



CAREGIVERS

The Buenaventura *INTERFAITH* Volunteer Program

NEWSLETTER

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YOUR GIFT TO GIVE

Fellowship and recognition were the key elements of the Fourth Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held in May. After we talked and ate, Pastor Luther Tolo gave a very inspirational message. He congratulated those volunteers who have the "gift to give" to the frail elderly in their homes. Pastor Tolo stressed that availability and sensitivity are necessary traits for Volunteer Caregivers. He praised their ecumenical effort in providing a necessary service to the community.

Harry Walsh, Chairperson of the Board and Sister Patricia Callahan, C.S.J. presented the awards. Pins are awarded for the first 300 units of

service and bars were awarded for each additional 300 units. That night, 24 volunteers received pins and bars. Special congratulations was given to Ellen Appel, Daphne Brooking, and Mary Solomon for over 1000 hours of caregiving.

Through the talents of Steve Solomon and the many hours of preparation and planning by Joan Neuhaus, Yvette Sutton and Angela and Bob Archibeque the evening was a smashing success.

This event is our gift to you — the volunteer—for giving your time, effort and love in this ministry.



Annual Awards Dinner - May 10, 1988

From lower left, clockwise and left to right: Rev. Luther Tolo, Grace McSparron, Janet Bechtel, Betty Patterson, Mildred Snowden, Claire Bucher, Joan Neuhaus, Harry Walsh, John Atkinson, Ken Parsons, Jerrye Stumpf, Peggy Weigand, Norris Jensen, John Real, Goerge and Ellen Appel;

In Center: Steve Solomon , Angela Archibeque, and Keith York.

DID YOU KNOW...

Medical Equipment is available. Walkers, fold-up and non fold-up with seat, portable toilets and shower chair, handrails for bed and bath, canes and crutches and miscellaneous items are on loan from the Caregivers' office. Call 652-0566 for specific information.

Haircuts and Grooming services are now available. September 13, 14, and 15, 1988, Sister Josefa Therese will again be scheduling appointments for grooming. These in-home services include haircuts, shampoos, sets, permanents, manicures, and/or pedicures. We are currently offering this service to the frail, homebound men and women of Ventura and adjoining areas. Fees for services are adjusted according to a sliding scale. Call today for your appointment at 652-0566 or 656-4442.

Sister Veronica and Sister Jean are the proud owners of JOEY—a lovable miniature dachshund.

Women will spend more time caring for their elderly parents than they spent raising their children.

Sacred Heart Youth Council is interested in helping the needy elderly -- with odd jobs in and around the home. Under adult supervision, these youths will do housework and yardwork upon request. For more information regarding this service, please call 652-0566 or 656-4442.

CALENDAR

Aug. 22 - Sept. 5 - Office Closed. Vacation.

Mon. Sept. 12 - 6:30pm-9:00pm Orientation, Part 1 Ministry

Tues. Sept. 13 - 7:30am Annual Meeting of Board of Directors

Wed. Sept. 14 - 6:30pm-9:00pm Orientation, Part 2 Procedure

Wed. Sept. 21 - 9:30am-11:30am Respite Training

Thurs. Sept. 22 - 7:30pm-9:00pm Quarterly Support Meeting, Speaker: Lanyard Dial, M.D., Dir. Geriatric Services, Ventura County Health Service Agency

Mon. Oct. 24- 1:00pm-3:30pm Orientation, Part 1, Ministry

Wed. Oct. 26 - 1:00pm-3:30pm Orientation, Part 2, Procedure

Mon. Oct. 31- 1:00pm-3:30pm Respite Training, Halloween

Tues. Nov. 1- 3:30pm-5:00pm Coordinators Meeting

Fri. Nov. 11- Office Closed, Veterans Day

Thurs. - Sunday Nov. 24-27 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

Thurs. Dec. 15 - 3:30pm-6:00pm Annual Christmas Party for Volunteers and Persons Served.

