

## **July 2022 Update: Born Again Emporium Ministry**

Born Again Emporium (BAE) located at 1642 NE Loop 230, Smithville, TX is a wonderful opportunity to serve others within our community. This resale thrift store created by the Smithville Ministerial Alliance is run by volunteers from CBC Smithville and Bastrop campuses along with RVICS (Roving Volunteers In Christ Service) and the following Smithville churches: Colorado River Cowboy Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church, and St. Paul Catholic Church.

Volunteer days are Monday and Wednesday 9am to 2pm for sorting, cleaning, pricing and stocking merchandise. BAE is open to the public for donations and sells on Friday and Saturday 9am to 2pm. On the first Monday of each month from 9am to 11am, old merchandise is purged and the shelves and store cleaned.

All proceeds from our sales go to the various non-profit organizations throughout our community. Funds are distributed through an application system. Our most important requirement is that the organization be meeting human needs in our community. This last quarter BAE was able to grant funds of \$45,500 to organizations like Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center, Smithville Community Clinic, Feed the Need, Bastrop County Child Welfare Board, Smithville Workforce Training Center to name just a few.

CBC Smithville and Bastrop along with RVICS next opportunities to serve at BAE are September 12-17, October 24-29, and December 12-17. If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers for this ministry, please contact Diane Fauth 512-237-2140, Gladys Wright 918-791-8134, or Kathy Watson 512-303-3998.

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