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The Key to Compassion

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Volunteers Recognized at Annual Appreciation Event

Project Compassion volunteers made time from their busy, personal schedules to attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon in April. One of the event's highlights was recognizing all volunteers for their service and presenting each with a jute tote bag. This year's luncheon was held at First Christian Church in Fort Smith and catered by Golden Corral. The program included entertainment by Hollye Dickinson, harpist. Charlene Cates shared a motivational and inspirational message about working with our elders.



Shown above left to right: Velma and Jerry Farrar, co-Keys at Ashton Place and Reverend Ernie Aldridge, Key at Greenhurst Nursing Home. Shown here: Sister Elise Forst, volunteer at Medi-Home of Arkoma, rises to accept her tote bag. Seated to her left are Sister Pierre Vorster and B. G. Hendrix.



- 2010 Top Volunteers (Most Hours)**
1. Zoe Ann Bratten
 2. Iris Hightower
 3. Jean Knox
 4. Jeffie Lindsey
 5. Jess R. Lindsey
 6. Elwyn Parks
 7. Ruby Ball
 8. Sue Ferguson
 9. Linda King
 10. Richard King

Friends of Project Compassion to hold Fund-raiser Dinner

Area Agency on Aging will host a dinner for "Friends of Project Compassion" on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road in Fort Smith. Jim Medley and his committee are working on a delightful evening event.

👉 Tickets are FREE, but you must contact the Project Compassion office before July 20 to confirm your reservation at projectcompassion@sbcglobal.net, accept the invitation request on Facebook, or call 479-783-2273. Please also contact the office if you have any questions regarding the event.

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"...Bringing Joy, Companionship and Quality of Life to Nursing Home Residents."

Project Compassion Member Facilities

Alma, AR

Alma Health & Rehab

Arkoma, OK

Medi-Home

Barling, AR

Ashton Place

Charleston, AR

Greenhurst Nursing Center

Fort Smith, AR

Chapel Ridge Health & Rehab

Covington Court Health & Rehab

Fianna Hills Nursing Home

Legacy Health & Rehab

Methodist Nursing Home

River Valley Health & Rehab

St. Scholastica Infirmary

Greenwood, AR

Golden Years Retirement

Greenwood Retirement Center

Pinkbud Nursing Home

Mena, AR

Mena Manor

Rich Mountain Nursing Home

Ozark, AR

Ozark Nursing Home

Paris, AR

Paris Health & Rehab

Poteau, OK

Oaks Healthcare

Roland, OK

Sequoiah East Nursing Home

Van Buren, AR

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Price Recognized as Community Angel



Nina Price was recognized for her dedication to the welfare of others, and honored as the 2010 recipient of the Gloria White Community Angel Award. The award, named for Project Compassion's founder, also recognizes the recipient's outstanding record of community service and compassionate nature. Price has volunteered since the Fall of 2001 and continues to serve as co-Key at Methodist Nursing Home. She is active in her church, Midland Heights Methodist, and their ministry to the homeless.

Nina expressed her gratitude to those present at the award-brunch and further offered her appreciation for the residents and staff at Methodist Nursing Home for making her volunteering so rewarding.

Mayor Sanders co-hosted the event and his office co-sponsored the brunch which was catered by Goodson's. Charles Saulsbery presented the program. The award-brunch coincides with PC founder, Gloria White's birthday.

Posing with Nina are: PC Board members and staff (l to r): Dr. Eric Stein, Sister Elise Forst, Dr. Jo Harper, Dot Rappeport, Carmelita Adams, Pat Fellner, Abbie Cox and Sister Judith Keith; along with Mayor Sandy Sanders (center back).



McCorkle Honored as Volunteer of the Year



Greenwood's own Laverne McCorkle was nominated by her peers to receive the 2010 Sue Sherman Volunteer of the Year award for her service towards the mission of Project Compassion. The driving force behind strengthening the Hearts of Gold campaign in Greenwood that covers three facilities, McCorkle's dedication has been non-stop.

A long-time volunteer, Laverne, has served as Key, or co-Key, at Pink Bud Nursing Home and Greenwood Retirement Center; as well

as serving on PC's Key Person liaison committee. Also present to celebrate Laverne's receipt of the award were (pictured at left) her son, Terrill McCorkle and granddaughter, Suzanne Neece.

The annual award is named in honor of PC long-time volunteer and former Board President, Sue Sherman.



Special Recognition of Member Facilities

Member facilities are partnering with Project Compassion through various levels of giving. Methodist Nursing Home is our newest Diamond member. Gold members are Greenhurst Nursing Center and Van Buren Health Care.



Annual United Way Day of Caring



John Craig of Simmons First National Bank visits with residents at the St. Scholastica Infirmary.

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Carmelita Adams
Area Agency on Aging
City of Fort Smith
Cooper Clinic
Sister Judith Keith
Ken Kohler
Stonewood Village Merchants Assoc.
Marcie Salamone
Simmons First National Bank
Dr. Eric Stein Dot Rappeport
Margaret Swann

949 Bunnies Distributed for a Hoppy Easter



The annual Easter Bunny Campaign set a record for collection and distribution this year. The soft, plush, stuffed animals were collected at drop-off points at First National Bank branches, and in Booneville; by students at UAFS, Kimmons Jr. High, Trinity Jr. High, Christ the King and Union Christian Academy in Fort Smith; by Altrusa

Club members and Chapel Ridge H&R staff. Member facilities' residents receiving 'bunnies' were Alma H&R, Chapel Ridge H&R, Greenhurst Nursing Center, Medi-Home, Mena Manor, Pinkbud Nursing Home, Rich Mountain Nursing Home, St. Scholastica Infirmary, Oaks Healthcare, and Van Buren Health Care.

PC Executive Director, Abbie Cox stated, "We hope to make sure all our residents, especially those without friends and family, know they are being thought of at Easter!"

(above)
Oaks Healthcare residents pose with their bunnies.

(left)
Abbie Cox joins First National Bank employees and some of the bunnies collected at the bank's Stonewood Village branch.



Key Person Workshop & Training

39 people attended the Spring workshop which included PC volunteers and representatives from 20 member facilities. The educational program was presented by Sandi Klein, Director of Education, UAMS - Central Center on Aging, and underwritten by an Area Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas mini-grant.





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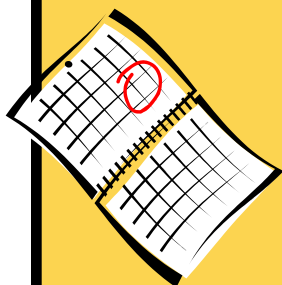
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Dates to Remember



- July 4 Office Closed-Independence Day
- July 20 RSVP due - Friends of Project Compassion Fund-raiser
- July 26 Event - Friends of Project Compassion Fund-raiser Dinner
- Sept 5 Office Closed- Labor Day
- Oct 15 Fun Walk/Run - tentative
- Oct 18 Key Person Workshop
- Nov 24-25 Office Closed-Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 Hearts of Gold "Kick-off" Open House