The following have given donations to enable Volunteer

March 19, 1988 - June 30, 1988

Thank You

Ethel Allegretti
Helen Barber
Imogene Becker
Jane Blankenship
Mike Bodani
John Burke
Joyce Cantrell
Rose Marie Chacon
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Cecilia Millette
Olive Mobley
Helen Moore
Nellie Moreno
Marilyn Pezzello

Bruce Reeve
Tere Regnier
Kenn and Barbara Ritza
Jeanne Matt Robertson
Evelyn Rose
Evelyn Ruggaber
Margaret Russell
Kenneth and Patricia Sandwall
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmitt
Vivian Slazak
Shirley Sloop
George and Margaret Smith
Marion Smith
Mildred Snowden
Leona Stephens
Silva Todd
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Emma Varnau
Judith Vielbig
Antone B. Wenda
Clare Wibleman
Frank Wilson

Caregivers to continue their ministry to the elderly.

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A Special Thank You

College United Methodist
Women

Dorothy Dunivan

First Christian Church

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Doloris Patrie

San Buenaventura Women's
Club

Soroptimist International of
Ventura

Trinity Lutheran Church

Barbara Voelker

A thank you is extended to families who have mentioned Volunteer Caregivers in the obituary of their loved one or as a memorial for a special occasion.

We sincerely appreciate the recognition that these gifts bring in helping us to continue to meet the needs of the elderly. Thank you again.

In Memory of:

Clyde Campbell

by

Lauren and Ann Alexander

George and Ellen Appel

Elizabeth H. Baker

J. Carlisle and Catherine

Barringer

Douglas and Mary Burhoe

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Christine Castle

by

Mary Breidegam

Ruth Geist

Doloris Patrie

Emma Scales


by

Ben and Kay Peterson

Have You Considered a Memorial Card?

A Memorial gift to the Volunteer Caregivers is a thoughtful and fitting way to honor the memory of a loved one. Immediately upon receipt of a gift, a card is sent to the family or person

selected bearing the name of the person honored, and the name(s) of the donor. The amount of the gift is never indicated. The donor will also receive an acknowledgment for their tax-exempt gift.



A memorial gift has been received from

on behalf of

This contribution is a thoughtful tribute to the Volunteer Caregivers who minister to the frail, homebound elderly.

God bless you.

Buenaventura Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
 261 No. Catalina St.
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 805-652-0566

It has been a privilege to serve the following persons who have passed into eternal life. May they and their families be especially blessed.

Dorothy Blake
 Thelma Bodani
 Vincent Bonsignore
 Carol Broughton
 Frieda L. Burt
 Christine Castle

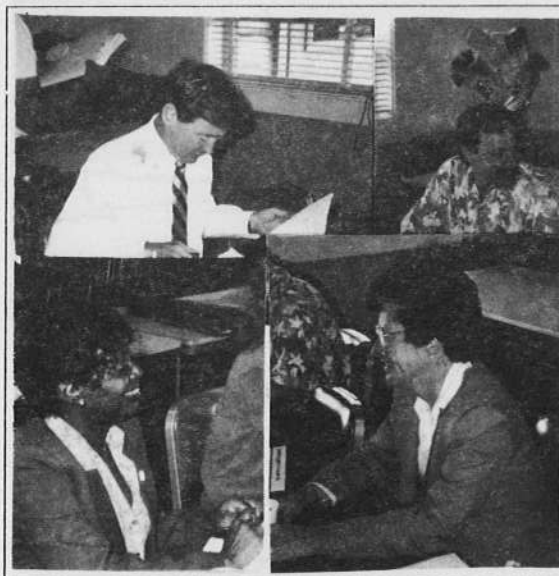
Clyde Campbell
 E. Otis Draper
 Dewey Herring
 Donald Higginbotham
 Vera La Vanway
 Natalie Matakas

