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The 90's Challenge Volunteer Caregivers

The Board of Directors and staff of Buenaventura Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers are challenged to help meet the needs of the elderly in Ventura County. Americans live longer than a decade ago--many attempt to remain longer in their own home in familiar surroundings. These reasons create a greater need for volunteers to provide neighborly assistance to the elderly.

Major cut-backs in governmental funds and gifts from the private sector has increased the demand for non-profit programs to provide more volunteer services. Rising costs for the basic necessities limit the self-sufficiency of elderly living on fixed retirement incomes. For these reasons we are expanding our efforts to meet the challenge to provide more volunteer care for the elderly in Ventura County.

We are actively seeking out the persons who need our services. We continue to look for the persons needing the assistance and support of a caring volunteer. Our volunteers are part of President Bush's Thousand Points of Light Program. They make the difference! The match between the volunteer and the person served is the total reason for our existence.

Our volunteers assist where family and social services programs may not be available. The bonding, love, caring, sharing and services rendered by the volunteers allows many to remain in their homes much longer. This often supplements the care for our elderly by family and community.

Volunteer Caregivers has retained the services of a Director of Development to assist the Board of Directors in their fund raising efforts. Support from everyone--as volunteers and donors--will ensure the success of our ministry. Together, we will meet the challenges of the 90's!



Volunteer Coordinator's: 1 to r, Evelena Mitterer, Betty Ewin and Winnie Smith pause to plan for the 90's

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TO CARE AND SHARE . . .

".. Friends - We Know What It Means .."

by Ann Stockdill
Volunteer Reporter

Edward Grieg, the Norwegian composer wrote, "When we are young, friends are, like everything else, a matter of course. When we are getting older, we know what it means to have them." He could have added, "and to appreciate them," as

Marguerite Atmore and Claire Bucher can attest.

Claire, a Caregiver from Ventura, started visiting Marguerite about two years ago,

when Marguerite lived in a mobile home near the drive-in theater. "After taking care of a few chores, we used to walk together down to the end of the street and see the new condos being built," Claire said, "Sometimes we went to museums and just visited. Florence, (Florence coordinates the match) Marguerite and I enjoyed going out for Mexican food, too." That was before Marguerite became ill and needed hospitalization. "We still manage to get together," said Claire, "We enjoy each other's company, and I visit often." Marguerite, who was quite a musician in her younger days, enjoyed playing the piano and singing. "I still enjoy my music," she added. By the way, Florence and Marguerite went to the same high school in Los Angeles, St. Mary's Academy!

Not all of our matches revive long time friendships but often times the volunteer becomes the single best friend the person served has. The friendship in the match is beneficial to both care receiver and volunteer. The new found friend in the form of a volunteer caregiver often becomes the window to the world to a homebound elderly.



Friends: Claire Bucher, Florence Multer and Marguerite Atmore

Christmas Party...A time to share

Persons served, volunteers, board members and guests joined together to trim the tree and meet with State Senator Gary Hart and Mrs. Santa Claus at our Christmas Party on December 7th.

Volunteer coordinators served as hostesses for this festive double session event. Everyone enjoyed balloons and candy canes, a bountiful table of Christmas goodies and treats, Christmas music by Steve Solomon and a photo session with Mrs. Santa Claus. The party was held for two hours in the afternoon and in the evening. This schedule gave an opportunity for people to attend regardless of their other plans. Our persons served enjoyed sharing with their volunteers and other guests. Frances from Santa Paula shared about the fascinating Christmas customs and foods from her native Holland. John from Ventura brought a handmade glitter rope for trimming the tree. Many of our persons served added an ornament or two on the Christmas tree.

Once guests became acquainted with others involved in the program, there was much enthusiasm with each matches' Christmas plans. For many, this was their major activity for the Christmas season.

Nimfa and Ed Schmitz brought their infant son and Catherine, their person served, to the party. The Schmitz's baby was born after they were matched with Catherine. This maiden lady proudly serves as the honoary grandmother.

Everyone was touched to see the love between the elderly and this infant. The gleam in the eyes of the persons playing with the infant seemed to reflect memories of many Christmas past!



Catherine Donnelly and infant son of Nimfa and Ed Schmitz

PROGRAM NOTES . . .

• from Ventura

The Ventura program continues to flourish. Many of our volunteers and persons served have been matched together for several years. Each day we hear the stories of our matches--the stories of the short and long-term bonding that takes place between our elderly person served and the Volunteer Caregiver. Each successful match leads to the volunteer and the person served sharing their story with someone else and then we have more requests for services and more people volunteering.

In Ventura we welcome new volunteers Chuck Culver who loves to drive, Nancy Sekel who volunteers her medical insurance skills, Jeanne Levasseur a retired school teacher and Alice Clayton who has rejoined us after a years absence. We trust that you will feel welcome and richly rewarded as your relationship with a person served grows.

Volunteer Coordinators advise and assist volunteer caregivers in their work with persons served. Currently we have ten talented and caring ladies that serve as Volunteer Coordinators. They meet every other month for a breakfast meeting and two or three times a year for planning and training. We welcome to our ministry Mary Clark as our newest Volunteer Coordinator. Mary is from Our Lady of Assumption parish. She fills her time with lots of volunteer activities working with the elderly and in her parish as a Eucharistic minister.

Anyone wishing more information about our program in Ventura should call the office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We welcome your support and interest!

