



# SBRCCF NEWS

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## LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION...



SBRCCF may have found a home! Since the Carver Library, 1509 Highland Road, will soon be moving to a new location, we have an opportunity to lease the building that currently houses the library.

The two story brown brick structure located on the corner of Highland and Louise streets was constructed in 1934 and purchased by the current owner, Joseph Divincenti, in

1975. For several years, Mr. Divincenti leased the building to Channel 2, while they completed the remodel of their current facility.

The soon-to-be vacant building is in a fantastic location. We have pursued the opportunity to lease the facility for over a year, and the doors are now open for us to proceed. The school would be located on the ground floor of the 6,000 square foot building, and the family resource and literacy cen-

ters would occupy the second floor.

We have a little research to do before we move in. Spike James has agreed to look over the building with us and let us know of any repairs that will need to be made. After that, we'll have an architect look at it and give us recommendations about ways to prepare the space for our purposes.

We also have some financial planning to do. Mr. Divincenti has agreed to lease the building to us on a graduating scale. For the first six months, rent would be 1500 dollars a month; after that, it would increase to 2000 dollars for six months; and thereafter, it would be 2500 dollars. Included in this rent is a large lot next door to the

*Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

*Matthew 19:26*

### Mission Statement

**SBRCCF's mission is to break destructive cycles through educating children, enriching families and empowering communities using Christian principles.**

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### WHAT'S NEW?

SBRCCF has organized a Community Advisory Team in the Old South Baton Rouge Community (OSBR). The purpose of the Community Advisory Team is to allow the people of the community to voice their needs and desires to SBRCCF. The team basically consists of people we have met in the process of exploring and researching the needs of the

community. Their focus centers around new dreams and opportunities for the families of OSBR.

The first meeting was in March at the Carver Library. Those present at the meeting were Lorita Allen ( a young woman met through classes at the YWCA Family Development Center), Josephine Batische ( Principal at Buchanan Elem.), Hosea and Juanita

Dyson, Julian and Kimberly McCoy ( met through classes at Buchanan Elem.), Alice Lewis (former member of SBRCCF and Advisory Board member), Rod Thomas, Bobby, Eddie and Kimberly Lolis, Yvonne Byrd (also an SBRCCF board member), all Carver Library employees, Whitney Heastie (SBRCCF board member), and George and Carolyn Myer.

## Building Blocks for healthy families –Missy Peck

Since our last newsletter in December:

1. We taught a 3-week PEERS (Practical Experiences for Enhancing Relationships) course at Buchanan Elementary school to 22 parents, couples, and children to improve their communication skills with each other. The evaluations from the participants were very favorable, and some of the parents have been recruited for SBRCCF's community advisory board.
2. The YWCA Parenting Program invited us to teach a 6 week class on "Exploring Relationships and Marriage" to their parents who are working on getting GED's. The class consisted of 18 mothers (mostly single women), and one father. The students enjoyed the opportunity to talk about the reality of relationships in a group setting; they have requested more classes.
3. April is Child Abuse Prevention month, and to highlight this in the community, we ordered 500 free Community Resource Packets entitled "Safe Children



and Healthy Families Are A Shared Responsibility" from the Department of Health and Human Resources. We attached SBRCCF's business card to the packet and have placed them at Dixon Correctional Institution, Our Lady of the Lake Pediatric Emergency waiting room, George Carver Library, and Baton Rouge General Emergency waiting room. We plan to provide packets to parents from Buchanan and Polk schools who participate in our back to school supply give-away party in July.

We hope to schedule one more "Exploring Relationships and Marriage" class with Early Headstart in May to finish our Compassion Capital Fund grant project.

Please continue to pray for the harvest God has begun in the hearts of the families He has brought to us. We thank him for your partnership with us in the fields!

## What's cooking?

An update from Christy Harper



The cookbook committee has been busy wrapping up the kitchen-testing phase, and making the final recipe selections for the *Serve with Love* Cookbook. Holly Clegg, a successful local cookbook author, has given us permission to publish some of her recipes. We have had a lot of fun tasting and sharing recipes, and are excited about sharing the fruits of our labors in the finished product.

We have been pursuing many exciting opportunities to spread the word about *Serve With Love*. Barnes and Noble has decided to carry our book. In November and December, we will be allotted a



few hours to host a tasting event in stores to offer samples to customers and display the book.

Our book will also be featured at Beauregard Gallery in downtown Baton Rouge. Janet Terrell, the owner, has volunteered to sell the books and give all the profits to SBRCCF.

In addition to those two locations, Claus & Claus Realtors is allowing us to display the books in their office, and is also planning on purchasing the book as a housewarming gift for their clients.

Phil Ranier has also offered to feature *Serve with Love* on the Morning Show after it is printed.

