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85377



**Upcoming Dates  
To Remember**

**Volunteer  
Orientation**

**Second Thursdays**  
**December 12**  
**January 9**  
**9-11 am**

**Van Transportation  
Training  
Level 1**

**December 19**  
**January 16**  
**9-11 am**

**Level 2 Van Trainings**  
are now being  
scheduled, please call  
for dates & times

**Quarterly Meeting**  
**January 14**  
**9 am**

**Heritage at Carefree**  
36590 N. Pima Road  
Carefree, Arizona  
480.488.1622

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

# Foothills Caring Corps News

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DECEMBER 2013



## Blessed Are.....

Blessed are the mobile meal drivers who carry dog treats  
Blessed are those who give respite so others can take care of themselves  
Blessed are the van volunteers who never say, "Not one more stop"  
Blessed are those furry pets who endured school to lift hearts  
Blessed are the shoppers whose patience is a true virtue  
Blessed are the handypersons whose hands speak the language of love  
Blessed are the medical transporters, map readers extraordinaire  
Blessed are the friends, who visit, you are angels unaware  
Blessed are those in the loan closet your gift is gold at life's most tender times  
Blessed are office volunteers who bring all good cheer  
Blessed are the fundraisers and event planners who keep the fires burning  
Blessed are the Board members who with wisdom say, "OK"  
Blessed is the staff who knows how to laugh  
Blessed is our Director who knows the art of stretching anything  
And  
Blessed are our volunteers and neighbors who are the reason  
for this Beautiful Sharing Season

Jayne Hubbard

During this holiday season of 2013 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.*

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

*Jill Ford, President*

*Debbra Determan, Executive Director*

## Help Foothills Caring Corps by using your IRA Rollover!

Are you 70 ½ or older? Do you own an IRA? Are you interested in helping the Foothills Caring Corps as well as benefitting yourself?

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended through 2013. You may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to qualified charities like Foothills Caring Corps. The distribution will count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution from your IRA and can be excluded from your gross income for both federal and state tax purposes—benefitting both you and the Foothills Caring Corps. The ability to take advantage of an IRA Charitable Rollover is scheduled to expire on January 1, 2014.

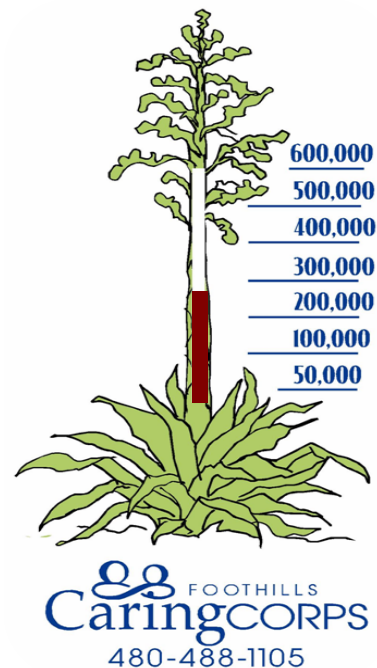
### Why Foothills Caring Corps?

The extension of the charitable IRA rollover means that you can help secure the future of the Foothills Caring Corps, benefit from significant tax savings, and be part of the Annual Campaign by making a distribution to FCC now.

For further information, please contact Debbra Determan at Foothills Caring Corps.

[DebbraD@FoothillsCaringCorps.com](mailto:DebbraD@FoothillsCaringCorps.com)

## Annual Campaign FY 2013-2014 (April—March)



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!**

## Rascal's Corner

### By Rascal Schwan, FCC Pet Therapy Dog

My name is Rascal and I can proudly say that I am a Foothills Caring Corps pet therapy dog. My mom Binka and I are a team and we go on friendly pet visits every week. I absolutely LOVE people and Mom just knew that I would make a great therapy dog since I will snuggle and cuddle and get lots of pets and attention from ANYONE who lets me in their lap! The neighbor who we visit, Pat, thinks I am adorable. She loves when I sit next to her on the couch and flop over on my back for a belly rub!!! Mom and Pat just laugh at me. Mom told me how important I am to Pat as she is no longer able to have a dog in her own home. I visit her every week and I am now that special dog in her life. We are becoming great friends and Pat really looks forward to my visits.



