations to sell in the store.
- This past summer, we produced and delivered to local food pantries our best tomato crop since beginning that project three summers ago and have every reason to believe it will continue to get better and better.
- Our schools in Haiti opened on schedule this past fall.
- Our children's home in Haiti has remained healthy and continues to provide love and care to the children. Because of some extremely generous donors, the home was able to welcome in three additional children who were in dire circumstances, an act which very likely saved their lives.

Of course, we would not be honest to say that we have not felt the negative effects of 2020. Due to financial strains, a few of our regular donors have had to reduce or discontinue giving. Because of the close living quarters and the nature our bunk houses, we have suspended volunteer team housing, which in turn has decreased our ability to help with local disaster relief. We will begin again once we feel comfortable that our volunteers will be as safe as possible. The same situation is true for our rice and bean project. Due to travel restrictions and not being able to use the Rio Bravo hospital, for the first time in 12 years, we were not able to do our annual eye surgery clinic in Mexico. Lastly, we will not be traveling to Haiti to have Christmas at the children's home this year (more about that on the other side of this letter).

While all of these things sadden us deeply, we believe that we will eventually be able to return to fully carrying out all of our projects.

Turning lemons into lemonade... we are using this time to put a lot of focus into our resale store and related fundraising projects that we believe will bring greater financial stability over the long term.

For those who have continued to support us through 2020, we thank you greatly. For those who have had to cut back on support we appreciate all you have done in the past and hold you in our prayers.



If are able and willing to help us carry out what we do, here are some ways that you can help.

As mentioned, our resale store re-opened at the end of September. If you live in the Houston area, please stop by to see us... *and shop for a cause!*

The store is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 until 6:00 and Friday, Saturday from 10:00 until 4:00. Donations can be dropped off during store hours. We are also in need of volunteers to help in the store. If you are interested, email Lori@bwbtxas.org.

The annual Pumpkin Patch has been such a success, that this year during December, we are adding *Christmas on Edgewood*. We hope this will become an event that many in the community look forward to every year.



Christmas on Edgewood

206 E. Edgewood—Friendswood

Everyday during December

-FREE CHRISTMAS PHOTO SET-UPS-

BRING YOUR CAMERA

Special Event Saturdays and Sundays—ALL FREE!

December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 from 11:00 until 5:00

-Ride the NEW BLUE MONKEY EXPRESS-

-Enjoy a COOKIE, HOT COCOA AND A CANDY CANE-

Saturday, December 12th from 1:00 until 5:00

VISIT SANTA IN THE CHRISTMAS HOUSE



Christmas in Haiti

We will send money to Frantzo and Anise to do the Christmas shopping in Haiti. Our goal is enough money for each child in the children's home to receive a new outfit and a toy, food for a special Christmas meal, and a gift/bonus for each staff member and teacher at the home and our two schools. Our goal is \$6,000.

Haiti Support

While Christmas is a special time of year and we definitely need your support at this time, the needs of the children at the home and the schools is great throughout the year. Your support ensures a safe and secure home structure, regular nutritious meals, medical care, and an education for hundreds of children. Please consider becoming a regular monthly donor.

Details on how to give for Christmas and how to become a regular supporter are included with this letter.

Ways to Give

Go to our web site www.builderswithoutbordersoftexas.org. There you will find boxes to click that will take you to our giving pages. One page will allow you to give online to Christmas in Haiti. The other is where you can set up recurring giving to support the children's home and our two schools. Our donations are processed by Network for Good and deposited directly into BWBT accounts.

If you would prefer to mail a check, please make your check payable to B.W.B.T. If you would like your check to go to a specific cause, please write that in the memo line.

Checks can be mailed to:

B.W.B.T.

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We appreciate you and hope that you have a blessed and Merry Christmas.