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Thank you 2011 !!

Again, thank you Lord, great progress has been made in 2011. More families have come our way, and again we have been blessed to be able to provide much needed assistance for them.

The gifts we have received this year have been outstanding. Some from strangers, and some from folks who know and appreciate our efforts to help those on their journey with cancer.

2011 to 2012 will be a year of transition for us as doors close and new doors open. As this occurs, yet again more families will learn about what we do and want to join us, and of course also know of someone who needs financial blessings.

Each year we strive to do what we can to help all that we can, and each year God continues to show his mercies, his love, perseverance,

strength and courage both in us and through us.

What an honor to be able to serve others in this manner. And what an honor to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Thank you 2011, and we accept the challenge that 2012 brings us. Even if it means helping only a few, then we are still blessed by this opportunity.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

4th Annual Car, Truck, and Bike Show

As the years go on our Car Show is becoming more and more meaningful. We were honored this year to have the family of Evan Huskisson attend. Evan was a 12 yr old boy from Avon who lost his battle with cancer.

Act of Faith was able to share financial blessings in the form of a mortgage payment for his family the Christmas before he passed. Thus, a new fellowship was developed.

Evan's entire family was

present to choose an entrant of Evan's choice, and presents the Evan's Pick Plaque in his honor. The plaque was made with Evan's picture on it, thanks to his father Chris for helping with that.

This was a very emotional task for his family, but yet an honor. Evan's older Brother gave a speech on behalf of Evan and the family, and presented the plaque to the winner.

While the attendee's were smaller this year, the event still prospered and

our funds were replenished all for future families that would come our way.

2012's Car Show will likely be in June, so be sure to keep tabs on what is going on either on facebook, or on the website.

As always, we do not want to forget to thank the Plainfield Eagles Lodge for hosting us. What an awesome thing to do, and they welcome us with open arms. Another great blessing!



Welcome to our newest Junior Staffer: Elise Eme

This time last year we were talking about the wedding of the year featuring 2 of our members, Ryan and Liz. Time sure does fly!

This year, we are welcoming our newest Junior Staffer, Elise Margaret Eme into the world. Born September 18th at 12:11 pm. She tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 3 oz., and was 21 inches long. Smiling of course!

A sincere congrats to Mom and Dad for a job well done, and for the beautiful angel they brought into this world.

Thank you Liz and Ryan for all you do for Act of Faith, and for the continued love you give to others in need. Elise has some awesome parents, and she will grow to fill your shoes and be a blessing to many.



Go *Hawg Wild* for Charity Hog Roast=Success!!



First and most importantly, thank you Angela for all your hard work chairing the Hog Roast this year. You did an awesome job and survived all the lumps and bumps along the way!

As most of you know, this was our last year at Reese' Excalibur Lounge, and what a finale' it was! We want to sincerely thank Reese, her staff, and friends for all the hard work they put into this event. They are just awesome!

Thank you Butch for a fantastic band line up. The entertainment was great, including Big Pork and the Legendary Chops. What fun that was!

This year we had so many bands that our schedule ran over. 2 bands did not get to play. Please accept our apologies, The Marvin

Parish Band, and The Lazy River Band. You guys are awesome for being so gracious and understanding!

A special thank you to Robert, owner of Oliver Machine and Tool Company in Martinsville for a \$500 donation. Also, Pat O'Daniel from Nashville, who donated 2 antique Russian Rifles for auction. These items brought us a little under \$500.

Since there was a threat of rain the owner of the Clarion Hotel allowed us to use the empty restaurant area to set up food and host the bands. This was such huge blessing and the facility was awesome to house us.

Our honorary recipient,

Charles Knight, was able to attend along with his friends. He was awarded 10% of proceeds matched by the same amount from AOF towards his monthly obligations while struggling with Cancer.

Past recipients attended, family's, friends, and friends of friends making this our largest in attendance.

The TV raffle was won by Sheila Henderson. The mini chopper raffle was won by one of the volunteers from Am Vets that held our auction.

Plans are in the works for relocating the 2012 event, so please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Thanks to everyone for another outstanding event, you guys rock!

