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The Key to Compassion



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# **Friends of Project Compassion Dinner**

ABOVE: Sue and Guy Dallas





ABOVE Dr. Tremwell and Dr. Busby chats with Tracy Pennartz



ABOVE: Sister Judith visits with Rep Jim Medley



ABOVE:: Martha and Whispering Spirits

Special thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, and guests for making our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Friends of Project Compassion Dinner a success. The dinner, held in July at the Senior Activity Center on Cavanaugh in Fort Smith, was graciously hosted by the Western Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. The dinner was followed by entertainment, provided by Martha Johnson and Whispering Spirits, and a silent auction. Special guests Sue and Guy Dallas shared their story of living with Alzheimer's. Sue was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2004 and Guy discussed the struggles associated with the disease and the role change he experienced switching from husband to full-time caregiver. Guy currently serves as the Alzheimer's Association Ambassador to the third district. Guy also shared how to become and advocate for finding a cure for Alzheimer's and how to become a Project Compassion volunteer. Please call our office today to become part of the movement towards making life better for our elders.

LEFT: Carmelita Adams and grandson Tyson BELOW: Rep Jim Medley, Dr Busby, Eric Stein, Jordan Davis, Sue and Guy Dallas





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## Caregiver Workshops



with Lori Williams, Carmelita

Adams and Sherry Savage

Thanks to a Caregiver Grant provided by the Western Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, Project Compassion is able to offer monthly Caregiver Education Workshops. The monthly workshops are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 1PM in the St Scholastica Retreat Center. Our next workshop, scheduled for January 17, 2013, will be feature guest speaker Terri Hocott, from



the West Central Center on Aging, ABOVE: Sally Johnson with who will be discussing the new Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program they now offer. Future workshops will

the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care

include Sally Johnson, discussing Medicare changes, and Rosemary Alcon, discussing tips to help with caregiver stress. Can't wait to see you there!







ABOVE: Tom Murdoch visits with JW Taylor and Jane Smith

ABOVE: Pamela Blocker and Ashley Ross from Methodist Nursing and Rehab

ABOVE: Kristi Graham and Michelle Foutch from FOY



ABOVE: Jennifer Miller, our new Program Coordinator, shared tips on making Shea Butter Lotion Bars for residents.



ABOVE: Bill Murray, our "Piano Man" and Nancy Zornes, Key Person at Methodist Nursing and Rehab

## Key Person Workshops

Project Compassion's Key People serve as the liaison between the Project Compassion office staff, our volunteers, and the facility staff. Our Key People and some local caregivers met this fall to being planning for our annual ABOVE: Betty West, Activity Director at Alma H&R. Hearts of Gold Campaign. Many



residents lack enough warm, soft clothing for winter; Project Compassion collects new, warm, soft clothing and fills the wish lists collected from the residents and their caregiver. We then work with our Key People to package the gift, including a Christmas card, and deliver the gifts to the facilities. Our goal is to ensure that NO ONE is forgottenespecially at Christmas. Many area businesses and organizations choose to help with this campaign by "adopting" a facility. Adopted facilities have their wish lists filled and gifts delivered directly from the adopting organization. There are so many elders that have no family or friends to visit or assist with needed personal items-Please remember them this holiday season and donate to Hearts of Gold!

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## We Couldn't Do It Without **Friends!**

Area Agency on Aging Fort Smith Pediatric Group Health Depot Margaret Ann Swann Superior Senior Care

## Please consider the Gift of Giving this Christmas!

Gift Certificates for warm, soft, clothing for Long Term Care Residents are available. You may also consider adopting a Resident this Christmas!

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The Neatest Little Paper Ever Read

United Way First Youth Day of Caring

ABOVE: Miss Annie and Miss Aliza visit with Amra Trevino, Jazmine Dawson, Bonnie Herrora, Vietnam Le, Jackie Krutsch and Haley Edgemon at Legacy Health and Rehab.

ABOVE: Mariah Ellingson, Madison Needham, Haley Edgemon and Addie Miller at the Project Compassion office, where they wrote Christmas cards for Residents

November 10<sup>th</sup> marked the First Annual United Way Youth Day of Caring! We were lucky enough to have volunteers at the Project Compassion office, Methodist Health & Rehab, Legacy Health & Rehab, and Chapel Ridge Health & Rehab. Volunteers at the facilities played Bingo, painted fingernails, bowled (with plastic pins and balls!), and visited with residents and listened to stories. The young ladies from Southside joined Jackie Krutsch, Executive Director for the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, and Sam Sicard, President and CEO of First National Bank, at the Project Compassion office to set up for our Hearts of Gold campaign and stamp Christmas cards. Afterwards we all met for the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch hosted by the United Way. We are really looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual United Way Youth Day of Caring next fall and hope to see some of the youth volunteer become life-long Project Compassion Volunteers!

## **Project Compassion Parting Shots**



ABOVE: Roxie at Legacy Health & Rehab



ABOVE: Dr. Jo Harper presents a check to Project Compassion from St. Luke's Charity Dinner



ABOVE: Mario Gureley and Emotions in Motion at Legacy



ABOVE: Jordan Davis, our Office Assistant last summer with youth volunteers from Grace United Methodist Church—during and after, on the right—our new carpet!

See you at the Open House on November 27, 2012 at 11:00am!



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Project Compassion—2012 HEARTS OF GOLD OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 from 11:00—1:30 at 1205 S. Albert Pike, St Scholastica Retreat Center and Project Compassion Office Bring a gift to place under the tree for a long term care facility resident. Soft, warm clothing, non-skid socks, large print puzzles and personal care items are always requested! Special guests include Gloria White's daughter Lisa White Bell, 40/29's Drew Michaels and the Jack and Jill Singers. Join us for cookies and hot cider to bring in the holidays! Please visit www.projectcompassioninc.org. for more information today!