

Rotary Club of Mission Viejo

GOODS BANK

&

Adopt -a -Social Worker Program

PURPOSE OF THE ROTARY GOODS BANK

To collect distressed merchandise from a number of large retail stores and donate it to local charities.

ADOPT-A-SOCIAL WORKER PROGRAM

In The Beginning.....The year was 1999 when Past President Bob McQueen as our Community Service Director started working with the South County Social Service Agency (which became our Adopt-A-Social Agency program) where the agency provided us with a list of needed items for distressed families and our club provided the items such as beds, mattresses, bedding, table etc. At that time, PP Bill Kersten and PP Bob McQueen picked up the items from donors and delivered them to needy families.

This was the base from which our Goods Bank program was created.

ROTARY GOODS BANK

The Year was 2001 when Past President Dr Richard Frieder established our Rotary Goods Bank which resulted in quantities of all kinds of goods being picked up from Donors and delivered to numerous recipients such as Adopt-A-Social Worker, Orphanage in Mexico and other social agencies. This excellent Community Service Program involves almost all members of our club in one way or another. PP Bob McQueen, PP Bill Kersten and pp Steve Mugg handled much of the heavier stuff (furniture for example) with their trucks.

The first stores were Sams, Sears, Walmart, Bed Bath and Beyond, Pick and Save, and Mervins.

Eventually Bed Bath and Beyond management told Dr Frieder that we needed to get in touch with Gift In Kind organization in order to continue distributions. After negotiations we were able to be a provider for their organization and pickup more stores. Gifts in Kind is a pay for access service that contracts with our club and local retailers to pick up distressed merchandise for repair.

CHARIOTS OF ROTARY

Our Chariots of Rotary are on the move collecting, sorting, repairing, assembling and delivering donated items to and from our Storage facility to those in need as part of our Rotary Goods Bank Program.

FUNDS FROM GOODS

PP Bill Kersten and Honorary member Carol Kersten began holding Garage Sales from goods donated by members and from some items from the Goods Bank which needed to be repaired or items not needed by the Social Agencies. The Funds raised are then distributed to these agencies.

