

# LURA TURNER HOMES

For Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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Dear Friends of Lura Turner Homes,

For two and a half years most of LTH’s extra activities have been “postponed until further notice.” This hard fact is steeped in the moral responsibility LTH has to keep residents, staff, families and friends safe and well. Against all odds, our staff has done their very best to do just that. I know this first-hand as I see care-givers in above-the-call-of-duty mode every day.

As always, our priority is focused on daily needs. Fulfilling that commitment has never been more stress-filled than in the past 30 months. In gratitude of LTH caregivers’ stick-to-itiveness, the board honored ALL front-line staff with a “thank-you” bonus at the May 17 th Founders’ Day at Central United Methodist. Kudos to those who donated toward this much-appreciated thank-you.

However, in getting residents safely through the day-to-day, we’ve gone without volunteer Hanni Wischer leading aerobics, without Hands on Greater Phoenix volunteers playing kickball, without Phoenix Bird Civitan meetings, without Jim McDaniel taking us “out to the ball game.” The list is long of off-site activities we’ve cancelled because the risk of being exposed to CoVID19 was too high.

Now that a large percentage of residents, staff, families, friends and volunteers are vaccinated against CoVID19, we are cautiously reviving our schedule. However, such reopening will be case-by-case, be it a weekly, monthly or yearly event. Of course, such fresh starts will be dictated by the health department, the agencies that license us and our own in-house protocols.

Some more good news: Camp is back! Our 44 th summer week up north is August 22-26 at Whispering Hope Ranch. See enclosed flier to see how you can help. And more good news: Seven Joyce Ridge Civitan House residents are completing their first year at Epi-Hab, where they’ve won praise for their diligent work ethic. Of course, Barney has been overwhelmed with the attention he’s received on his 44 th year as the “best employee” bar none at the Camelback Denny’s.

Even more good new:, After 30 years of renting Marlette House, we were able to buy it in December. Thanks to board member (and realtor) Mike Wheeler and long-time landlord Mr. Abbitt, the deal was a win-win. Watch for great news about the New Property any day. Yes, you’ve been patient and generous, funding this long-term effort with many gifts small and large, including a recent one for \$100,000 through our new partnership with Arizona Community Foundation.

Speaking of board members...we welcome Marc Feig and Jeff Peterson. It’s been an iffy time to join any board, what with so many CoVid-related obstacles. Thank you, Jeff and Marc for jumping in. After six years on the board, Lucinda Glenn is stepping down. Her family has been friends with LTH for 40 years, so we won’t be strangers. Thank you, Lucinda, for your service.

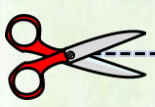
I end with sad news. On May 23 rd , Jody Larson died, having lived all her 42 years with LTH at Lynwood House. In fact, for many years, LTH’s info pamphlet showed Miss Turner welcoming Jody (see enclosed). Donna Tuttle saw up-close how her sister thrived at LTH: “Having special needs did not stop Jody from loving everyone she came in contact with, even if they weren’t sure about her.” Jody’s embrace of unconditional love was brought home when I was doing repairs at Lynwood. Here’s Jody: “Mr. Max, I need to tell you something.” Me: “Yes, Jody, in a minute.” Jody: “I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING RIGHT NOW!” Climbing off the breakfast table, I said, “OK, Jody, you have my undivided attention. What’s so important that you have to tell me “right now”?” With her head held high, Jody eyeballed me, shouting: “I AM LOVED!” That she was.



Jody Larson

Thank you for helping us provide homes where the Jodys of the world know they are loved.

Most sincerely and gratefully, *Max McQueen* Executive Director, Lura Turner Homes  
For Adults with Developmental Disabilities



If you’ve not forwarded your e-mail to us, could you please do so. At times, I need to reach you quickly, be it for good news such as when Barney was on TV and events reminders, or even sad news, such as funerals. Please fill out this form and mail it to Dixie Tribble, c/o Lura Turner Homes, P.O. Box 81285, Phx, AZ., 85069, or email your email to: [dixiet@luraturnerhomes.org](mailto:dixiet@luraturnerhomes.org). Thank you!

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## 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS...SO FAR

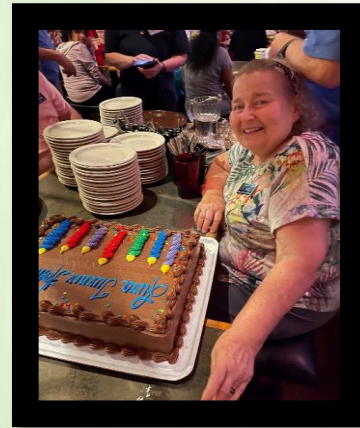
Slowly but surely, LTH is resuming our annual special events. Thank you one and all for helping us get "back on track.!"

