



Upcoming Dates
To
Remember

**Volunteer
Orientation**

9-11 a.m.
Second Thursdays
January 13th

**Van Transportation
Training**

9-11 a.m.
December 15th
January 20th



FCC Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Phone 480.488.1105
Fax 480.488.8117

"Mask"querade Ball



Sonoran Serenade Big Band

Thank you for attending our first Ball! What a wonderful time, great food, great fun and costumes and fantastic music. A special thank you to el Pedregal of the Boulders and the Sonoran Serenade Big Band. Thank you also to Janice Wallace and Jerry Kent at www.DancingDJsAZ.com for dance lessons.

Give me your comments. Are you interested in having an Annual Ball?



PATRONS! Thank you for your generosity. It was a lovely luncheon hosted by Dick and Jean Segil. We continue to see support after our Annual Campaign kick-off luncheon.



**Pat McMahon, Jill Ford
& Debbra Determan**



The Third and Fourth Grade TEAMS students from Heritage Elementary in Glendale, AZ made ornaments for the elders at Foothills. We got messy making them. We had fun making the 100 that we made. We hope that these brighten up the holidays at Foothills. Happy holidays from Glendale!

Guest Reporter,
Sarah, 3rd grader

The 'Budris Bus' has arrived!



Bill Budris &
Jayne Hubbard

*As we say to our
new neighbors,
"Welcome aboard!
You will love these
programs!"*

A long awaited phone call from ADOT sent us down to Tempe to pick up our newest van. It is a 10 passenger Cut-a-way van with a lift. This new van was named

for Barb Budris who passed away this summer. She and Bill were instrumental in getting our program going and in the early years drove and assisted on many of the trips. Barb was a regular with Bill on the van until she became too ill this past winter. We all miss her dearly.

The arrival of the 'BB' brings our fleet up to four, our first van that we bought 5 years ago affec-

tionately called 'Old Van', our wonderful little Toyota Sienna, the Accessible Van that seats 9 and out new 'BB', as we call it. This fleet gives us the versatility that we have needed for our programs. The older 12 passenger van, the new 'BB' and the Toyota will be used most often in the Van Program for trips. The Accessible van will be Maggie Palmer's to schedule for medical transportation for those with handicapping conditions.

The 'BB' is a beautiful van and so useful. It has a nice wide center isle that allows for easy access to seats as well as that great open space our neighbors fill with laughter and conversation. The lift is in a handy position as well and

the new securement system is much easier than our first accessible van. It did not take us long to decide to refit our first lift van with the updated securements. Everyone will appreciate the helpful changes!

Our transportation program continues to grow. Several of our riders have signed up for almost twenty trips in December and Maggie is now able to transport wheelchair bound neighbors to appointments on most any day requested. As we say to our new neighbors, "Welcome aboard! You will love these programs!" In this season of Thanksgiving we are thankful for ADOT and all our volunteers and donors who make these services possible.

Safe Driving Over the Holidays

Driving distractions impair drivers' abilities to keep their eyes on the road, their hands on the wheel, and their minds on the task of driving.

Consider the following to help avoid distracted driving:

- Turn off, or at least turn down, the ringer on cell phones and other communication devices before driving
- Pull over to a safe location and stop the vehicle prior to using a communication device if one must be used
- Avoid unnecessary adjusting of vehicle settings (e.g., mirrors, temperature controls, radio, and GPS navigation) once the vehicle is in motion.
- Make sure drivers are well rested, well nourished, and otherwise equipped for the length and purpose of their trip
- Take the time to prepare in advance for the driving trip so as to avoid uncertainty or confusion regarding the routes, stopping points, pickups, etc.



Upcoming Events

Come join us for an open house during the Carefree Christmas Festival at twilight night 4 to 9 p.m. party for grown-ups, Friday, December 10th.

CAREFREE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL DECEMBER 10TH-12TH



ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
Saturday, December 11th at 6pm
sponsored by The Carefree Resort

OTHER WEEKEND EVENTS INCLUDE:

REAL SNOW • FIREWORKS • SANTA
Evening Concert • Community Choirs
Theater & Dance • Late Night Shopping
CHRISTMAS MARKET • FESTIVAL OF TREES
Holiday Dog Walk & Show
Live Nativity • Kids Zone

Visit our website for Schedule of Events & More!

WWW.CAREFREECHRISTMASFESTIVAL.COM

Golf Ball Raffle

January 8, 2011
Gates Open 4:00 p.m.

At Rancho Mañana
Golf Club
5734 East Rancho Mañana Blvd.
Cave Creek, Arizona 85331
www.cavecreekballoonfestival.com



Early morning start out with the Golf Tournament at Rancho Mañana, then the Golf Ball Raffle and 2nd Annual Cave Creek Balloon Festival sponsored by Sanderson Lincoln Volvo begins at 4:00 p.m. with fun, food, festivities and the Balloon Glow.

