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## Hearts of Gold Highlights

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Thanks to the generosity of Friends of Project Compassion, our Hearts of Gold annual gift collection for nursing home residents set a new milestone in 2011. We were able to honor more than 2,500 "wish list" requests in time for all 24 facility Christmas parties! Our 21st annual campaign kicked off with an Open House at the St. Scholastica Retreat Center hosted by our Friends at Simmons First. Board member Betty Coots was joined by volunteers from Simmons Bank. Mayor Sandy Sanders and Wendy Beshears brought gifts Fort Smith City employees purchased for nursing home residents while Drew Michaels, ABC 40/29 Meteorologist and the Jack and Jill Singers led more than 100 volunteers singing Christmas carols. Community volunteers placed gifts under the tree (cont on page 3)



Above: Wendy Beshears and Mayor Sanders join Drew Michaels and volunteers singing



Below: Board member Kevin Lacewell and Trinity Junior High School's new Principal Mr. Hattabough Right: Sister Judith enjoys the Jack and Jill Singers, seen below..

Below - Nancy Zornes and Sherry Savage singing Christmas Carols



## New Opportunities to Volunteer!



There are many opportunities for groups to get involved! Join the many organizations that visit residents in the nursing homes on a regular basis! Call 479-783-2273, visit us on Facebook or email : projectcompassion@sbcglobal.net Follow us on Twitter! @abbieatpc

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A United Way Community Partner  
501-c-3 Non-Profit Organization**Project Compassion Christmas Brunch**

More than 70 Project Compassion Volunteers, Key People, local nursing home administrators and staff, community members, and business partners attended the wonderful Christmas Brunch. The Sisters of St. Scholastica prepared a delicious lunch served by Trinity Junior High volunteers. Project Compassion Board President, Sister Judith Keith, gave an impassioned presentation to the attendees thanking them for their hard work and dedication to our elders in nursing homes. New board member David Roberts helped load the "Hearts of Gold" gifts and distribute them to the nursing homes in time for their holiday parties. Thank you Fort Smith for your support

**Volunteers make it possible!**

Angie Gonzales brought church members and Girl Scouts to sing Christmas carols at Methodist Nursing Home.

Thank you Jordan Davis and Evan Simpson from Troop 316 for taking a Sunday afternoon to come and paint the Project Compassion Office! Materials were provided by a Home Depot grant.



Nancy Zornes and Nina Price playing Santa!



Joe Smith, Rick Stone and Nadine Cash, from Pernod Ricard painted the Project Compassion storage room



## We Couldn't Do It Without Friends!

Carmelita Adams  
 Diane Arnold  
 Bill Beall  
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**Honorariums**  
 Betty Coots  
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## The Marion Stephens Key Person of the Year

Drucille Morton, Key Person of Medi-Home Nursing Center in Arkoma since 2008, was named Key Person of 2011 at the Christmas Brunch. Drucille was honored to accept the award presented by Medi-Home Activity Director Debbie Scarborough and General Manager Loraine Cary, who talked about Drucille working tirelessly to visit with residents, play bingo, sing songs and just overall lighten spirits! Drucille has been Key Person at Medi-Home since 2008, along with her Co-Key Ramona Kouri. Drucille told us she, "just loves everything about Medi-Home, the wonderful staff and residents feel like my family." The Marion Stephens Key Person Award is awarded every year to the lead volunteer from one of our 24 area nursing homes. The Key Person at each facility is the point of contact between Project Compassion and other volunteers at the facility with respects to recording volunteer hours, recruiting, and helping new volunteers get acquainted with residents and nursing home staff, and keeping Project Compassion aware of any special needs. The award was named after Marion Stephens, a long-time volunteer and Key Person for many years. The award is symbolized by a silver key, created by Newton Jewelers. Thank you, Drucille!

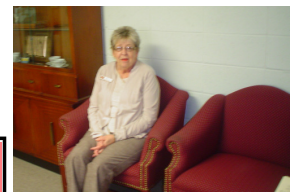


## More Hearts of Gold Highlights...



(con't from pg 1) while Project Compassion volunteers, public officials and nursing home staff joined together for hot cider, tasty treats, Abbie's Hot Crab Dip, and fellowship to kick off the annual campaign! Special thanks to Jo Ellison and Matt Rodgers from channel 40/29 for braving the cold weather to start covering the event at 5:00 am! Many items were collected under the tree for nursing home residents....so mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 27, 2012 when we get to do it again!

Thank you Betty Coots and Simmons First National Bank for the new office chairs!



## Project Compassion Office Updates

- David Roberts joined the Project Compassion Board of Directors in November. David is a retired Senior Health Care Director.
- Mandy Thomas Meadors, from Meadors Law Office, joined the Project Compassion Board of Directors In January. Welcome!



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MARCH 2-4 2012 - FRIENDS OF PC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

MARCH 15, 2012 - MAYOR'S PC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 4, 2012 - DISTRIBUTE EASTER BUNNIES TO RESIDENTS

APRIL 15-21, 2012 - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 19, 2012 - UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

APRIL 28, 2012 - PC FUN RUN / WALK

MAY 13-19, 2012 - NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK

MAY 10, 2012 - KEY PERSON WORKSHOP