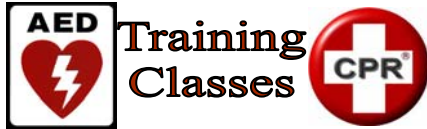


Sign-up for these Important Dates



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

Friday, December 14, 2012

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

The classes will be held at the Carefree Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations toward the \$25 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

Fingerprinting will be handled on an individual basis for the month of December. Please make every effort to complete your fingerprinting, if you have not done so already.

Call Nancy at 480.488.1105 or e-mail, NancyC@foothillscaringcorps.com for further details.



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!



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**Upcoming Dates
To Remember**

**Volunteer
Orientation**

**Second Thursdays
December 13
January 10
9-11 am**

**Van Transportation
Training
Level 1**

**December 20
January 17
9-11 am**

**Van Transportation
Training
Level 2**

**December 19
9 am - 12:30 pm**

**Quarterly Meeting
January 8, 2013
9-11 am**

Coolwater Christian
Church
28181 N. 56th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85266

FCC Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
December 24 & 31
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Phone 480.488.1105
Fax 480.488.8117

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DECEMBER 2012



As we celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and the beginning of the New Year, we reflect on this past year and are grateful for the gifts we have been given and the blessings we have received.

The Foothills Caring Corps has had a very successful year with many joyful caring volunteers joining our team! Welcome and thank you for joining the fabulous volunteers who have been here to hold us up all year long!!!

The Neighbors have had loving visits from volunteers and have participated in many trips to community events as well as have had transportation for visits to the medical offices. All the many services that allow Neighbors to live at home and stay independent are gifts and blessings not only for them but for the community.

Our supporters, Board of Directors, and staff continue to keep our programs vibrant and well managed.

During this holiday season of 2012 as we renew our spirits and share our time with loved ones we are thankful for you and blessed for the opportunities to be of service to our communities.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

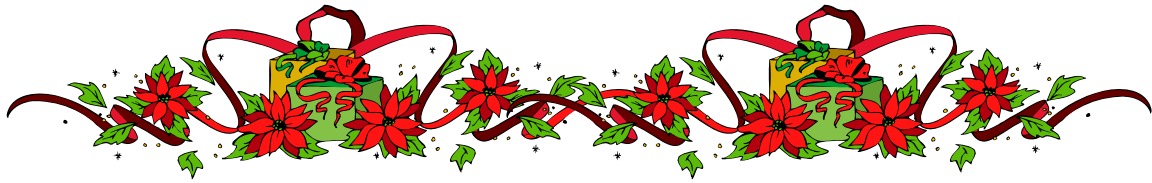
May the sweet magic of this season conspire to gladden your hearts and fill every desire.



To you and yours...

**Happy
Holidays**

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



Hosting a lovely private Afternoon Tea to benefit Foothills Caring Corps' "Neighbors", Jill Ford and Pat Wetter's guests brought in more than 125 beautiful gifts to distribute to homebound

"Neighbors" celebrating the holidays alone.



Last year's recipients said:

"What a lovely surprise when a gentleman brought the Christmas gifts from you all! The card from the kids in Glendale is precious with the snowman soup. The gorgeous soft warm blanket is so nice. Thank you so much for everything. Surely God will richly bless all of you for all of your caring and helping us homebound folks." *Harriet Olsen, FCC Neighbor*

"I deeply appreciate your kind and thoughtful gift! It made me very happy, to know you were thinking of me. God's blessing to all of you, He always repays love and caring. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart." *Siglinde Shea, FCC Neighbor*

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Handprints with Hugs



For the third year, Heritage 3rd-4th grade TEAMS/STEM students in Glendale, AZ are proud to add to the Foothills Caring Corps' holiday cheer. This year the students added their handprints to 100 lap blankets. The 8-10 year olds loved painting their hands and stamping the blankets. Here are a couple comments that the students wanted to share with their friends at Foothills Caring Corps: *"I hope the blankets keep them warm this winter."* *"It is like I am sending them a hug with my handprint!"*



Heritage TEAMS/STEM is an applicant based classroom of students who love science, technology, engineering and math. The 3rd-4th graders wish all their friends at Foothills Caring Corps a happy and warm holiday season!



Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church



A special thank you to Christ the Lord Lutheran Church for hosting the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service. Each of the eight pastors involved gave such encouraging words of gratitude and thanksgiving. The music was so moving and uplifting. The Foothills Caring Corps' Board of Directors is thankful to have our organization honored by all participants.

**Orpheus Male Chorus
Holiday Concert
to benefit Foothills Caring Corps**



Ring in the Christmas season with a holiday concert performed by the Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix, to benefit the Foothills Caring Corps. Highlights include traditional favorites such as Angels We Have Heard, Carol of the Bells and Sleigh Ride.

Sunday, December 16th, 4:00 pm

Desert Foothills Lutheran Church
29305 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale
480.585.8007

Reception following

\$20 Admission

Tickets available by phone: 480.585.8007

www.dflc.org/concerts



**Picking up the Pieces: When a
Spouse or Partner Dies**

*An interactive workshop
open to the community*

This group will address:

- Shifting identity from a couple to a single person
- Negotiating relationships with friends, family and social networks
- Finding new roles as a parent or grandparent

Participants may attend one workshop or both:

Part I

Friday, January 11, 2013

Registration: 10:15 am

Program: 10:30 am–12:00 pm

RSVP by January 4

Part II

Friday, February 8, 2013

Registration: 10:15 am

Program: 10:30 am–12:00 pm

RSVP by February 1

RSVP at 602.776.6873 or events6@hov.org

Workshops held at:
Desert Foothills Library
38443 N. Schoolhouse Road
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Peace on earth good will to all



Treasurer's Corner

There has been a lot of news coverage lately about the "fiscal cliff". This term generally describes the sunset of the "Bush Tax Cuts" which were enacted in 2001 and are set to expire on January 1, 2013. Most people are focusing on the effects of the elimination of the various tax credits and reduced income tax rates that those tax cuts entailed. What is receiving little news coverage is the increase in estate taxes that are part of the "cliff".

For 2012 estates only paid tax if the taxable estate exceeded \$5,120,000. And the maximum tax rate on taxable estates was 35%. Effective January 1, 2013 taxable estates exceeding \$1,000,000 will pay an estate tax and the maximum rate increases to 55%.

This drastic increase in estate taxes has many families seeking the advice of their financial advisors and estate planners. Bequests to qualified charitable organizations, such as the Foothills Caring Corps, are deductions from a gross estate in arriving at the taxable estate. In addition, the use of trusts, such as a Charitable Remainder Trust, can be used to provide a "win-win" situation for both the surviving family members and the nonprofit organization.

We hope that you will consider including the Foothills Caring Corps when revising your estate plans. We would be pleased to meet with you and your financial advisors to assist in structuring an estate plan that minimizes the amount of estate taxes you and your family would owe.

*Louis W. Matusiak, CPA, CBA
FCC Board Treasurer*