



## Welcome

to the first issue of our seasonal newsletter, "What's Happening." We want to keep you informed and up-to-date about our programs and special events. The Charity Guild is a very busy place!

- ★ **The Food Pantry** operates Tuesday through Thursday each week from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30. We distribute bags of groceries to families and individuals in need, and deliver groceries one day a week to those unable to pick up groceries in person.
- ★ **Our Thrift Store** is loaded with unique finds. We even have brand new, still in the package clothing from Chadwicks. One never knows what he or she will discover on our racks and glass cases. There is something for everyone, for every season!

Come check us out!

## Did You Know

about the programs we have in place that target all ages of our client base?

- ★ The Charity Guild, Inc. of Brockton is a non-profit organization whose daily services include giving bags of groceries to the **needy** and providing clothing, through our Thrift Store, to those **individuals in emergency situations**. We service around 20,000 people a year.
- ★ We have a "**Special Foods for Special People**" program, which supplies special dietary food products to the **elderly** and highly nutritional foods for **children** who are mal-nourished. We received two grants in 2008 and 2009 to fulfill the needs of this program.
- ★ Through a grant in 2008 and 2009 from The Howard Home for the Elderly, we started another program in which we deliver food to those **disabled** and can not come to our facility. The referrals have come from Old Colony Services of Plymouth County as well as publicity. We currently have 20 clients.
- ★ We received a grant from New England Tech in 2008 and 2009 that permits us to buy diapers for **babies**.
- ★ A program begun in March of 2009 brings **young children and their families** to the Children's Museum in North Easton once a month, affording parents to spend quality time with their children in an educational setting. This year we plan to have a dinner at the Museum for the families who sign up for this event. The project is being underwritten by a grant from two foundations, Clippership and Hannaford Markets.
- ★ Each year we partner with a **class in an elementary school** in Brockton and do a Mother's Day project. We purchase various items for **mothers** and the children make bracelets through the help of the Fuller Craft Museum. The Board Members gaily wrap the gifts, and the children take them home to their mothers for Mother's Day. This project came about through a grant written in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. This year's event will take place on May 5, 2010.



## Dates to Remember

May	16
<p><b>“Race Against Hunger”</b></p> <p>D.W. Field Park 11:00 A.M.</p> <p><b>Register:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Online at <a href="http://thecharityguild.org">thecharityguild.org</a>.</li><li>2. In person at The Charity Guild, 501 Main Street, Brockton.</li><li>3. In person at D.W. Field Park on the day of the event.</li></ol> <p><b>Features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5.5K for runners.</li><li>• 3K for families and walkers.</li></ul> <p>Come JOIN us for a day of FUN and FOOD!</p>	

September	30
<p><b>Harvest Gala</b> featuring <b>“Dancing With the Champions” 2010</b></p> <p>Shaw’s Conference Center 6:00:P.M.</p> <p><b>Preliminaries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 15, 2010</li><li>• September 22, 2010</li></ul>	

December	3
<p><b>Holiday Concert</b></p> <p>Thorney Lea Golf Club Brockton, MA 6:00 p.m.</p>	

## We Need You!

If you have some spare time, The Charity Guild needs **VOLUNTEERS**.

Please come join our staff of volunteers and help a worthy cause. Call and make an appointment to take a tour and learn what you can do to make a difference in someone’s life!

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