We remember some very special people we were able to serve and make a difference in their later years:

Anna Whitfield
John Tracy
Anne Little
Felicia Chmiel
Charlie Johnson
Genera Ashley

• from Santa Paula

....The Santa Paula program is beginning to grow! Our volunteers are serving the elderly with many neighborly tasks. Their care and assistance is helping many to remain in their own home. As the program grows we are in need of persons to be served and volunteers to render services. We are being supported by the effort of business and community leaders in raising funds to support this ministry.

We are especially proud to be hosting the Community Cuisine Buffet Dinner at the new Community Center on Saturday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the first major fundraising event at the center. This buffet dinner will feature a panorama of sights, tastes and aromas donated and presented by the food purveyors of Santa Paula. Other local merchants are supporting us with donations for decorations, door prizes and other costs. We invite and encourage you to attend this special evening of food, fun and friendship. See enclosed flyer.

We welcome new volunteers June Longshore who works in administration at Santa Paula Hospital, Cathy Payne a homemaker and mother of five, Amber Payne a thirteen year old eighth grader who helps with office chores, Cheryl Fairbanks a Santa Paula restaurateur, Andrea Hendrick a graphic artist and Jerry Hendrick a Lion's Club officer.

A speaker from Volunteer Caregivers is available to present a program to any religious or civic group explaining the work of our ministry. Brochures are available in English and Spanish. We are grateful to Hortensia and Rev. Josue Mora of El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church for translating our program brochures.

If you are in need of volunteer assistance or are interested in volunteering we would like to hear from you. Please call Glenda Anlauf Hendrick at 525-7523 or 656-4442.

We offer condolences to Yolanda Carlos and Catherine Lara on the passing of their mother, Josephine Lara.

TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS, WE SAY THANK YOU

November 8, 1989 - January 31, 1990

INDIVIDUALS

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by Howard and Lucille Sparkman

MESSAGES . . .

• from the Director

The calendar shows that our ministry of helping the elderly in Ventura began its seventh year on February 1st. Time really does fly when you're having fun! The fun, the joy, the relationship with our persons served and volunteers is so inspiring and exciting.

People are the core of our ministry. People come to us in the form of volunteers, persons served, donors and supporters and as staff.

Our newest addition to our staff is Karen Busch. Karen is our office assistant/secretary. She is replacing Virginia Jefferson who has moved to Santa Barbara. Karen comes to us with a splendid office background—her skills will be a great asset to all who work in this ministry. Karen and her husband serve on the Board of Deacons at Community Presbyterian Church. We welcome Karen. I know that each of you will be pleased with Karen's work, her caring and her interest in Volunteer Caregivers.

Another person, very important to our program is Keith York. Keith is a "hidden volunteer". Each week for over two years Keith has been working with me to develop a relational data base to accommodate all the data generated and required by the continued expansion of our ministry. Keith works in management in the Data Processing Department of Point Mugu. Keith is a fine example of the many dedicated support volunteers in our program that work regularly in some specific area without fanfare. As with our volunteers directly assisting our persons served our support volunteers play a valuable part in the success of our program. We are grateful for the good works of all of our volunteers.

• from the Board of Directors

by Harry Walsh
Vice President Board of Directors

In recent months, the board of Directors has been active in strengthening our expansion into Santa Paula, and taking definite steps to ensure the financial stability of the Caregivers program. Both of these involve Glenda Anlauf Hendrick, our coordinator for Santa Paula, and newly hired Director of Development.

Glenda is a life long resident of Santa Paula whose devotion to both Caregivers, and other volunteer programs, is seemingly without limit. She became aware of Caregivers in 1989, and has been instrumental in developing the existing Santa Paula community interest in our program into a visible and viable support from both the churches, and the community at large. Glenda has had experience in this field, most recently with St. Joseph's Convalescent Hospital in Ojai. The first tangible evidence of her efforts is the community Cuisine Dinner at the new Santa Paula Community Center on Saturday, May 12th. We are anticipating both a sellout, and an enjoyable, highly visible event.

Glenda has additionally arranged for Caregivers to be the focus of NBC's Spirit of Southern California community interest spot in May. In short, she has been the needed spark to give our program the push for continued visibility and viability.

In other Board related activity, we are pleased to welcome Pastor James Banks from the First Presbyterian Church and Rev Josue Mora from El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church in Santa Paula to our Advisory Board. We have also added Craig Ploss from Ventura to our regular Board of Directors.

Calendar

March 21, 1990 Wednesday	Coordinator's Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
April 10, 1990 Tuesday	Board of Director's and Committee Meetings 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
April 12, 13, 16, 1990	Closed- Easter Vacation
May 8, 1990 Tuesday	Board of Director's and Committee Meetings 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
May 9, 1990 Wednesday	Coordinator's Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
May 12, 1990 Saturday	Fundraiser: Community Cuisine Dinner in Santa Paula 6:00 p.m.
May 28, 1990	Closed: Memorial Day
June 5, 1990 Tuesday	Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Buenaventura Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

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Executive Director: Sister Patricia Callahan C.S.J.
Associate Director for Santa Paula and Director of Development:
Glenda Anlauf Hendrick

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 assistance with personal care, home management, social contacts, transportation

A Ministry in Ventura:

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

A Ministry in Santa Paula:

St Sebastians Catholic Church
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St Paul's Episcopal Church
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