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One-To-One

The Key To Compassion

Special Edition 2015

A Word From Our Director...

Events and life circumstances repeatedly remind us to count our blessings one by one. Recent storms and historic flooding in our region and the constant strife in all corners of the earth are a testament to the volatility of our world. Whether reading the newspaper, watching TV, scanning the internet or listening to the radio, we can be consumed by the trials and tribulations surrounding the lives of people each and every day. These events remind us of the impact of friendship, positive energy, support and relief when communities, neighborhoods and other groups pull together toward a shared mission. That is exactly what our volunteers do! Project Compassion connects people to a shared mission: bringing joy and friendship to nursing home residents.

Volunteer visits, cards, and continued support are truly priceless gifts from the heart. Thanks to all of our volunteers and community partners. You are a blessing!



Marian Conrad
Executive Director

Welcome New Board Member

Loyd Welbern, retired Director of Business Services at St. Edward Mercy Medical, has joined the Board of Directors of Project Compassion. Mr. Welbern was employed by St. Edward Mercy Medical Center for 36 years before his retirement in 2010. He graduated from Northside High School in 1965, joined the United States Air Force in July 1965 and served until January 1969. After being honorably discharged from the USAF, Mr. Welbern attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor's degree in Finance.



Loyd Welbern

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Project Compassion

Our Mission:
*"Bringing Joy
 Companionship,
 and Quality of Life
 to Nursing Home
 Residents"*

Easter Bunnies!

Easter Cheer



Kerry Goodwin (left)
 Nancy Zornes (right)



We appreciate our volunteers and partners who donated and delivered plush Easter bunnies to nursing home residents. Thank you to First National Bank of Fort Smith, Simmons Bank, Pike Elementary, and Graphic Packaging for collecting plush Easter Bunnies! Members of Delta Gamma Sorority at UAFS and one of our new volunteers, Kerry Goodwin, teamed up with veteran volunteer, Nancy Zornes, to cheer residents at Methodist H&R. Jordan Hatwig, a recent graduate from Southside High, delivered bunnies to residents at Legacy H&R and Fianna Hills Nursing. The "Write to a Resident" team from ArcBest brought cards and bunnies to residents of Covington Court.

Delta Gamma Sorority from UAFS



Jordan Hatwig (right)
 Telesha McKinney (left)



Beverly Flynn & ArcBest Team
 at Covington Court

Arkansas Gives



Project Compassion participated in the Arkansas Gives campaign, a 12-hour online giving event on April 2, 2015 sponsored by Arkansas Community Foundation. Donors raised nearly 2 Million dollars for 361 Arkansas nonprofits! 70% of our support comes from private individuals like you who understand the critical need for volunteers in nursing homes. Thank you to everyone who donated to us during this campaign and who support us throughout the year!

"Get On Board" Nonprofit Expo

Thanks to the Leadership Fort Smith Alumni Association for inviting us to participate in the "Get On Board" Nonprofit Expo. We joined with other nonprofit organizations from around the community to recruit volunteers. It was a fun evening at the Movie Lounge EpiCenter complete with hot dogs from the Arvest Bank Grill Team and delicious desserts provided by First National Bank of Fort Smith.



Mayor's Volunteer Awards Luncheon

We held a "Bloom Where You're Planted!" Volunteer Awards Luncheon to honor all of our dedicated volunteers and to thank them for the difference they make in the lives of nursing home residents. Special awards were presented by Mayor Sandy Sanders to recognize our "Volunteer of the Year", our "Rookie(s) of the Year", and our "Gloria White Community Angel"! These volunteers were nominated by peers, colleagues, and facility staff. Our volunteers are prime examples of "blooming where they're planted" and we couldn't be more proud of the service ALL of our volunteers provide every day!



Southside High "Johnny Reb Singers"

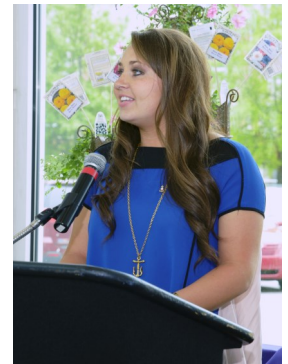


(Left) We were graced with the beautiful voices of the Johnny Reb Singers from Southside High, led by Choir Director Gaye McClure.

Jackie Rupp as Gloria White



(Right) UAHS Historical Interpretation student, Jackie Rupp gave her "Tales from the Crypt" presentation describing the life of our late founder, Gloria White.



Allie Wilson from Delta Gamma

(Above) Allie Wilson described the similarities between Project Compassion and the Delta Gamma "Golden Anchor" Philanthropy program. We are pleased to partner with Delta Gamma!

**Holly Osborne
"Rookie of the Year"**

**Evoynn McGee
"Rookie of the Year"**



(Left) Both Holly Osborne and Evoynn McGee, volunteers from Chapel Ridge H&R, were honored with our new award "Rookie of the Year." This distinction goes to an extraordinary volunteer who has been with Project Compassion for a year or less. Together these two have given over 2500 hours in their first year! They have made an incredible impact on the residents and facility staff at Chapel Ridge.

**Angela "Mama" Avila
"Volunteer of the Year"**



(Left) Angela Avila, a 96-year-old volunteer at Covington Court, is truly a blessing to everyone. "Mama" as she is known by residents, is presented the 2015 "Volunteer of the Year" award.

(Right) Project Compassion Board President, Sr. Judith Marie Keith, RSM and Mayor Sanders presented the Gloria White Community Angel Award to Dr. Dana Rabideau. He was nominated by colleagues for his leadership and dedication to serving others in the community.

**Dr. Dana Rabideau accepting the
Gloria White Community Angel Award**



***See our website www.projectcompassioninc.com to read more about our amazing volunteers!**

National Nursing Home Week 2015



Mayor Sanders & Debbie Satterfield



Mayor Sanders presented a Proclamation to Project Compassion declaring May 10th-16th "National Nursing Home Appreciation Week." The kick-off was held at Methodist H&R promoting the 2015 national theme "Bring on the Fiesta!" Students from Pike Elementary celebrated with residents and visitors. Many facilities in the area held fun events! Thanks to volunteers and staff for helping us showcase all that you do.

Ms. Wilma won this beautiful wreath!



Sr. Judith Marie Keith, RSM opening the festivities



Painting Nails at Brookfield



United Way Day of Caring

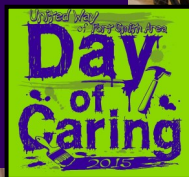
Day of Caring 2015 was a huge success! 90 volunteers gave over 270 hours visiting nursing home residents in our area. We appreciate local companies, partners, and individuals who participated in Day of Caring! Thanks to United Way of Fort Smith Area for coordinating this event. We can't wait until next year!



Paint with a Friend at Methodist



Visiting at Highlands



Board Games at Van Buren H&R



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