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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. 56<sup>th</sup> 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  
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# Foothills Caring Corps News

[www.FoothillsCaringCorps.com](http://www.FoothillsCaringCorps.com)

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.

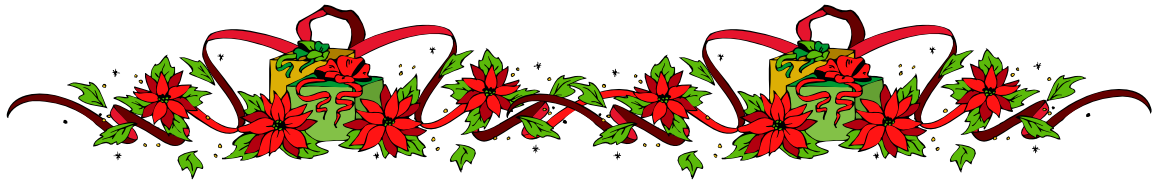


*To you and yours...*

**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](http://www.dflc.org/concerts)**



**HOSPICE  
of the VALLEY**

**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

**Part II**

**Friday, February 8, 2013**

Registration: 10:15 am

Program: 10:30 am–12:00 pm

**RSVP by January 4**

**RSVP by February 1**

RSVP at 602.776.6873 or [events6@hov.org](mailto: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*



## Sign-up for these Important Dates



**Training  
Classes**



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

**Friday, December 14, 2012**

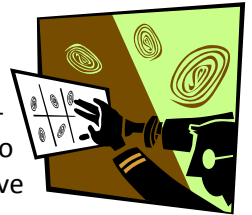
**Tuesday, January 15, 2013**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# An Evening of Fun and New Friendships

## October 29, 2012



"Affinity" dance band captivated the audience with their wonderful music and high energy performance. The Boulders Resort Tohono Ballroom at el Pedregal provided the perfect atmosphere and wonderful dining experience for a beautiful evening.

A **special thanks** to The Northern Trust Company for their sponsorship.



*"The evening of the Masquerade Ball let the child in ALL of us come out to Flourish as it joined the Adult in ALL of us who love and support The Foothills Caring Corps. It was a great group of friends who agreed to play dress-up with a fun mix of music we could all relate to. This was an Experience to Remember!" Sue Bickerdyke*



*"The Foothills Caring Corps' Masquerade Ball was a fun evening. Good food, great music, good company, and a lot of laughs with all the costumes. A very enjoyable time." Susie Lang*

A special **thank you** to Cynthia Baloh Photography and ERP Productions, and to Debbie Wainwright and Lanae Johnson for their creative decorations.



## Rejoice!

**H**ands abound in service and caring!

**A** story of hope has been shared and all here are beaming

**P**arty you say? When and where, we'll be coming!

**P**ure joy! Every senior has a Santa so the fun is just beginning

**Y**ippee! Every Mobile meal route is covered and Pat is singing!

**H**ope is renewed. A ride has been shared and someone's health is improving

**O**nly two more service matches needed today, Nancy's dialing never ceasing!

**L**oneliness is not an option. You can bet someone will be stopping!

**I**t's time to be Grand Marshall of the Electric Light Parade and all vehicles are still glowing!

**D**one, we say? "O no", says Debra. "I have a new plan that just needs some doing!"

**A**larms have stopped ringing, the copier is sleeping, phones cease their ringing, the holiday is here and the staff is repeating.....

**Y**ou are the reason

**S**uch joy in this season!

Jayne Hubbard  
FCC Mobility Manager





# Foothills Caring Corps' Golf Tournament

In Remembrance of Larry Wetter  
November 19, 2012



Again, a successful event—and fun was had by all—our numbers are not finalized but we know we will net over \$70,000.

Incredible Donors and Supporters of Foothills Caring Corps!



"The golfers feedback was positive! The course at Mirabel was in spectacular shape, the food and service was excellent as always and the opportunity to support the cause of servicing the Foothills shut-in seniors is appreciated by all involved. Thanks again to all of the generous sponsors and volunteers who made this tournament a success. Look forward to next year's event again!" *John Arant*

"We are pleased to report our second successful FCC golf tournament fundraiser held at Mirabel Golf Club. The day was highlighted by perfect weather, a great venue and most important, a terrific financial result for Foothills Caring Corps! Most of all, we are very grateful to everyone taking part in the day, specifically the 100 players, our hard-working committee, the generous sponsors, the energetic volunteers, the professional FCC staff and the Mirabel team, all of whom have our sincere gratitude for their contribution to a great cause." *Steve Ketterer*

