

## BOARD WORK

By definition, a board retreat is a special kind of meeting that provides an unparalleled opportunity to engage all board members (trustees and overseers), board committee members, and leadership staff in discussions of strategic importance.

The **2009 Board Retreat**, titled *Matchmaker Matchmaker Make Me a Match*, will focus on the strategic area of creating awareness and goodwill for Redwood. The Strategic Planning Committee envisions this as simply a matter of **matchmaking**. In other words, making purposeful connections and interactions with people or organizations to identify opportunities for a win-win from either "giving to" or "receiving from" Redwood.

Join us **Saturday morning, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon** to learn more about this exciting strategic initiative and how you can help. If you haven't already RSVP'd, do so today by contacting Barbara at 859-331-0880 or [bhoward@redwoodnky.org](mailto:bhoward@redwoodnky.org).

## THANKSGIVING

Redwood will celebrate and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to all clients and staff on Thursday, November 19. Child Development will host the **Annual Thanksgiving dinner** for families in Therapeutic Childcare on **Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Redwood cafeteria. The dinner for families of School Age Services (SAS) and adults and families of the Adults Now program will be on **Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Redwood cafeteria. Parents are asked to sign up in the classrooms for their "potluck" dish to share. Please note that Redwood will be closed on November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. We hope that you and yours have a blessed holiday!

## PASSAGES

Our sincere condolences to **Lillian Powers** on the passing of her husband and **Daryl Theis** on the passing of her father-in-law.

We bid a sad farewell to **Scott Hester** who passed away this month. Scott was employed at Redwood for two years as the night shift custodian before his passing. He will certainly be missed!

Bravo to staffers **Amy Schwegmann** and **Constance Nauert** for their glowing performances in the Cincinnati Children's Theatre version of *Beauty and the Beast*. See them next in *Tom Sawyer* at the Children's Theatre in April! Visit [www.thechildrenstheatre.com](http://www.thechildrenstheatre.com) for tickets or more information.

## SERVICE LEARNING

The kids from School Age Services are at it again giving back to the community. As part of a service learning project, they organized a food drive and delivered 200 lbs. of donated food products to Action Ministries.

Action Ministries is an all-volunteer organization of people from different churches that provides groceries, hope, and encouragement to low-income families. Action Ministries also supports Redwood's mission through the donation of vegetables, bread, and other food for our cafeteria.

Service-learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with curriculum-based learning. Critical to this type of learning is building in time for students to reflect on their service experience. Reflection time helps students make the connection between classroom and community learning, and ensures they understand the extent to which they can impact positive change.

Kids learn new skills through service learning activities, such as making cookies (learning to read a recipe and how to measure), selling them (money exchange), and then giving the proceeds to help someone else.

Working together on a project to benefit others develops teamwork, compassion for others, and a sense of civic responsibility. Most importantly,

service learning helps kids discover their power to help others.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Special thanks to the **Bean Bash Board**, the **Boone County Businessmen's Association**, volunteers, donors, and over 1000 attendees at the **Bean Bash!** It was a great day of fundraising and friend raising to support programs for children and adults with special need.

The **Redwood Express** will be leaving the station at Receptions on **Friday, March 5**. Gift gathering parties for auction items are needed. If you are interested in hosting a gift gathering party, or would like more information, please contact **Shannon** at [shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org](mailto:shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org) or 859-331-0880.

Don't miss "**Eve and Eddie's Christmas Cruise**," presented by the Footlighters. Proceeds from both performances on **Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m.**, will benefit Redwood. You'll see board member **Phil Schworer and wife, Lynn**, performing their dancing best. The show is at the Stained Glass Theatre in Newport and tickets are only \$15. To purchase: call 513-474-8711 or visit [www.footlighters.org](http://www.footlighters.org). Go to tickets; click on individual tickets; and the show will appear.

Do you like golf? If so, the Redwood Golf Outing committee needs you. The **Golf Outing** is scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2010. Fresh faces for the committee are needed. Want to help but don't have a lot of time? Well, you are in luck. The committee only meets live twice and has three conference calls plus the outing. Contact **Shannon** at [shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org](mailto:shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org) or 859-331-0880 to get involved.

Congratulations to the October Derby winners: **Val W. Dolwick, Stephen D. Wolnitzek, Jack O'Banion** and **Thomas Krallman**.

### DO YOU HAVE A TARGET REDcard?

When parents, friends, staff and other Redwood supporters use their Target REDcards, Target donates up to 1% of their purchases back to Redwood. It's minimal effort with maximum reward. Enroll at [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) or 1-800-316-6142. Redwood's school identification number is 7402.

Be sure to spread the word to your friends and family to designate Redwood.

### CALENDAR

**11/14** – Board Retreat (8 a.m. – noon)

**11/18** – Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 p.m. at Redwood for kids/adults and families enrolled in ECCC

**11/19** – Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 p.m. at Redwood for adults/families of SAS, & Adults NOW

**11/26** – Thanksgiving holiday – Redwood Closed

**11/27** – Thanksgiving holiday – Redwood Closed

### WISH LIST

Special thanks to **Phil and Lynn Schworer** for generously supporting Special Events with several auction item donations as well as hosting a successful gift gathering party for the Express event. Items/support still needed include:

Carpet cleaner Mops/Vacuum Clorox Wipes Wood bookcases/cabinets 9' x 12' area carpet Toddler chairs	Play food and Playdough MagnaDoodles Bubbles Hard cardboard books Dress-up clothes Art materials/supplies
Games for young adults (Monopoly, Checkers, Connect 4, Uno, Jenga, Battleship) Books/Magazines for young adults	External hard drives Laptops USB Flash drives USB Mouse Computer speakers Digital cameras DVD player w/ remote control Radio/CD player
Wet wipes and tissues	Sofa or Recliner
Batteries (all types but AA)	Four-seated stroller

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

### COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

This is your newsletter. Suggestions or comments for/about articles are welcome. Direct responses to **Shannon Hollenkamp** at Redwood, 71 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Mitchell, KY Phone: 331-0880, Fax: 331-6177, Email: [shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org](mailto:shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org)