### LTH COMPANY PICNIC



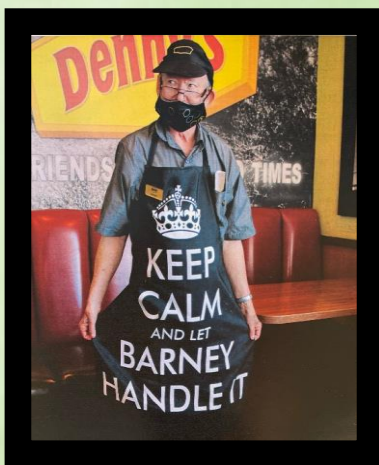
At LTH's company picnic on April 3, resident Ruth caught a "whopper" at Steel Indian School Park lake.

### ORGAN STOP PIZZA PARTY & BIRTHDAY BASH



With heaps of help from Metro Civitans, LTH feted Mary Grace Oakes' "umpteenth" birthday at Organ Stop Pizza on June 12th.

### BARNEY'S NIGHT AT DENNY'S



Thanks to the media, Barney's Night at Camelback Denny's was the best ever on April 20th. His co-workers wowed Barney for his 44 years with the apron above: "Keep Calm and Let Barney Handle It."

### DRIVE-THROUGH" HIGH TEA



Thanks to an army of volunteers, our "drive-through "High Tea was a smash. Groups large and small met all over the Valley in churches, parks and homes, such as Margie Porter's' (above).



Board members Don Campbell, Leroy Tapia And Larry Lake celebrate Founders' Day on May 17<sup>th</sup> with executive director Max McQueen (from left).



At May 17<sup>th</sup>'s Founders Day, executive director Max McQueen praises LTH residents for their outstanding work at Epi-Hab. Left to right are Raymond, Esther, Ken, Rose and Cathy.

At Founders' Day, the board presented LTH staff with flowers and a "thank-you" bonus. The gifts were an expression of appreciation for the incredible job staff has done during the CoVid crisis. Thanks to all those who donated to this well-deserved Thank you.

### The Arizona Tax Credit

Did you know you can donate up to \$400/individual and \$800/married couples until April 15<sup>th</sup> to Lura Turner Homes and get a dollar-to-dollar return on your ARIZONA STATE taxes? You can do just that through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. You may mail a check to LTH or donate by credit card call 602-943-4789. Ask for Lorrie/Dixie.



Thank You

### LURA TURNER HOMES EVENTS

August 22-26, 2022  
44<sup>th</sup> Summer Camp

Friday September 23, 2022  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

November 12, 2022  
38<sup>th</sup> Christmas Boutique AND  
Jack Adams Memorial Walk-A-Thon





Dear Friends of Lura Turner Homes,

First off, I beg your forgiveness for being so behind in thanking you publicly for your donations, be they in memory or honor of loved ones, or for specific needs such as the New Property, Camp, etc. With the chronic staff shortage, it's all we can do to stay caught up. We're doing our best! Also, as our communications move bit by bit to social media, I have mixed feelings about putting donors' names in cyberspace. My compromise is this: in addition to our one-on-one thank-you's, we'll now send our "public" thank-you's each January and July, as you see enclosed. I hope this works for you. If you have additions or corrections on the enclosed contributions pages, please contact Dixie at 602-793-3325. Thank you for your patience! Max McQueen

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO LURA TURNER HOMES** **for Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

The following list reflects donations made from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022

### Individual Donations

Liz & Bob Babbitt  
Steve Baca & Colby Livingston  
Evey Bendalin  
Bert Berg  
Richard Borso  
Eleanor Brierley  
Anne Butterfly  
Susan Carrick  
Linda Cobb  
Yvonne Fisher & Ray McFarland  
Dorothy Francis  
Ruth Harlan  
Ilene Hatch  
Bradley Herman  
Carolyn & Buck Homes  
Wanda Hutchison  
Lois & Phil Keen  
Kathy & Bob Littlefield  
Melani Longoni  
Mary Marion  
Christy & Richard Marlowe-Cedillo  
Linda & David Mattingly  
Max McQueen  
Mary & George Perez  
Regina Pryor  
Therese Refausse  
Carla Robinson  
Marlene & Lyle Snow  
Leroy Tapia  
Kathy & Meyer Turken  
Wendy Walther  
Judy Willcoxson  
Ellen Wilson

### High Tea

Michael Alper  
Kaye Baumgartner  
Deby & Don Campbell  
Eunice & Scott Cunningham  
Eileen Gannon  
Toby & Steve Gerst  
June & Roy Hanson  
Karen Holesworth  
Deborah & John Maddox  
Marilyn Seese  
Michele Sniezek  
Janet Southerlan  
Becky & Chris Stingle  
Leroy Tapia  
Joyce & Charles Waller

