

By Sloan Gallipeo



“We can all be Angels here on Earth,” according to Faye Dietiker, founder and director of the Huntington Beach-based Breast Cancer Angels (BCA).

Launched in 2000, the not-for-profit organization started with six angels and has grown to number over 450 volunteers today. Angels donate anywhere from \$20 to several hundred dollars a month to benefit women in treatment for breast cancer.

The organization’s mission is “to provide financial and emotional assistance for women and their families as they undergo breast cancer treatment.”

This year, BCA expects to spend about \$320,000 on programs including housing and food for the women and their families.

Faye is always hopeful when she sends out her monthly updates to the Angels.

“Even in the face of loss, please know that together we were able to make their battle with breast cancer a little easier,”

says Faye, who adds that the organization is now able to assist approximately 300 women a year, some short-term, others long-term.

Thanks to a large donation in 2007, BCA was able to purchase a home in Garden Grove for three women fighting breast cancer to live in while undergoing treatment – single women who might otherwise be homeless. These women can live in the house for up to six months while Faye helps them look for low-cost housing options. While they are in the home, they are given rides to treatment and provided with meals.

On December 6, BCA will host a Christmas fundraiser at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort. Trend Offset Printing is donating the cost of the luncheon so all proceeds will directly benefit the women in treatment and their children.

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

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Economic Conference
"Navigating Transitions"
Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort
21100 Pacific Coast Hwy.

January 6, 2008
Surf City Lunch Bunch
Rodrigo's Mexican Grill
15101 Goldenwest Avenue

January 9, 2008
Winner's Circle Breakfast
SeaCliff Country Club
6501 Palm Avenue

January 15, 2008
Annual Dinner
Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort
21100 Pacific Coast Highway

January 20, 2008
Surf City Lunch Bunch
Rodrigo's Mexican Grill
15101 Goldenwest Avenue

Call the Chamber office for more details at 714-536-8888. Please note that there is a charge to attend these events and that members receive a reduced rate.