

Opportunity



BEN-E-LECT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Finding Purpose

What makes our program different?

The BEN-E-LECT Foundation's On Purpose Project is a unique endeavor as its focus is set on mentoring adults rather than children. Most organizations accept the mission of helping underserved youth. We are thankful for these organizations and applaud their efforts. We hold the philosophy that the best way to serve the youth in need is to work closely with the adults in their lives.

The adults who receive our assistance were once the youth that had nobody to lead them down the right path. These adults have not experienced a healthy, trusting relationship with a positive role model and many are now in a position of raising children of their own.

We want to break the cycles of dysfunction in our community by transforming struggling adults into self-sufficient individuals leading sustainable lives free from dependency.

Our job is to step in and understand how our positive influence in the adult's life will carry down in to the lives of our future underserved youth.

One key factor in our program's success is that both the mentor and mentee are participating entirely on a volunteer basis. There are no court orders, financial compensation, school credit or good behavior incentives to lure a mentee to the program.

It is simply their strong desire for a basic human connection with another adult that brings people to our program. Each mentee is an individual who has stepped up to request a mentor and has proven themselves responsible and genuine.

One particular asset of the group we are serving is that they are very eager to give back. Mentees are so appreciative of their second chance that they begin looking for ways to help others. The ultimate goal is that someday a mentee will pay it forward by becoming a mentor and continue the cycle of giving back.



What kind of mentee will I get?

The idea of being a mentor might sound intimidating for numerous reasons. You've probably asked yourself...what kind of mentee would I get? The BEN-E-LECT Foundation insists on the safety of our mentors and has certain requirements for a mentee to be matched in a one-on-one mentorship.

Mentees recommended for a one-on-one mentorship must maintain sobriety, not be diagnosed with severe mental illness, must fulfill their legal obligations and adhere to partner organization and foundation rules. To put it simply, your mentee will be someone who made bad choices but has made the remarkable decision to reach out for help.

Most likely, a mentee will have experienced traumatic situations including abuse and neglect, addiction, assault, severe poverty and incarceration. A mentor provides a healthy relationship for a mentee to rely on and learn from so that healing can begin.

The connection between a mentor and mentee will serve as a catalyst for positive change and growth. A mentor will not always have the right answer but that's why the BEN-E-LECT Foundation is here to help! We will work together to impact the health of our community one mentee at a time.

The Ultimate Bunco Blowout

Saturday April 20, 2013

Why BUNCO?



Why not?! The purpose of this event is to get the word out, raise program awareness and recruit more mentors. We hope you will bring your friends and family to join us for lunch and Ultimate Bunco on **Saturday, April 20, 2013**. Tickets will go on sale March 8, 2013. This will be a very casual playing environment so even first time Bunco players can join in the action. We can't wait to fill you in on all the progress we are making with the On Purpose Project. Your support of our event and program is very much appreciated. We hope to see you there! For tickets and/or sponsorships please call **559-302-2388**.

Event Details

\$10 per ticket

Includes Ultimate Bunco and Lunch
Ages 16 and over please.

When: Saturday, April 20, 2013
Lunch starts at 11:45A.M
Bunco from 1:00 - 3:00P.M

Where: The Elks' Lodge
3100 W. Main St. Visalia, CA 93291

Call: 559-302-2388 for tickets

*Seating will be open with each Bunco table accomodating four people. To download Bunco rules please visit our website at www.benelectfoundation.org.



Don't play Bunco but still want to help us out?

How 'bout a **SPONSORSHIP?**

Player Sponsor: \$10
(Help a mentee with the player fee)

Table Sponsor: \$100
(Decorate a lunch table to advertise your company)

Venue Sponsor: \$1,500

Lunch Hour Sponsor: \$1,000

Food Sponsor: \$1,000

Most Wins Prize Sponsor: \$250
(Prize for player with most wins)

Raffle Prize Sponsor: \$400

Most Buncos Prize Sponsor: \$250
(Prize for winner of Most Buncos)

Refreshment Sponsor: \$250

Snack Sponsor: \$150

Bunco Game Sponsor: \$250

Mark Your Calendars!



Training Calendar March - June

March

Session One: Tuesday 12, 6:30P.M. - 8:30P.M.

Session Two: Saturday 16, 10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

April

Session One: Tuesday 16, 6:30P.M. - 8:30P.M.

Session Two: Tuesday 23, 6:30P.M. - 8:30P.M.

May

Session One: Tuesday 14, 6:30P.M. - 8:30P.M.

Session Two: Saturday 18, 10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

June

Session One: Tuesday 11, 6:30P.M. - 8:30P.M.

Session Two: Tuesday 18, 6:30P.M. - 8:30P.M.

This month we'll host our Quarterly Peer Support Meeting! We will feature a guest speaker and mentor/mentee testimonies and a catered lunch. It will be a can't miss event for all of our mentors.

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.

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

Quarterly Peer Support Meeting Tuesday March 26, 2013

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

Peer Support meetings are mandatory for all mentors. The meeting will featuring mentor and mentee testimonies and a guest speaker.

The Ultimate Bunco Blowout



April 20, 2013

Elk's Lodge in Visalia, CA

Doors Open at 11:45A.M.

Lunch served 12:00-1:00P.M.

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

Admission: \$10 for 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.

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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

SUBMIT DONATION BY CHECK

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

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