More details on next pages



PICK-UP



STORAGE



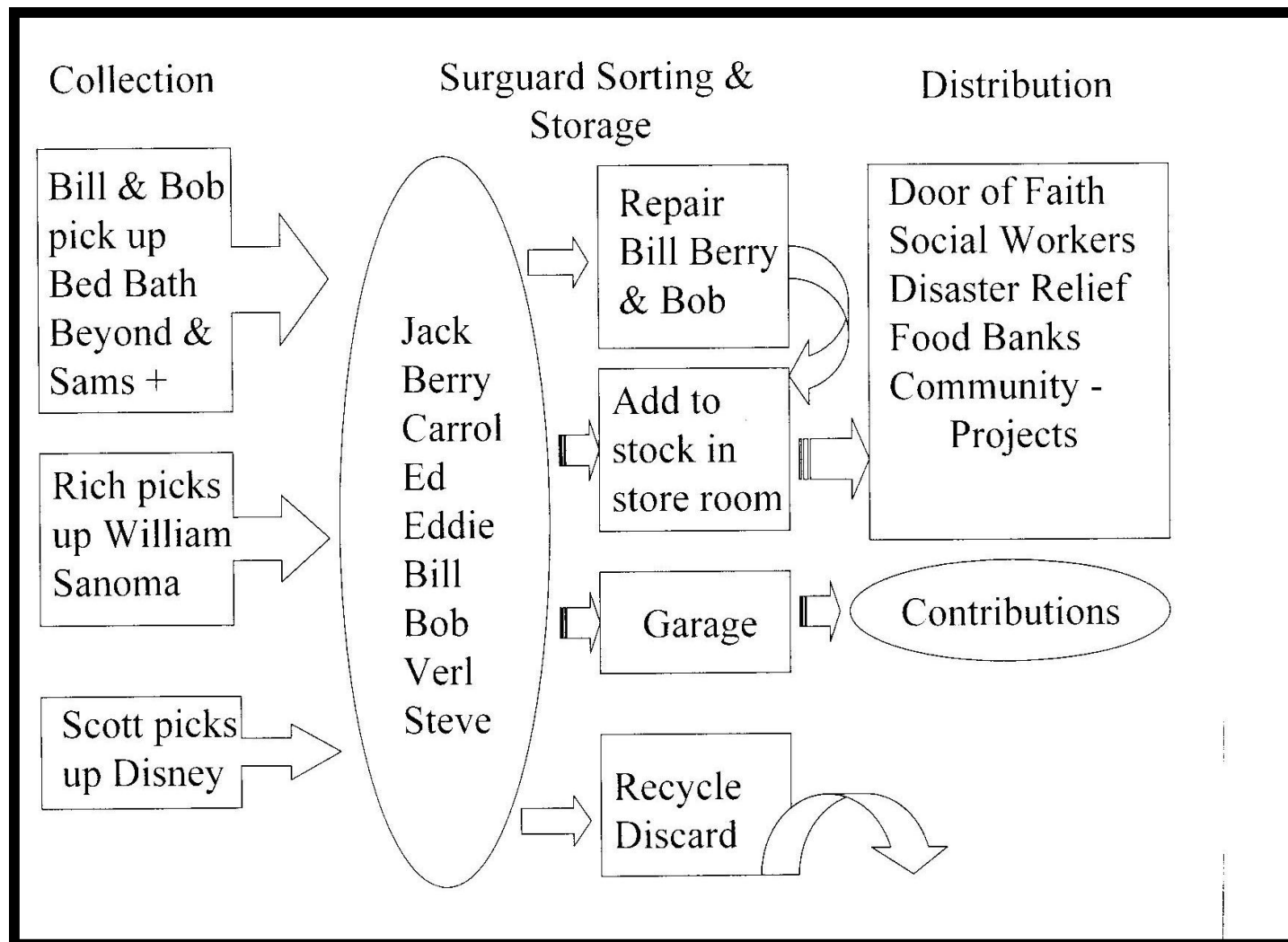
SORT



REPAIR



DELIVER



Please contact Bob McQueen, Bill Kersten or Steve Mugg if you can volunteer some time for this Community Service Above Self!!

CONTRACT STORES

- Bed Bath and beyond (5 different stores)
- Office Depot
- William Sonoma (3 different stores)
- Disney
- Joann's Fabrics
- Sam's Club
- Walmart
- Trader Joes

COLLECTION OPERATIONS

At its peak Bill Kersten, Bob McQueen, Scot Walker, Steve Mugg and Rich Frieder made pick-ups at:

- Bed bath and Beyond- 3 stores weekly
- Sam's Club-Every 3 weeks
- William Sonoma-Monthly
- Office depot-Every 4 months
- Disney Store-Every 4 months

SORTING BREAKDOWN

- Approximately 60% of items collected are suitable for charity donations
- Approximately 20% of items not suitable for charity are garage sale or Good Will donations
- 20% not repairable-discard

SORTING AND REPAIR

- **Sorting Operations**
Rotarians Verl Nash, Jack Wallace, Barry Brownell, Ed Heeren plus the pick-up crew
- **Unpack-Inspect-Sort-Store**
- **Assembly and Repair**
Rotarians Bill Kersten, Bob McQueen, Barry Brownell and others
- Electrical-Mechanical-Components

WHO WE SUPPORT

- Social Workers (2)
- Community Action Partners
- Family Assistance Ministries of San Clemente
- Door of faith Orphanage (Mexico)
- Toby's House
- Abused Children center of Orange County
- Adopt A Neighbor
- Saddleback Outreach
- Saddleback Food Bank
- Holiday Meals-Thanksgiving & Christmas
- Disaster Relief -Katrina Victims