

USS Cares Events Committee Meeting

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- Recap of Harvest Fest - RESOLVED
 - This was our best Harvest Fest to date. Everything ran smoothly
 - Other departments seemed excited about the event.
 - Next year possibly have a grand prize (larger basket)
 - If we do receive some big items throughout the year some can be stored in the warehouse
 - We should start collecting donations 6 months prior to the event
 - Threw around the idea of having it at a different venue but decided on keeping it here at the Sunrise Business Center. Although it could be bigger somewhere else we will lose a lot of USS people and baskets
 - Maybe have a Spring Fest at a different Venue.

- Discuss event ideas for a family that needs our help as soon as possible
 - There is not a lot of time to plan for this event so we decided on bumping the Comedy night up.
 - Lynda will call the Comedy Club and find out dates for Nov and Dec
 - Angela will contact the family and see what dates work for them
 - We will get the full room for \$300

- New Business
 - Coat Drive and food Drive will start tomorrow.
 - Email will go out tomorrow
 - Deadline for both will be November 18th
 - There will be a box for the coats in registrar
 - Food box will be in the break room
 - Beth brought up two money making ideas
 - There is an online program where you can buy gift cards and when they are used our charity will get a certain percentage of profit
 - Should we presale the gift cards or buy in bulk and try and sell them at the wrapping paper sale.
 - We have to pay \$8 shipping fee each time. Takes 2 days to get the gift cards
 - 2nd idea is igive.com – you have to sign up on their website and a bar will be put on your browser. When you shop online through the website a donation is made to your charity
 - Concerns are people will not want to put this bar on their browser. Can not be used at work
 - There will be a meeting next week to discuss upcoming events for the next year.
 - Will vote on not having the Yard Sale
 - Will discuss other options for events and how many