2011 Christmas Blessings, shared with Beth

This year we were searching for a family to share Christmas blessings with. This journey involved people outside our group and has some tremendous stories behind it.

It was voted on to provide Beth and Kelcie with some gift cards for food, Christmas gifts, gas, or whatever they needed. Upon contacting them, Kelcie tells us that a local Church has been calling wanting to help them and she politely told them "thank you, but please give that to someone else".

Such a humble young lady.

Beth has been undergoing more treatments, been sick a lot, and had missed a lot of work. We all know there is a need there, and we feel blessed to share God's love and blessings with them.

We insisted they take the cards, and just know God used this for their needs, and maybe even entertainment. But whatever it was, God said "reach out and love them as I have loved you", so we did. It is not hard to love these ladies; they are

very special and have a heart of gold!

As these ladies remain in our thoughts and prayers, it is always such a pleasure to see them and visit on occasion. Beth is a true fighter, a woman of determination; perseverance, courage, and extreme inter strength. To battle what all she has and continue to push herself to work is a miracle. She surely has God's favor with her every day. ***Beth, you are an inspiration to many, and we love you!***



Beth and daughter
Kelcie Reynolds

Indianapolis Ride for Kids, September 9, 2012

Most of you will remember Brianna McQueen, and her family. Brianna is a 7yr old, and is undergoing treatments for a brain tumor. She has traveled this journey for over a year now.

Please check out this website:

www.indyrideforkids.com

The lovely angel on the right and center is Bri (short for Brianna). The PBTF ([Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#)) raises funds to find the cause the cure of childhood brain

tumors.

The event that is to take place on September 9th will be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. 2012 marks the 29th season for the Ride for Kids, and this year it will be headed up by Brianna's Dad, Steve.

We urge everyone to get involved and help with this event. There is so much work to do. You can help by spreading the word, volunteering, and of course praying that this event will be fruitful in

terms of a cure. That is the most important thing.

More information will be available soon. We will have some brochures if you would like to help pass them around and market the event.

For those that want to donate, you can also do that on the website for the ride.

Please remember Brianna on your prayer list. Pray for her restored health, pray for her family, the doctors, and all that are there supporting her.

You have not lived a perfect day, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

-Ruth Smeltzer

2012 Membership Drive to start soon



It is that time of the year again when we launch our annual membership drive.

Our hopes are this year that each member will find another person to join our efforts. A family member, a co-worker, or just a friend.

It is not necessary to attend every meeting, but

we do need volunteers to help with the 2 major events coming up in 2012.

To give of your time and labor is the most precious unique gift of all, and it does not cost you a penny.

Be sure to talk to your friends about joining us. New ideas, fresh

thoughts, and faces are always needed and will help move us forward.

Share with others, and give them the opportunity to become the hands and feet of Christ. You know hearts are forever changed by this process.

So start today!. SHARE!

2012 will mark 5 years for Act of Faith



Wow, can you believe it? 2012 will be our 5th Annual events!

In that time our labors have been a blessing to at least 29 families. That is awesome!

Even though we started doing events about 15 yrs ago on a smaller and

occasional level, we are excited that once Act of Faith became official, we have 5 yrs of continuous running behind us.

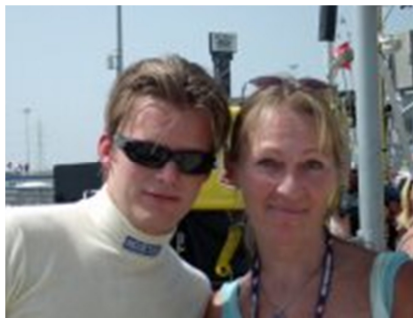
With the member's commitments to put on 2 major events a year, many families have been blessed. You guys are

awesome!!

And let us never forget why we do what we do.... And whenever we hear those words "why would you help us when you don't know us?" take a minute and **thank God for the legacy Cheryl left to us.**

Now, look out 2012!

Remembering Dan Weldon



All of us are aware of the horrible accident in Las Vegas that took the life of Dan Weldon. Such a sad thing.

Those of us who knew Dan (Danny Boy) were crushed. He had such a precious and new young family he left behind.

