

April, 2013

Opportunity



BEN-E-LECT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

The Ultimate Bunco Blowout

...not just for the ladies



“Bunco *and* Lunch...for only \$10?
You know you gotta eat!”
- **Kirt, Bunco Enthusiast**

Most Buncos \$250!

Most Wins \$250!

Tickets \$10



“Yo, VIP, Let’s Kick it!
Dice, Dice Baby!”
- **Julie, Bunco Babe**

Event Details

The BEN-E-LECT Foundation 501(c)(3) is hosting its first ever charity bunco tournament. Start off your afternoon with a delicious catered lunch while we let you in on the work we have been doing in your community. Then all you have to do is keep calm and roll the dice!

This will be a great opportunity for any one who wants to learn more about what the mentor program is all about.

Sponsorships

It’s not too late to snag a sponsorship! All sponsors will be recognized at the tournament

Show your support for the foundation at:
www.benelect.golfreg.com

Time and Location

The Elk’s Lodge
in Visalia, CA.
Address 3100 W. Main Street

Saturday April 20, 2013

Doors open at 11:45A.M.

Lunch at 12:00P.M

Bunco at 1:00P.M. (Please arrive no later than 12:45P.M. to play Bunco)

Tickets

To purchase tickets and sponsorships please call our program coordinator directly at 559-302-2388 or visit our fundraising website at www.benelect.golfreg.com

Foundation Updates!

Group Mentoring

The BEN-E-LECT Foundation is excited to announce that April marks the kickoff of our first group mentor match. We have been working to train group members to facilitate weekly meetings in three towns in Tulare County. This month, our first group of mentees who are participating through Next Steps to Freedom will meet to discuss their goals and expectations after incarceration.

The group of mentees are the first graduates of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department's new re-entry program. Their program while still incarcerated is led by Inmate Program Specialist Crystal Oliver and Visalia Rescue Mission Women's Director Morri Nash and focuses on formal transition skills curriculum.

The group mentoring they will experience through the On Purpose Project will offer these men and women an opportunity to examine and discuss building healthy relationships, handling social influences and setting goals in a co-ed group setting on the outside.

Group mentoring will also acquaint participants with the mentoring process and we have high hopes that many of these mentees will advance to a one-on-one match.

These group mentor settings will soon be offered in Visalia, Dinuba and Porterville to participants of Next Steps to Freedom and our staff is in the process of developing further curriculum for the ongoing education of mentees and mentors in the group setting.

Peer Support Report

The On Purpose Project's first Quarterly Peer Support was a great success. The meeting was a wonderful opportunity to have all our mentors, group and one-on-ones, in the same room for the first time.

Our meeting featured Joy Rauch, LMFT as our guest speaker and a heart touching testimony from a mentor and mentee paired since 2009. The meeting was so packed that we will have to move to a larger location to accommodate our growing number mentor population for the next quarterly peer support meeting in June. That is great news for us!

We feel the success of our matches is promoted by these monthly meetings which offer camaraderie, information and program support. (See Peer Support Calendar on next page)

Want Further Inspiration?



Check out the new foundation mentor video!

The BEN-E-LECT Foundation is excited to offer web videos that give a glimpse into the emotional journeys that lead to mentorships. One video offers the perspective of the mentor and the other gives insight into life of the mentee. The videos are available on the BEN-E-LECT Foundation homepage at www.benelectfoundation.org and on the foundation facebook page. Know someone that would make a great mentor or benefit from boundary training? Show them the videos to tug on their heartstrings and inspire them to get involved.



Help Needed!

We are looking for 2-3 solid individuals who would like to be trainers for our incoming mentors. Trainers would be responsible for hosting our monthly training sessions which are two evenings a month. We will provide the curriculum, location and support that our trainers will need. Trainers should have a background or history of mentoring, counseling and/ or human behavior. Interested candidates can call Alicia at 559-302-2388.

Mark Your Calendars!



Training Calendar April - May

We're changing it up! The foundation wishes to accommodate as many people as possible so we are offering double header training opportunities for April and May. We will continue to offer separate training sessions while giving people the option of doing both Sessions I & II in the same evening. Each session need only be attended once. We always appreciate your feedback so let us know what you think!

April 16

Session I: 6:30P.M.

April 23 **Double Header**

Session One: 5:30P.M.

Session Two: 7:30P.M.

May 14

Session One: 6:30P.M.

May 21 **Double Header**

Session One: 5:30P.M.

Session Two: 7:30P.M.

Mentor trainings are held every month. Potential mentors are required to complete Session I & II in order to proceed with the program. Session I is an overview of the program and will cover requirements and responsibilities. Session II will cover boundaries and dives deeper into the emotional aspects of being a mentor. Training is offered as a free service.

Sessions will be held at our Visalia office located at:
5429 Avenida de los Robles Ste. A Visalia, CA 93291

"You can make a difference just by showing up."

Foundation Events

Peer Support

Peer Support Meeting Tuesday April 23, 2013

Luncheon from 11:30A.M. - 1:00P.M.

Peer Support meetings are mandatory for all mentors. Monthly meetings are an opportunity for all of our mentors to come together to further their education and seek advice from peers, partner organization directors and BEN-E-LECT Foundation board members.

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Bunco starts at 1:00P.M. sharp!

Admission: \$10 (Includes lunch and Bunco)

7TH ANNUAL BEN-E-LECT CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, October 14, 2013

10:00A.M. Shotgun

at Fort Washington Golf Course



For more information on our upcoming events please contact us at **(559) 302-2388**

or email areynolds@benelect.com.

Visit our website at www.benelectfoundation.org

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OUR MISSION

To serve as a catalyst for under-mentored adults, helping them realize their full potential by equipping them with the tools they need to build a future filled with purpose and fulfillment.

OUR PROGRAM

Working in close collaboration with the foundation, local community leaders lend a helping hand to program participants by providing advice, guidance, and support which promote their personal development, build their sense of accomplishment and competence, and nurture their overall well-being.

OUR VALUES

- An organization with the moral integrity and wisdom to lead, the desire to humbly serve, and the vision to inspire.
- An organization comprised of individuals who possess the courage, commitment, and compassion to make life better for all people.
- An organization which respectfully honors the dignity and potential of every human being.
- An organization which believes that success is obtainable for those who are willing to work hard, be disciplined, and persist through every obstacle.

OUR FOUNDERS

The foundation was formed by the leaders of BEN-E-LECT, an employer-driven™ health benefit company headquartered in Visalia, CA. BEN-E-LECT is one of the country's leading third party administrators of high deductible employer-driven™ medical, dental, and vision plans.

OUR FUNDING

The foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, officially qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers, and gifts. It is funded primarily through the generous contributions of businesses and individuals along with grants from charitable foundations.

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FREQUENCY OF DONATION (Please Check One)

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- One Time Only
- Semi-Annually
- Annually

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____
(Please may checks payable to the "BEN-E-LECT FOUNDATION")

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