Pat Carroll, Neighbor

There are four other dogs in the FCC Pet Therapy program and we all have our very own neighbor to visit. Cooper, Koko, Truffles, Reegan, and I went through specialized training to become FCC therapy dogs. We all received the American Kennel Club Good Canine Citizen award and we are all registered with Therapy Dog, Inc. It was a long process to become a therapy dog, but it sure was worth it!

FCC would love to have more pet therapy teams available. I will tell you that it is REALLY worth it. Mom told me when I was going through obedience training, the testing for the AKC Good Citizen award, and the test and evaluations for Therapy Dog, Inc. that I was going to have a job at the end of all my training. I figured out that my job is to visit Pat, but I don't think of it as a job at all. I LOVE that Mom and I met Pat, that we see her every week, and that she is becoming our special friend.

I am going to be writing about my experiences as a therapy dog in this little column. I will also be asking the other therapy dogs to help me. I hope you enjoy reading about us and what great work we do. Maybe you and your dog will become a pet therapy team too! Just contact the FCC office and tell them you are interested.

## Community Events



### *Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Light of the Desert Lutheran Church*

A special thank you to Light of the Desert Lutheran Church for hosting the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service and for each of the pastors and members of the congregations that attended and helped support Foothills Caring Corps.

The Foothills Caring Corps Board of Directors is thankful to have our organization honored by all participants.



Lead Me Back to Bethlehem

Christmas Cantata

**Sunday, December 8th**

**9:00 am & 10:45 am**

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



with the Upscale Kids  
Present

### Songs of the Season



**Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 pm**

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church  
34605 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

Special Foothills Caring Corps  
Ticket Price - \$10

**Doors open at 4:30 pm**

## THREE DAYS OF HOLIDAY FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

6<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL  
2013



**DECEMBER 13TH-15TH**

FRIDAY, 10AM-9PM • SATURDAY, 10AM-9PM • SUNDAY 10AM-5PM

ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE  
FIREWORKS, SANTA & REAL SNOW  
LIVE MUSIC

Christmas Concerts • Community Choirs • Theater & Dance  
Late Night Shopping • Christmas Gift Market  
Kid's Zone • Holiday Pet Parade & Show

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!**

[WWW.CAREFREECHRISTMASFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.CAREFREECHRISTMASFESTIVAL.COM)

### Community Christmas Day Brunch

**11:30 am—1:00 pm**

**at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church**

**34605 N. Scottsdale Road**

**(at the corner of Carefree Highway & Scottsdale Rd.)**

All are invited to a celebration of Christmas Brunch which will be served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25.

Since this is a day to spend with others, you are invited to come and dine with neighbors and families. The food will be delicious, great music performed by our Carefree neighbors "Music Serving the Word" and good cheer and conversation.

It will not be a grace-filled day without you!

**This is a gift to the community by members of local congregations.**

**RSVP is appreciated but not required at  
480.488.3384**

Please ask for Kathleen Harris for more information

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact  
Jayne Hubbard at 480.488.1105**



## Medical Equipment Loan Closet



Please assist us with our new program, the Medical Equipment Loan Closet. If you have gently used or new transport/transfer chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes or tri/quad canes, please donate them to the Medical Loan Closet. In our partnership with Carefree Kiwanis, they have agreed to receive all the equipment. Please drop off

your equipment on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Drop-off location: 7177 E. Ed Everett Way, Carefree 85377 (located next to Carefree Municipal Garage at Tom Darlington and Cave Creek Road).

Your donation will enable FCC to loan out the equipment to anyone in the Foothills area. Please contact FCC at 480.488.1105 if you have any questions. We are pleased this new partnership has been able to help so many people in the two months Foothills Caring Corps has administered the program. We are grateful that Kiwanis of Carefree is willing to be the drop-off spot for all your donations.

Thank you for helping us to continue assisting residents needing mobility devices.



## Training Class



AED/CPR class will be held on the following date:

**Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

The class 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.

**To register, please contact Carefree Fire Department at 480.699.8213.**



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