**5 winners
will have a
chance for a
hole-in-one
&
\$1,000,000**

Foothills Caring Corps has been selected as the charity honored at this event. Please support this event by attending or playing in the tournament - \$125/player. Purchase \$10 raffle tickets - 5 chances to win \$500 and a chance for a hole-in-one for \$1,000,000!!!

Save the date, purchase your golf ball raffle tickets at www.foothillscaringcorps.com.



SAVE THE DATE MARCH 2011 FUND-RAISER

Our major fund-raiser is our **Cash & Caring Raffle & Taste of the Foothills Event**. Each year we change it a bit, add new music, add restaurants, partner with wine companies and dis-

tributors. This year we are back at el Pedregal with a fabulous array of activities and fun. Please join us on **Thursday, March 24th!** Late afternoon and evening events with the fabulous *Taste of the Foothills*.





Thank You Veterans

Foothills Caring Corps would like to thank all of the Neighbors and Volunteers who fought for our Country in WW11, Korean War, Vietnam, and the current wars.

For Veterans who could not attend the Veterans Benefits Seminar held in September, you may contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Irby at 602.627.2857, regarding benefits and help in filing an application.



Make your tax deductible gift to Foothills Caring Corps before December 31st to help support our programs. Credit cards, checks or cash accepted at our offices. Please call 480.488.1105. **Thank you!**

Neighbors

If you become ill and need hospitalization, please advise the Hospital Social Worker/Caseworker before being discharged that you are a Neighbor of Foothills Caring Corps. If you need care at home, medical equipment, the doctor can order this for you before you are discharged and FCC can help arrange medical transportation, grocery shopping and any referral services you may need.

Please let us know if you have been released from the hospital so we can schedule a home visit to find out if you need additional services. 480.488.1105.



We are looking for Volunteers to help take pictures at Caring Corps' events. If you are interested, please call Nancy at 480.488.1105.



P.O. Box 831
Carefree, AZ 85377



Exciting Opportunities



Training Classes



The AED/CPR classes will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 and Thursday, February 3, 2011.

The classes will be held at the Carefree Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Andy Monize will be the instructor. These two sessions will be free to the first 20 people who sign-up. We will have 10 people in each training session. Make sure that you sign-up and attend. Call 480.488.1105 to reserve a space.

Volunteers needed

- To serve on the Fund Development Committee
- To help with the Cave Creek Balloon Festival, January 8, 2011.

If you would like to sign-up, please send your name, phone number and email address to Debra at DebraD@FoothillsCaringCorps.com.

Church News

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church is looking to develop a Cancer Support Group for the Cave Creek/Carefree community. The support group will meet monthly at Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church. Anyone interested in joining, please call 480.488.3283.



Good Shepherd is able to hire a paid position for a Facilitator. If you are interested, please call Jean Savage at 480.563.0274 or

Jeanie Robertson at 623.742.0302.

A special thank you to Desert Mission United Methodist Church for hosting the Thanksgiving Eve Service and for each of the pastors and congregations participating.



A special thank you to Jill Ford and Pat Wetter for hosting the Santa to a Senior Afternoon Tea, Monday, December 6th!! What gifts and fun!



To you and yours...



*From the Caring Corps'
Staff and
Board of Directors*

Volunteers are appreciated

NEWS BULLETIN - Foothills Caring Corps has the Best Team of Volunteers in the valley! Their creed and motto include:

- Smiles and laughter are part of the reward
- Come early, stay late to help someone in need
- Patience means caring and devotion
- Honor and respect for one another's circumstance is constant
- Hope bubbles up
- Just being there means you care
- Sharing time brings joy

You make all the difference!

You can finish this Thanksgiving note with your own ideas, poems, letters of thanks as we move forward with our monthly newsletters.

We can have a corner in our newsletters to write little notes and articles that remind us of our mission. We'd love to hear from you. Tell us how a volunteer made a difference in your life or what happened when you volunteered to light up your life. Please send to:

Services@FoothillsCaringCorps.com.



Staff enjoyed serving Foothills Caring Corps Volunteers

A Special Thank You to our Wonderful Volunteers

Over one-hundred volunteers attended our Holiday Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church on December 2nd. It was a fun-filled afternoon, which included a “thank you” to the volunteers from Jill Ford, President of Foothills Caring Corps and from Mayors Francia and Schwan. These words of praise and thanks were followed by entertainment from local vocal duo Martha Lindsey Glenn and Kevin Glenn, with an AED demonstration by Andy Monize of the Carefree Fire Dept. The last activity of the afternoon involved the volunteers receiving updates and networking in their service delivery groups. The Cave Creek Marshall's office kindly upgraded our background checks for volunteers.

A special thank you to Desert Hills Presbyterian Church and their staff and volunteers helping to make our **first formal appreciation luncheon a success!**