

P.O. BOX 831 CAREFREE, AZ 85377



Upcoming Dates To Remember

Volunteer Orientation

Second Thursdays October 13 November 10 9-11 a.m.

Van Transportation Training Level I

> October 20 November 17 9-10 a.m.

The next Cancer
Support Group
meets Saturday,
November 5
at 10 a.m.
Good Shepherd of the
Hills Episcopal Church



FCC Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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# Foothills Caring Corps News

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Ron and Vickie Crowe are a perfect example of Caring Corps' volunteers working with others in the community to support older adults. Together in coordination the community has allowed a homebound neighbor, gifted sculptor Robert Thornley, to lead a full life by remaining independent and in his home, despite debilitating medical conditions.

Robert, 70, a popular and well-known Cave Creek artist who created the Cave Creek Cross at Christ Anglican Church in Carefree, has numerous friends and a great support network.

He was left homebound and unable to drive to much needed medical appointments because of health conditions that included a recently amputated limb.

At the urging of friends who were involved with the Caring Corps, the Crowes began volunteering in the spring of 2009 by providing respite caregiver relief and handyman help.

One thing led to another and soon

# \*\*\*Matching Volunteers and Neighbors\*\*\* Contributes to Foothills Caring Corps

the Cave Creek couple, who have been married 40 years, were trained to operate the Caring Corps' wheelchair accessible van.

While Robert was able to continue his work as a sculptor at his inhome studio despite his physical condition, his existing support network lacked a wheelchair accessible vehicle in which to transport him to his doctor appointments and medical treatments.

Although from time to time Robert must go to a rehabilitation center for therapy, he remains fiercely independent and the man who lives by the motto, "take every day and make it a masterpiece."

Ron Crowe, a retired engineer from Honeywell and his wife Vickie, a retired school teacher who raised their three children, initially met the artist when they volunteered to drive him to a doctor appointment in the wheel-chair accessible van.

Over time, it became apparent that the Crowes were going to be an excellent match for Caring Corps' neighbor Robert. With the frequency of medical visits that he required, the volunteers and Robert got to know each other during the frequent drives, and became good friends. According to Robert, "the Crowes have kind of be-

come like part of my family."

When asked, Ron and Vickie Crowe said they felt the same. "Robert reaches out to so many friends. It amazes me how he keeps in touch with so many people and even his customers who have bought his art over the years. We enjoy his friendship and the friendship of all of those we have met through the Caring Corps," said Ron Crowe.

While Robert's strong support network of community and friends could meet many of his needs, only the Caring Corps had the ability to provide him with wheelchair accessible transportation for critical medical visits that allowed him to remain happy and living in his home.

The story of Ron and Vickie Crowe's work with Robert Thornley, exemplifies how the Caring Corps provides critical services, creates unique bonds of friendship, and can be woven into an already existing but incomplete network of support systems for the homebound and elderly.

"As a community we came together to provide Robert with the tools he needed, because it was important for him to stay in his home despite immobility and health issues," Ron Crowe said.

Kim Prince





Do you want to have lasting impact for Neighbors served by Foothills Caring Corps? Consider leaving a planned gift to Foothills Caring Corps' endowment fund that will provide annual revenue after your lifetime. Once your gift is received, a portion of the investment return will be used annually and the difference will continue to be invested to provide income for the future. Planned gifts come from those we serve, members of our partner churches, supporters, family members and others who share our goals. Your gift would make an extraordinary difference to

those you leave behind. Other options are available to you as you choose to leave a legacy. For more information, please contact Executive Director, Debbra Determan at 480.488.1105.



#### Healthy Living Workshops LEARN HOW TO TAKE CONTROL AND MANAGE YOUR HEALTH



Do you have diabetes, heart disease, COPD, arthritis, fibromyalgia, chronic pain, or other ongoing health condition?

The Healthy Living workshop can teach you the skills you need to manage your condition and get your life back.

Workshop is 6 weeks. Enjoy the company and support of others living with chronic conditions.