### Charitable Tax Credit

Robert Barker  
Kathy & Lou Bauman  
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Sherry Berry  
Henrietta & Douglas Bobo  
John Burke  
Rory Camardello  
Carmen & John Camargo  
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Frank Compos  
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Darla Cook  
Bob Dubasik  
Amie Essex  
Janice Forshee  
Eileen Gannon  
Matt Gannon  
Tim Gannon  
Analee Greeley  
Susan & Ben Guida  
Elaine Hess  
Barbara Huggett  
Carren & William Kangas  
Patricia Kelly-Johnson  
Peggy Kile & Louis Gorman  
Larry Lake  
Kristen Larish  
Kristi & Wally Lawrence  
John Leal  
Heidi Lichte  
Suzanne Maiers  
Kevin McFadden  
Saundra McGee  
Julie Middleton  
Ryan Murphy  
Lorrie Nelson  
Mary Grace & Chester Oakes  
Ginny & Chuck Pence  
Greg Peterson  
Julie & Jeff Peterson  
Linda Plowman  
Mary Price  
Marcia Rehm  
Patricia Reynolds  
Raul Romero  
Cyndy Ross  
Tessa & Doug Shaw  
Ronelle Soderberg  
Emily Spencer  
Nancy Stelle  
Elaine & Bob Stetler  
Janice Stratton  
Tyler Woolley

### Staff Appreciation

Zack Dubasik  
Mary & Rick Harrington  
Cathy & Ed O'Neill  
Barbara O'Neill & Linda Bereda  
Sherry Rindels-Larsen & Steve Winden  
Marilyn Seese  
Janet Southerlan  
Kay Weaver & Fred Van Aller

### New Property

Anonymous (1)  
Marcia & Lance Cypert  
Linda Erb  
Susan Hershberger & Don Zoss  
Ginny & Elmer James  
Cherie & Bernie King  
Larry Lake  
Rose Meyers  
Regina Pryor  
Robin & Terence Roche  
Kay Weaver & Fred Van Aller  
Hidden Treasures  
Paradise Valley Paptist Church  
Litchfield Park First Baptist  
Sun Lakes United Methodis

### Barney's Night at Denny's

Eunice & Scott Cunningham  
Michelle Dakai  
Stine Investments LLC

### Goods & Services

Chick-Fil-A Christown  
Christ Church-Phoenix  
Toby Gerst's Mask Makers  
Personal Touch Catering  
Jackie & Steve Robertson  
St. Katherine Chapter of Philoptoches  
of Holy Trinity Cathedral  
Tool Bank

### Golf Tournament

Civitan Club of the Sun Cities

### Organ Stop Pizza Party

Mary Grace & Chester Oakes  
Wanda Zorkan & Chris



## Donations for Lura Turner Homes continued...

The following list reflects donations made from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022

### Memorials

In memory of Aprile Coroneos

Given by Lisa Roehm

In memory of Carol Dakai

Given by Lorrie & Tony Ching

In memory of Rev. Travis Kendall

Given by Janet Kendall

In memory of Jody Larson

Given by Lorrie & Tony Ching

Toby & Steve Gerst

Max McQueen

Ginny & Chuck Pence

Don & Marilyn Poppe

Linda Ratkovich

Harriett Stevens

Donna & Roy Tuttle

Wanda Zorkan & Chris

In memory of Larry Marks

Given by Jane Marks

In memory of Betty McQueen

Given by Jenny & Bob Schrum

In memory Ed McQueen

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Sinohui Family

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Jan & Sam Smoker

Carrie Lou Tenney

Carole Vendrick

Betty & Bernard Wainwright

Rachel Zemer

Wanda Zorkan & Chris

In memory of Pat Newnam

Given by Dr. Bill Jackson

In memory of Gwen Sargeant

Given by Rachel Zemer

In memory of Bob Schrum Sr.

Given by Jenny & Bob Schrum

In Memory of Uncle Fred Tribble

Given by Dixie Tribble

In Memory of Charis Wainwright

Given by Jenny & Bob Schrum

In memory of Bob Willcoxson

Given by Judy Willcoxson



### Honorariums

In honor of Henry Dakai

Given by Lorrie & Tony Ching

In honor of Father's Day for Steve Gerst

Given by Alena Gerst

In honor of Steven Gerst

Given by Brenda Ison & Michael Schiller

In honor of Barney M.

Given by Madeline Howard & Dave Robinson

In honor of Max McQueen

Given by Carole Vendrick

In honor of McQueen Family

Given by Jenny & Bob Schrum

In honor of Kay Rhodes

Given by Amie Essex

In honor of JoAnne Schrum

Jenny & Bob Schrum



Lura Turner welcomes Jody in 1980 to Lynwood.

### Churches, Businesses & Service Clubs

Arizona Community Foundation

Boys Team Charity, North Valley League

Central United Methodist

Chandler United Methodist

Civitan Club of Sun City

Crossroads United Methodist

Crossroads United Methodist Youth

The Dr. Management Company

Epi-Hab, Phoenix

Financial Planning Unlimited

Hands on Greater Phoenix

Hidden Treasures & Collectibles

Highlands Church

Litchfield Park First Baptist Church

Los Olivos Senior Center Assoc.

Madison Baptist Church

Madison Baptist Mission Board

Metro Civitan Club

Network for Good

Paradise Valley Baptist

Personal Touch Catering

Phoenix Bird Civitan Club

Phoenix Squaw Peak Rotary

Margaret T. Pryce Charitable Trust

Single United Methodists

Sun Lakes United Methodist

TisBest Philanthropy

Trinity United Methodist

United Methodist Men, Faith UMC

United Methodist Men, Velda Rose UMC

United Methodist Women, Central UMC

United Methodist Women, Velda Rose UMC