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From: Mike & Barb Elder
RE: 2009 Tournament

It is my great pleasure to be able to organize the 2nd Annual Neighbor Bill Fundraiser and the 19th Annual Fishing for the Homeless Tournament

Each year I say this is my last one, but the growing need to continue these events, not only to help a fellow fisherman, and those who are out of work and far less fortunate than ourselves calls me to do it again.

The Fishing Tournament will be held out of Capt. Hooks Sportfishing on the "Seabiscuit" and other boats as needed, on April 25, 2009. The fishing trip will be leaving at 5 AM on the 25th, and returning approximately 5 PM.

We will be having a benefit BBQ and raffle after the fishing trip at Buena Ventura Mobile Home Park. The cost of the trip is \$110.00 per person, and that includes the BBQ and one raffle Ticket. All proceeds from the fishing trip will be donated to the Neighbor Bill Foundation. Bill Thomas, a friend and tremendous young man suffered a rare spinal stroke last year, and is paralyzed from the neck down. His wife, Julie, is now his caretaker 24 hours a day and they have 2 young children and can really use the financial help.

Here is the second part of the Tournament: If you would be willing to donate the fish that you catch that day to Project Understanding, I will pay for the fish cleaning and you will received 1 extra raffle ticket. If you bring a canned good to the BBQ there will be one more raffle ticket given to you. If you wish to bring more than 1 canned good, it would be a great asset to Project Understanding.

Project Understanding is an inter-faith-based agency founded more than a quarter of a century ago, with the desire to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. They have such great programs as Food Share Ventura, Habitat for Humanity, and Operation Warm-Up. Almost all of their work is done with donations from various congregations and community organizations and private donations.

Over the past 14 years we have donated over 7,000 lbs. of filleted fish and \$25,000 to Project Understanding through our Fishing for the Homeless Tournaments.

This will be a lot of fun, and the BBQ will go from about 5:30 to 7:30 PM and we will have the raffle right after dinner. Those of you, who participated last year, will recall what a great time we had and all the great prizes that were raffled off.

Please RSVP to Mike or Barb Elder:
805-672-2414 or: barb.elder@roadrunner.com

Make checks payable to: Mike Elder, at the bottom put "Neighbor Bill Fundraiser."
Thanks again, and looking forward to seeing you in April, if not before.

Sincerely,
Mike & Barb Elder
Tournament Coordinators