

# Pathways to Sustainable Living

## Back to School Fiesta - August 17

Barnabas Connection hosts the annual Fiesta with multiple area partners (civic, corporate and faith) to help provide free school supplies, backpacks and Payless Shoes gift cards; immunizations; free haircuts; and access to other services. The Fiesta will be held Saturday, August 17 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you would like to help provide assistance as a translator, photographer, data entry, hair cutter, financial donor, etc. Please be in touch via [vmccuistion@hotmail.com](mailto:vmccuistion@hotmail.com) or 512-847-3109.

Volunteers are needed for set up and distribution Thursday - Saturday, August 15-17. Volunteer Sessions are Thursday 2:30 to 6:00pm, Friday 9:00- 12:00, and 1:00 to 6:00pm and Saturday 8:00 to 12:30. A volunteer thank you luncheon will be provided directly following the Fiesta at 12:30pm by the Ruth UMW Circle (Thank you!).

As the Back to School Fiesta approaches, parents in need of assistance with school supplies can register by phone at 512-847-1664 or pick up a printed registration form (June - July) at Brookshire Brothers Grocery Store, Wimberley Village Public Library, or Ace Hardware. Applications were also mailed to all Wimberley school families on the free and reduced lunch program.

Generous Funding partners currently include: Rotary Club of Wimberley, Wimberley Lions Club, Wimberley Civic Club, Barnabas Connection, Cypress Creek Church, St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Unity Church of Wimberley, Wimberley Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, St Vincent De Paul, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ace Hardware, Wimberley UMC, Presbyterian Women, Seton Medical Center Hays, Demasters - Daniel Insurance, and the Ruth Circle of United Methodist Women!



We are grateful to St Stephen's Episcopal, Unity Church, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and Wimberley Presbyterian Church for actively supporting the Fiesta with specific engagement opportunities with their congregations.

Individuals are invited to sponsor children at the cost of \$48 each. This includes a \$12 Payless Shoes Gift Card, a \$14 backpack, and their school supplies valued at \$22. Checks should be made to the Wimberley United Methodist Church and designated for the Fiesta; all monies go directly to the Back to School Fiesta and are tax-deductible. Thank you!



**SAVE THE DATE:** "Barnabas Connection Good Neighbor Thank you and What's Next?" Dinner for Barnabas funding partners and supporters. To be held Sunday, September 15, 6:00pm, Wimberley UMC Fellowship Hall. Look for your invitation in the mail!

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*The Barnabas Connection (BC) serves individuals and families living in Hays County who are struggling with issues of poverty, including those families who may encounter a temporary financial crisis. The BC has expanded its services from just connecting those in need with health and human resources to responding to needs in the community, being an advocate on behalf of clients with low incomes, as well as providing education so the community can better respond to the needs of the poor.*

*The Barnabas Connection operates under the 501c3 of the Wimberley United Methodist Church. All donations are tax-deductible when made out to "Wimberley UMC" and designated for the Barnabas Connection or the Back to School Fiesta.*

## Exciting Developments!

**Seeking 501c3 Status** The Barnabas Connection has been on a path for several years now of expanding its connection to the community with the intent of becoming an incorporated non-profit in order to expand our volunteer and funding base. At this stage of our growth and with the blessing of the Wimberley UMC Finance Committee, the Barnabas Connection Board received the Church Council's support of filing for non-profit incorporation status in the fall of 2013. We look forward to this next opportunity to step out in faith with the support of Wimberley UMC. We request your prayers during this time of transition!

**Technology Upgrades** Due to generous funding from the Trull Foundation and the Burdine Johnson Foundation, Barnabas has been able to transition our phone volunteer software that manages our resource referral information to a secure online application. Phone volunteers are no longer dependent upon accessing the specific Barnabas laptop to serve clients on the phone line—and can access the database through their own web browser. The technology grants have also funded the development of a website that should be debuting very soon!

*Thank you to David Howard of Design Ranch for the web design, Aaron Orner for the web development and Ron Rutherford for the development of the online database. We shopped local!*



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