Helen Prout
 Aili E. Sysma
 Roy Tossey
 Lucille Wagner

Notes from the Director

A New Year for the Board of Directors

On July 9, the board met for both short and long range planning. The day began with a lead of our new officers, Mary Braitman (Chairperson), Harry Walsh (Vice-Chairperson), Wayne Dugan (Treasurer), and Jack Collins (Secretary). Thank you to them for the help in the past and their continual support. Harry Walsh was graciously presented with a plaque acknowledging his contributions for the last 2 years. Thanks also, to Leo Kleefisch representing the KC's, who retired from the board because of job commitments. His "rummage sale" involvement was marvelous! The planning day closed with a nice summer luncheon.



Board at work

Lower left clockwise: Gloria Nelson, Harry Walsh, Jack Collins, and Sr. Kathleen Patrice.

Staff Update

We would like to welcome Yvette Sutton, our Administrative Assistant, who joined us in April. Yvette comes from San Diego and brings with her both experience and interest in the elderly as well as the office. Nice to have you aboard, Yvette.

Angela Archibeque, who assisted us with the development of the respite program, has returned to school. We appreciate her contributions during her time here and wish her success in her career plans.

A New Way of Learning

Undoubtedly, you know about the Orientation/ Respite training sessions we have throughout the year and are aware of the upcoming session in September. Now we have something new...VCR tapes. We have taped these sessions which are available to you to be viewed at Joseph's during office hours. I would like to encourage everyone who has not participated in each orientation session to set aside some convenient time to watch those tapes of sessions you have not been able to attend or to use them for review.

Sister Patricia has incorporated in the Orientation her excellent lecture on "Ministry and the Qualities of a Minister", which is a must for all.

Stipended Respite Volunteers are required to either: 1. personally attend orientation/respice training or 2. view the tapes of these sessions.

A volunteer who attended a recent orientation and who has been a Caregiver for over a year, expressed how much she learned about the role and responsibilities of a Volunteer Caregiver.