What some of you do not know, is that in July before the Lord took Cheryl from us, Dan flew into Indy and

drove to Brownsburg to spend time with her. She said she was sure it was because of her cancer, but she could not believe he would do that for her.

They had met and spent some time together with friends each year the night before the race in Speedway. When Dan heard of the illness, he did not blink an eye but came straight to Indy. That is how we will remember

Dan Weldon.

We are inspired by his legacy, it is another 'boost' for us to carry on and touch as many lives as possible in the ministry.

When you close your eyes at night, God knows what you have done that day to help someone in need. Be sure you always have something ready for God before that time comes. So that your heart will be smiling in His perfect love.

Parable of the Lost Sheep

Then Jesus told them this parable: 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven.

This parable is a reminder to us to go beyond what some people think is normal and continue to reach out to one family at

a time. We do not want anyone who is lost to remain alone, suffering in illness and worry.

We have been called to help strangers in need. We have been called to leave the healthy and search for the sick one who needs to be carried back to the flock with the others.

In this manner, we are serving....and serving...and serving...

The Bible also tells us to love our neighbors, and to give what we have to help others.

Our mission is plain and simple. Serve to be a blessing, serve so that blessings can be passed

along to those who need it, serve so that we may know the heart and spirit that Jesus wants us to know.

We talk of blessings a lot, but most of you know the greatest blessing of all is yet to come. Your list of good deeds is building every day, Jesus knows your heart, knows your motives, and knows of your love for **that single one lost sheep.**

**Don't give up....
keep searching.**



Fishing for Richard, 2012 and beyond.

Many thanks to Shawn for continuing the event and pushing forward. Shawn is a fighter, and will not give up. He knows and has a vision that someday this tournament will be big and prosperous.

2011 the event did not get much preparation time due to Shawn's father being in an accident, and honestly we could have helped him a bit more too. But Shawn insisted the event go on and he held it at Raccoon Lake the Saturday after Labor Day. Due to last minute plans, only a very

few showed up.

However that allowed us to spend time with Shawn and learn of his passion for this event. That alone was an awesome experience. Thank you Shawn for such a huge and loving heart to remember Richard in this manner.

2012 will mark the 3rd annual Fishing for Richard event, again the Saturday after Labor Day. This date will be consistent year after year and will be held at Raccoon Lake, boat ramp.

This year we will ask for volunteers to work with Shawn on organizing obtaining prizes, and all logistics of the event. He has produced this by himself for the past 2 yrs and since he is determined to keep it up, then we need to assist in any way we can.

Be thinking about this and how you can help.

Shawn, thank you is not enough. There are no words to describe how blessed we are for you to keep Richards spirit alive and moving forward.



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We're on the Web!

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Facebook – we need your help!

Facebook has been archiving older style group accounts and that included our existing facebook group. We had to create a “page” which is new and more professional.

The problem: The old group had approx 225 members, and the new page has only 61 ‘Likes’.

We are missing a lot of people since changing over. This is important for not only marketing, by keeping people informed on what we are doing.

The page is not abused by alot of post, we do try to keep it down so that folks will not be overwhelmed or discouraged by it.

It is everyones responsibility to send your friends a message and ask them to “Like” our new page. Please help us grow back to 225.

New page-*(copy and paste):
<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=hp#!/pages/Act-of-Faith/247833378573142>

Every one of you- is a blessing, thank you!

Thank you, everyone, for all you have done and all you will be doing this coming year.

I have said it many times, but there are just no words to express what my heart feels for each of

you. The team work has been amazing and the willingness, outstanding.

The love that flows from each one of you has embedded itself deep in my heart.

It is like together we are a

functioning unit, one that excels and achieves our goals...a unit that stands tall and firm on its dedication to help other people.

I am honored to be a part of this. Thank you.

About Our Organization...

Act of Faith is an organization that raises money for those with serious or terminal illnesses, assisting with financial aid while waiting for government

assistance.

Our mission is to help others; to put their needs above our own. And each time, we have been blessed and been fruitful

enough to achieve these goals. It is with determination and perseverance that we carry on. **Thank you Lord, for giving us this mission.**

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