Suggested donation is \$ 20 and includes text book. Financial assistance is also available.

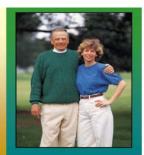
Space is limited, call to register.

#### Workshop is offered:

Time: 1:00—3:30 pm

When: Monday, Oct. 24th—Nov. 21st
Where: Scottsdale Healthcare, Thompson
Peak Hospital

To Register, Contact:
Debbra Determan
Foothills Caring Corps
480-488-1105



Arizona Living Well Institute

## **Community Outreach**

Blood Drive aturday. October 2

Saturday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Center (main room) 34605 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale For more information visit www.unitedbloodservices.org

Grand Opening of
Chapter2Books, the new bookstore
at Desert Foothills Library
Saturday, October 29th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
www.CHAPTER2BOOKSAZ.com

Grief and the Holidays
Presented by Hospice of the Valley
Friday, November 4th
10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

at Desert Foothills Library
38443 N. School House Road, Cave Creek
Information for all events at the Library:
Contact David Court at dcourt@dfla.org or
Dereth DeHaan at ddehaan@dfla.org
480.488.2286 www.desertfoothillslibrary.org

### Mobility Management comes to the Caring Corps

Jayne Hubbard is wearing a new name tag these days that says Mobility Manager. This is the new term from the national world of transpiration that speaks to a change in emphasis that is very important. A mobility manager is charged with coordination and collaboration with other agencies, non profits and services to get people where they need to go. In our case it is older adults and persons with disabilities. This change represents the understanding that it is only by working together that we can have great communities that meet the needs of our neighbors and those needs must drive our services and programs. We are in our first year of a grant awarded through Maricopa Association of Governments from ADOT that funds this position. We are very fortunate to have been chosen as one of what will be 4 local managers in the county. Our area is the NE quadrant.

This is nothing new for FCC as we have always been about coordination and partnering with others in our community. It is a natural outflow of our mission to promote independence and enhance the quality of life for our neighbors. We are now increasing our lead role in this area. We will continue to work with our local libraries, Kiwanis, Holland Community Center, Habitat for Humanity, Scottsdale Healthcare North and Hospice in providing transportation for their programs. Once grants are confirmed we are looking at beginning a monthly program that will get older adults and persons with disabilities to this community's new Walmart, a perfect one stop store for so many of their needs. We are looking forward to working with the Kiwanis Action Club and Valley Metro in mentoring and educating these great young adults with disabilities to be able to ride the light rail. We will get them to the light rail so they can access the opportunities that exist in downtown Phoenix.

What is truly incredible is that we do this with the most amazing and dedicated volunteers. This makes us very unique and a role model for other endeavors. This past week Jayne Hubbard was a presenter of "Best Practices" at the Transportation Ambassadors Team that networks transportation providers in Maricopa County and beyond. Our volunteers and supporters are our best practice. It is because of your service that some 5,000 trips are taken each year by neighbors who would otherwise be unable to go where they not just need to go, but want to go. You are all to be thanked for the part you play in this service of the Foothills Caring Corps. Thank You!

## Sign-up for these Important Dates



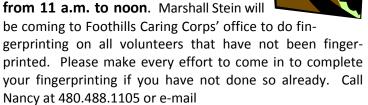
AED/CPR classes will be held on the following dates:

### Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

The classes will be held at the Carefree Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations toward the \$20 fee requested. We need to have 10 people signed up for each class to make it a productive class. It is critical that all volunteers be trained in AED & CPR. With the new guidelines and methods, this class is quite valuable for all of you to feel comfortable to do something when someone needs help. Call Nancy at 480.488.1105 or e-mail, NancyC@foothillscaringcorps.com to reserve a space.

#### **Fingerprinting**

We are having another opportunity for fingerprinting on **Thursday**, **October 13**<sup>th</sup>



NancyC@foothillscaringcorps.com to reserve a space.



Free blood pressure checks
Every **Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon**Carefree Homecare Companion Service
25 Easy Street, Suite C in Carefree

No appointment necessary