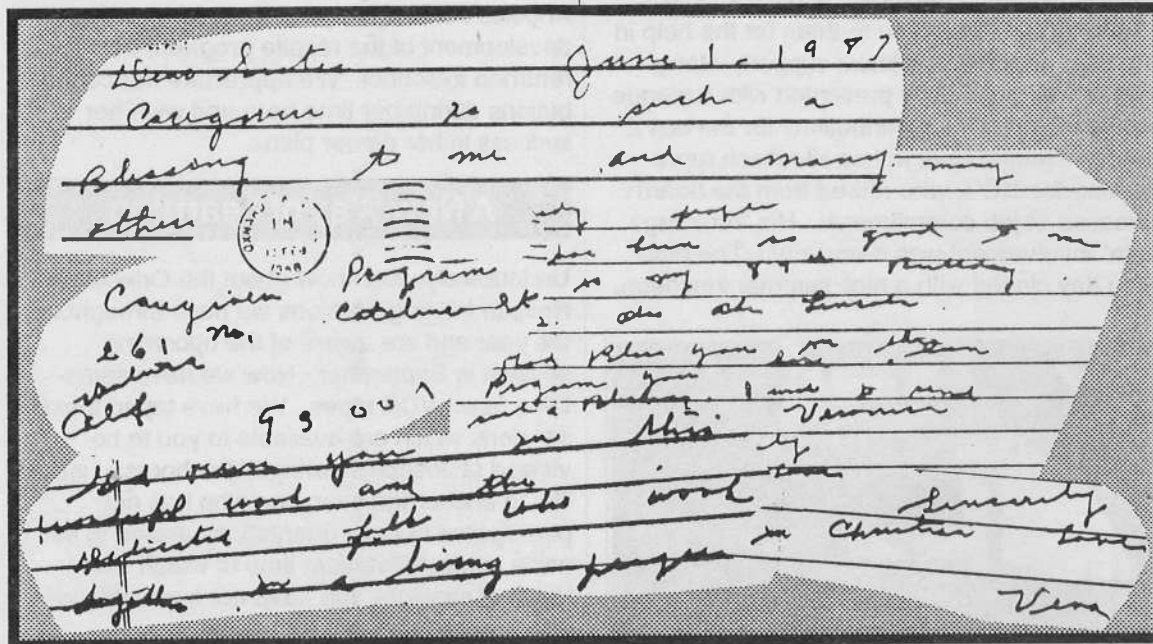
Veva McCord - Person of the Month

"I am natural—a common ordinary person," responded Veva McCord when asked what charisma she had with people. Veva has a genuine warmth for people and a deep belief "in Christ, in Christian love."

Born on Lincoln's birthday to a Yankee family

the Brailers and has just recently received her first hearing aid. She encourages others to help themselves.

Veva has touched the hearts of many volunteers in the two years she has been with Caregivers. Each feels a special attachment to



in the Northeast, Veva was one of eight children. She was raised on white tablecloths and napkins at every meal, taught to respect each other, and to never open anybody else's mail. Her home was full of music, laughter and love.

Legally blind and eighty-nine, Veva attended Braille classes but lost sensitivity in her fingers because of arthritis. She went beyond and spent 2 1/2 years learning the fundamentals of

her. "She is so wonderful". "I enjoy being with Veva." "She is so kind that she makes me feel so good."

"She is just something else," said Jane Marron, Veva's volunteer for two years, who found Veva to be a determined person who never complained. "Veva is really appreciative for Caregivers as they give her the added security she needs."

Notes from the Volunteer Director

Good-bye

Our dedicated volunteers often see the status of their persons served change or a need to pursue other interests, even if temporarily. We give thanks to Margaret Russell, Laura Collings, Neva Ziegler, Marie Helena Rake, Mary Marostica, Neepa DeVries, Jean Webb, Colleen Scott and Sister Loran Swisher for their unselfish involvement with their matches.

Our doors are always open to these volunteers and hopefully they will return to the active list.

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new volunteers and wish them success in their new ministry.

Colleen Almekinder

La Vona Carter

Helen Cavola

Susan Cheek

Cora Culver

Wanda Davenport

Alice Garbanati

Anabelinda Gonzales

Kathryn M. Gordon

Nadean Peterson

Linda Ray

Arline Riland

Frances Rogers

Paul Tafuya

Pat Vidrine

R and R

Respite Care is introducing the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program to Santa Paula, Oxnard, and other areas near Ventura. Providing companionship and supervision to a family member who cannot normally be left alone is enabling many primary caregivers to have quality "time out". Our respite volunteers have already provided 400 hours of necessary relief to these caregivers in the early months of the Respite Care program.



Participants in our Respite Program

L. to R.: Marjorie and Charles Johnson and Jack Bowen Nellie and Lewis Moreno and Betty DiRienz

"I was able to attend a meeting and relax, which I have needed for some time," said Carolina.

Maria was "very pleased leaving my husband in good hands."

Michael wrote, "It has relieved me greatly by releasing me to perform necessary chores."

Let's pray that our ministry will reach out to those who know the real value of caring.

Buenaventura Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

**Executive Director: Sister Patricia
Callahan CSJ**

Director of Volunteers: Joan Neuhaus

Volunteer Caregivers matched.....with.....the homebound

- reach out to the frail and elderly & isolated in their own homes
- respite care-support the family caregiver
- link the needy with community resources
- train & support volunteers in basic caregiving skills
- provide 2-4 hours weekly of neighborly, non-professional tasks of personal care, home management, social contacts, transportation

A Ministry of:

**Community Presbyterian Church
Eastminister Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Knights of Columbus Council 2498
Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Sacred Heart Church
San Buenaventura Mission
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
College United Methodist Church
Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Contributions, memorials or in-kind donations can be made to
VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS
and are tax-deductible.**

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