

A Tradition of Caring

For the Friends of Arizona Transplant House at the Village at Mayo Clinic

January/February 2010

Arizona
Transplant
House

COOKING UP SOME HAPPINESS



Last fall, mass quantities of new cookbooks arrived from Village friend, Anita Erickson. So, in December, guests were treated to wonderful recipes, from entrées to desserts and everything in-between, just in time for the holidays.

Thank you, Anita for your generosity and for making a difference in our guests' lives.

SOCIAL ANIMALS

In October 2009, Arizona Transplant House at the Village at Mayo Clinic, kicked off its "Village People" social program. Volunteers provide a number of social activities that bring together guests from the three casitas in an informal setting to enjoy food, activities and fellowship.



Events have included:

Pizza Party
Potluck
Movie & Munchies

Bingo
Game Day
Sweets and Treats Party

Holiday Card Making
Christmas Wreath Craft

SPECIAL THANKS

A huge thanks to our Village People volunteer leaders:

Francine Hitchcock & Jim Davis Cindy DeMarcus
Tricia Verona
Patricia Rimestad

We especially thank the volunteer chairperson,
Cynthia Dorfman, for her coordination of these events.



Jim Davis
& Francine Hitchcock

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE

Turkey Talk

In November and December 2009, Village guests were treated to several holiday events. Our visitors enjoyed Thanksgiving turkey, ham and all the trimmings compliments of the Stuart and Mary Greenberg family in conjunction with the Scottsdale chapter of the National Charity League. In addition, a group of league mothers and daughters filled the Brusally Community Center with delicious holiday cookies and caroling on December 23.



Raise Your Glass

Paulette Maslick and her friends from Desert Mountain brought their smiles and generous spirits when they came to the Village on Christmas Eve. While here, they offered our guests a filling holiday feast including non-alcoholic festive drinks. Presents were given out and everyone left the event happier and plumper thanks to this great group.



The Big Day

On Christmas Day, Village guests, and their families/friends, enjoyed a wonderful dinner. Mayo Clinic Transplant nursing supervisor, Jan Drelicharz, RN, MSN, and several co-workers and family members, organized a traditional meal for all the guests.

Ring It In

Village friends and volunteers Francine and Jim Hitchcock took time out of their New Year's celebration to help our guests ring in the New Year with "bowl game" watching, snacks and sweet treats.



Yum Yum

Special thanks to all the wonderful people who brought scrumptious cookies, breads, candy and other treats to share with our Village guests. These items made the patients and family members time away from home a little easier.

Door Number...

We have a winner! Congratulations to Bill McPherson of Farmington, N.M., who won the raffle for the Desert Ridge Marriott Resort weekend. We extend our thanks to everyone who supported Arizona Transplant House at the Village at Mayo Clinic by purchasing raffle tickets at the October 2009 Mayo-sponsored transplant reunion at the Phoenix Zoo.



A BENEFICIAL CHALLENGE

Here is a big "shout out" to the 4 West and 3 East staff at Mayo Clinic Hospital – Phoenix Campus for collecting the following items for the Village:

Books and games

Paper/plastic products

Cleaning/laundry supplies

Target, Costco and food store gift cards

Cash

Special thanks to Ginny Hall, RN, Transplant Quality/Compliance coordinator and Kati Slavik, 3W team lead, for spearheading the challenge.

SOUNDS OF JOY

During the holidays, Village guests enjoyed many events in the Brusally Center. However, what really added to the wonder of the social gatherings is our beautiful baby grand piano, which was donated by good friends Matt Juechter and Terri Ritter, pictured. We can't thank you enough for this generous gift, which will bring joy to so many people at the Village.



READING BETWEEN THE LINES

We thank the following Brusally Ranch friends for underwriting the cost of reading material for our casitas including:

Taste of Home Magazine

Hunting

Oprah

Ladies' Home Journal

Provided by Delores & Bill Wallace

Provided by Fran and Brad Booth

Provided by Liz Galegos

Provided by Ardie Downing

These magazines provide an ongoing diversion and much enjoyment for Village patients, family members and friends staying at the Village.

TEE IT UP FOR TRANSPLANT HOUSE



Mark your calendars to participate in the upcoming Mayo Clinic Friends & Family Golf Tournament benefiting The Arizona Transplant House - Village at Mayo Clinic. This event will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at The Legends Golf Course - Arrowhead Ranch and is open to everyone. Cost is \$55 per person and includes lunch. All proceeds from this event benefit The Arizona Transplant House and go towards continuing its mission of providing comfortable low cost accommodations in a "home-like" environment for Mayo Clinic Arizona (MCA) transplant and cancer patients and their family/caregivers.

Please contact Jeff Nachtweih at Nachtweih.Jeff@mayo.edu or Jeff Sanders at Sanders.Jeffrey@mayo.edu.

WISHING

Our village needs several items to make life simpler for our residents. If you can provide any of the following, please call or email Dana Cummings at the village. Thank you in advance!

- Yearly subscription to *The Arizona Republic*
- Target, Wal-Mart, Costco gift cards
- Card table and chairs
- Handheld vacuum
- Powdered lemonade
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Travel size toiletries (no bar soap)
- Dial anti-bacterial pump soap
- Reams of copy paper
- Cash
- Coffee
- Sugar

IN MEMORY

The passing of the following former
guests and friends saddens us:

Dorothy Alexander
Larry Mozzone

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GIFT OF LIFE

Please add Arizona Transplant House Foundation, a 501 c(3) charitable organization, to your will, please call Tom Davie at **480.609.1324** or speak with your estate-planning expert.

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