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## People First Quarterly Newsletter November 2019

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- **Shirley's Popcorn Fundraiser-** The fundraiser went really well. Everyone who plans on attending Synergy sold the popcorn. In total, we sold \$3096.85 of popcorn sales. Our profit was \$1363.55. This helped pay for individuals fees for Synergy.

### **Food Drive**

The food drive was from July 30th-August 1st. Great job to all those who helped. We delivered food donations to Continental Circle of Friends Parish Food Pantry and the Blessings Box. They were very happy that we were able to help get donations for their cause.



- **Pioneer Parade-** Thank you to all of those who showed up and volunteered to walk in the parade with People First. We had a great turn out and even though we had a little bit of rain everyone stuck it out and did great!
- **Synergy Conference-** This conference went really well! We had 13 individuals, 2 county board members, 1 parent and 1 staff attend the conference. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy their time there and learning about how to become a better advocate for themselves. We hope to be able to attend again next year and bring advocates again!

**Habitat for Humanity-** Jim and Lisa were able to help feed the volunteers in Leipsic at the Habitat for Humanity house. They were fed sandwiches, chips and cookies.



- **Fall Dance-** What a great turnout! We had around 30 people come this year and it was a very good time. All the advocates who attended were able to win door prizes, pumpkins or mums. We want to thank our DJ, Avery, and all the individuals who attended this fun evening. People First gave a donation of \$75 to New Creations Lutheran Church for allowing us to use the facilities for the dance.



- **Knap Sac-** We are looking for individuals who would like to volunteer again. We typically help around 100 families a month. This is a great way of giving back to the community. If you would like to volunteer to start helping please let Christine Smith know.

- **Popcorn Machine-** As some of you may not know, People First's popcorn machine stopped working while at the Putnam County Fair. The officers have chosen a new one that cost \$162 and it has been ordered so that advocates are able to concessions at Brookhill Basketball Games. We are hoping it will arrive before the first game on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

- **November People First Meeting-** Our next big people first meeting is going to be on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm. We will be having a Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner. People First will be providing the meat, turkey, and we are asking that everyone planning on attending bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Anyone who plans to attend, please RSVP to Christine or Morgan by November 13<sup>th</sup> with how many are attending and what you plan on bringing so we know how much meat we are going to need and what dishes are being brought.

- **Gift Exchange-** Along with having a Thanksgiving meal, this is going to be the Christmas party. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange please bring a friendly gift \$10 and under.

- **Christmas Giving Back-** At the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, everyone voted to give back to our Soldiers and donate items for those who are away from their families this Christmas. If you would like to help donate some items needed to collect for the Soldier Boxes are single packets of juice/powerade, slim Jim(no chicken), trail mix, sunflower seeds, body wash, shampoo, conditioner (travel sizes), disposable razors, wet wipes, candy (no chocolate), gum, deodorant, socks(white, medium weight, ankle to lower calf length), power bars, cookies and amazon gift cards (\$20) for soldiers to purchase gifts for family members.

**Donations will be accepted at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

- **Dinner Fundraiser-** Instead of doing a spaghetti dinner this year, it was voted on to do a Taco Bar for the winter fundraiser. The Taco Bar will be held before the last Brookhill Basketball game on January 8<sup>th</sup>. More Details to come.

### **Upcoming Events to remember:**

- November 13<sup>th</sup>- RSVP due to Morgan or Christine for meeting.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – First Brookhill Basketball Game- People First Concessions
- **November 20<sup>th</sup>- People First Thanksgiving/Christmas Meeting**
- January 8<sup>th</sup> – Taco Bar Fundraiser
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Officers Meeting
- January 15<sup>th</sup>- Large People First Meeting.