

2023 Summer Newsletter for Friends & Families of

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Metro Civitans Chris and Steve boil water for 300 cups of tea!



Marlette House residents and staff are all set at Table 33 for our 24th High Tea.

#### Barney's Day - April



Gannon brothers Tim and Matt high-five Barney at "Barney's Denny's."

Founder's Day - May

Miriam Hirshl, 103, is all

gussied up as a Harvey Girl.

Harriet, Chris and Wanda flank Barney on his big day



Director Max helps Barney mark

45 years at Camelback Denny's.

Volunteer Brad Sheets is feted by LTH prez Becky & Max.



The board celebrates Twyla Thompson's 50 years of inspired service to LTH.



Mary Grace is all roses at Organ Stop, home to line up for Mary Grace's bash. her and Chester's 30 years of birthday parties.



R.N."s Deby C. and K.P. are honored for their COVID care



Resident Brenda pipes up with parents Mary and Rick.





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Dear Friends of Lura Turner Homes,

It's summm-mer time. And contrary to George Gershwin's famous lyrics...the "livin' is not easy." Not with us all hot-footin' it from one shady spot to another like speeding roadrunners. If only we were in the pine-kissed country of Whispering Hope Ranch, 30 miles due east (and up) from Payson. If only...

Actually, in the Mogollon Rim's sheltering shade is where many of us will be August 21 to 25 th for LTH's 46 th summer camp. For nearly half a century, camp has been the highlight of the year for the special needs men and women who call LTH "home." Activities range from archery to crafts, from nature walks to horse rides and more. Supporters are invited to visit camp 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wed., Aug. 23 rd for "Families and Friends Day." We'll treat you to lunch. However, reservations are a MUST! Please RSVP at 602-943-4789 by August 7th.

Speaking of 50 years...on May 23rd Founder's Day, we laureled Twyla Thompson for her half-century of service during which she initiated two of LTH's signature programs: the Christian Ambassadors Bible Class and camp. True to form, Twyla asked any donations in her honor be used for a camp fund in her name and that of her late husband Brad. Not only did Brad serve as LTH president and board member, he was a long-time camp volunteer. What a dynamic duo! The Twyla and Brad Thompson Camp Fund is on-going, so you can donate any time.

Over the past six months, we've resumed almost every activity and program that had been suspended during the COVID crisis. The last event to return from hiatus was the annual July 4 th's gathering at the Gannon's, where we oohed and aahed at the Steele Indian School Park fireworks. All while being pampered by the Gannon family.

Have you noticed LTH is an active agency again? We are. Day Training for Adults is back doing field trips, from Los Olivos Senior Center to Harkins Theaters and more. Joyce Ridge Civitan House residents attend Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped and/or work at Epi-Hab. Phoenix Bird Civitans revived their meetings in January. One and all are again enjoying spiritual and social boosts at Central United Methodist, Gesher Disability Resources and other places of fellowship. Bingo and bowling is back in the hands of Hands-on Greater Phoenix.

Our revived special events are a mix of much-needed fund-raisers as well as fun-raisers. You see that mix in the Spaghetti Dinner, the Harvey Girls' High Tea, Barney's Night, Founder's Day, Mary Grace's Birthday Bash, and the upcoming Golf Tourney (Sept. 22) and Holiday Bazaar (Nov. 3-4). To these annual affairs, we add another: famed singer-guitarist-humorist and humanitarian Igor Glenn has created a series of five concerts to benefit LTH, starting October 6. See our website for detailed fliers on the latter three events.

But wait! There's more good news! Just so you know...with designated funds from the Mike Lewis Endowment, we've made long-delayed repairs and renovations at Joyce Ridge Civitan House, Lynwood House and Marlette House. Hold on! there's even more to celebrate: Thanks to the generosity of the Tapia Family Foundation, LTH has at long last bought land on which Habitat for Humanity will build houses. With your help - LTH will turn those houses into homes.

Your faithful support of all of the above (and much more) continues to inspire LTH hard-working staff to do what they do best everyday: quality, round-the-clock caregiving for adults with special needs. Thank you so much for sticking with us through thick and thin through 58 years!

Blessings to you and yours Max McQueen Executive Director, Lura Turner Homes



Multi-talented Igor Glenn lines up concerts to benefit LTH.



Eileen Gannon and family hosts JRCH residents on July 4th.



Artist Billie Nightingale creates a "Garden Mural" at JRCH.

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Thank you for your donations to Lura Turner Homes

### for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

The following list reflects donations made to LTH from January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023. We do our best to make sure all donors and donations are listed correctly. However, in case of corrections, omissions, etc., *PLEASE* don't hesitate to call Dixie, 602-943-4789.

#### **Barney's Night**

Eunice & Scott Cunnngham Michelle Dakai Ginny & Elmer James Dr. Linda Puchi Stine Investments (Denny's)

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### Coin Can

Bertus Berg Max McQueen Margie & Dennis Porter

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#### High Tea <u>General High Tea</u>

Janice & RT Airhart Anne Butterfly Maxine Carstedt Eunice & Scott Cunningham **Carolyn Ekenstam English Tea Room** Maria Franceschi Cynthia & Edward Gustavson Terese Hall **Miriam Hirschl** Karen Holesworth Tracy & Eric Holyoak Linda Johnson **Carolyn Moore Donna Murphy** Kathy & Michael Ostapuk Sherry Rindels-Larson & Steve Winden Sandy Ruffin **Marilyn Seese** Joyce Waller Jeanatte Winkelman

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Donations from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, cont'd from pg. 1.

#### Friends of the High Tea

**Candee Brierley** Don Campbell Lorrie Ching Suzi Q. Cooper Mandi Curtis **Bob Dubasik** Lori Galvin (Co-Chair) Steve Gerst Grand Canyon University Volunteers Marc Feig Larry Lake Deborah (Co-Chair) & John Maddox Margarita Monjaras **Billie Nightingale** Holly Paulson Jenifer Proctor **Regina Pryor** Tara Rabb Sherry Rindels-Larsen Marilyn Seese **Becky & Chris Stingle** Leroy Tapia Dixie Tribble (Co-Chair) Lynda & Andy Wheeler Steve Winden A.R.C.H **Cross Roads United Methodist Church Cross Roads United Methodist Youth English Rose Tea Room Rebekah Gatton Tea Parties** Harvey Girls of Winslow Hidden Treasures Antiques and Collectibles Litchfield Park First Baptist Church **Metro Civitans** Paradise Valley Baptist Church Personal Touch Catering **Phoenix Bird Civitans** Jeff Topping Photography

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#### **New Property**

Steve Baca & Colby Livingston Cherie & Bernie King Ann Mills Chandler UMC Civitan Club of the Sun Cities Sun Lakes UMC The Tapia Family Foundation

#### Organ Stop Pizza Party

Mary Grace & Chester Oakes Margie & Dennis Porter Wanda Zorkan

#### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Anne Butterfly **Candice** Cromer Vicki & Fred DeWerth Igor Glenn & Friends **Barbara Hill** Madison Baptist Church Personal Touch Catoring Sandy Ruffin **Marilyn Seese** Jeri Strande

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