Anyone who would like to reserve a copy may do so by emailing christea4christ@yahoo.com, or by calling 225-226-1700. Please indicate your name, phone number, and number of books you want to reserve. The cost will be \$15.

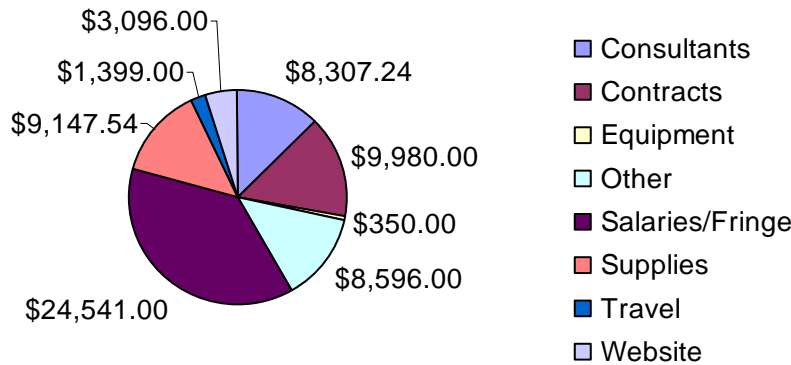
### Cookbook Committee

**Christy Harper, Cindy Allen, Jill Duve, Lorraine Beaman, Elizabeth Braud, Sandy Collins, Pearl Foreman, Glenna Gammon, Effie Moore, Joyce Murphy, Greg & Sally Palmer, Mary Raines, Karen Shockley, Glenda Tate, Lora Taylor, Debbie Tudor, Wanda Whittington, Agnes Gobert Harrel**

## Money Matters

Here is a breakdown of finances for the SBRCFF. We have received money from Louisiana Association For Nonprofit Organizations (LANO), LANO/Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAAF), Compassion Capital Fund, and Individual Contributors. Each time we write a proposal, a budget is produced to account for the spending of all money. Therefore all money is designated to be spent in specific, agreed upon ways, building the capacity of the foundation.

### Budgeted Expenses



### PROJECTED EXPENSES FOR SBRCFF

LANO \$12,120.78  
 Equipment -\$ 350  
 Supplies -\$ 2463.54  
 Consultants -\$ 8307.24  
 Other- \$ 1000

LANO/BRAAF \$3096  
 Website -\$ 3,096

COMPASSION CAPITAL FUND \$50,000  
 Salaries/Fringe- \$ 24,541  
 Travel -\$ 1,399  
 Supplies -\$ 6,684  
 Contracts- \$ 9,980  
 Other- \$ 7,596

For we are God's fellow workers; you are  
 God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:9

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### SBRCFF Board Members

Richard Horner  
 Albert Samuels  
 Whitney Heastie  
 Andree Reynaud  
 Yvonee Byrd  
 Agnes Gobert Harrel  
 George Myer  
 Acting Secretary-Joanne Whitley

### SBRCFF Advisory Board

Loren Scott  
 Lisa Patin  
 Krista Howard  
 Alice Lewis  
 Steve Wood  
 Roger Butner

Mickey Pounders

Tanya Stuart  
 Keith Thorton  
 Lloyd Jones  
 Leann Heastie

### Community Advisory team

Josephine Batiste  
 Lorita Allen  
 Hosea and Juanita Dyson  
 Julian and Kimberly Mc Cool  
 Eddie and Kimberly  
 Alice Lewis  
 Rod Turner

### Back to School Giveaway

Lisa Lee

### Cookbook committee

### SBRCFF Technical Presentation

Patrick Peck  
 Sam Peck

### Newsletter

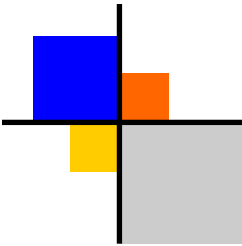
Rachel Wylie  
 Melanie Hartline  
 Patty Peck

### Prayer Warrior

Van Chesney

### Partners

Buchanan Elementary  
 Polk Elementary  
 Carver Library  
 YWCA/Family Resource Center



## A Message From Carolyn



Dear Friends of SBRCCF,

Since we rang in the New Year, we have been inundated with unexpected opportunities to help break destructive cycles in South Baton Rouge. We have been amazed watching God's hand transform this dream from "a little school" to varied opportunities to address many needs of a community. His ways are higher than our ways, and He has continually blessed and provided for this ministry above and beyond my expectations. In Isaiah, the prophet proclaimed: *He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.* May SBRCCF be used by God to bring gladness where there is mourning and praise where there is despair.

Peace and Joy,

Carolyn

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## How can I help?

Donation:

\$25    \$50    \$75    \$100

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Volunteer

committee member

mentoring

general help at events

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