

Volunteer Newsletter

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Luke to the Rescue

First they responded to our country's call. Then they responded to Benevilla's.

Seven Air Force enlisted men and women came to

Benevilla's rescue this year when we put out the call for help during the middle of our summer heat.

The volunteers, pictured here, assisted with our

Home Delivered Meals program, often in uniform (making many hearts beat faster!). They are Airman First Class Adam Owens, Airman First Class Subin Vattamakal, Airman First Class Jodie Parks, Tech Sergeant April Sandoval, Tech Sergeant Shawn Manning, Master Sergeant David Garcia, and Master Sergeant Heather Hefner.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service, both to Benevilla's clients and to our country. Thanks for all you do!



Top: A1C. Adam Owens, TSgt. April Sandoval, MSgt. David Garcia
Bottom: MSgt. Heather Hefner, A1C. Subin Vattamakal, A1C. Jodie Parks
Not Pictured: TSgt. Shawn Manning

This and That

- ◇ Volunteers are needed to provide transportation to medical appointments.
- ◇ Entertainment at Birt's Bistro & Café has been very

successful. Thanks to all the volunteers who provide great music for all to enjoy!

- ◇ Just a reminder to make your reservations for the music nights at Birt's

Bistro & Café. Friday evenings are often standing room only. And look for a jazz jam session in November featuring Joan & Company.



Arizona Centennial Challenge

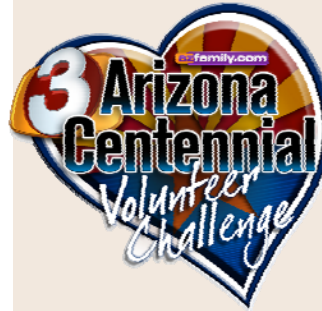
Do you know of a volunteer who is 65+ and is a star volunteer? Then nominate them for the Senior Star Volunteer Award presented by CareMore. Contact us to find out how.

Benevilla is participating in a new and state-wide effort to promote the continued value of volunteerism! The goal of the Arizona Centennial Volunteer Challenge is to challenge Arizona volunteers to serve and log at least 100 volunteer hours by February 2012. The Arizona Centennial Volunteer Challenge is also a grand salute to the ongoing generous works of volunteers like you and those in the future!

Those who volunteer and track a 100 hours of volunteer service will be entered to win some amazing prizes!

The Arizona Centennial Volunteer Challenge is focused

on reaching out to Arizona's Senior population. Senior volunteers are important to all organizations and that is why the Challenge partnered with



CareMore to create a campaign that speaks to seniors while recognizing their contributions to our community.

Do you know of a volunteer who is 65+ and is a star volunteer? Then nominate them for the Senior Star Volunteer

Award presented by CareMore.

One volunteer will be recognized in August, September and October and awarded \$1,000 to their volunteer organization. In November, azfamily.com will highlight all four volunteers and you can decide which Senior Star volunteer deserves \$5,000 for their respective organization!!

Hours are collected by Benevilla and submitted quarterly. Please make sure you enter all the hours you volunteer including travel time, research time away from Benevilla, and any other time you spend doing anything for Benevilla. It all counts!



Barbara Heinemann presents makeup tips and tricks

Circle of Caring Friends

The Circle of Caring Friends has been busy this summer hosting events (like the recent *Over 50 and Beautiful* event, pictured at left) and planning for events such as the October 6 Sun City West Garage Sale and

the December 4 Holiday Event.

At only \$10 per person per calendar year, this Benevilla auxiliary membership is a steal of a deal. Upcoming events include the January 2012 *Bag & Scarf*

Bazaar, the February *Bring a Friend* event, April's *Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social*, and May's *Kentucky Derby Day* Event.

Circle of Caring Friends—where they put the FUN in fundraising!



September event hosted by Beverly Hoffmann

Meet the Home Service Coordinators

Meet Julie Kinsman, Dee Thompson and Shelli Batchelder, the Home Service Coordinators who make sure over 200 client requests each month are handled.

Julie, our 2011 President's Award winner (right), coordinates the volunteers & clients in the southern part of our service area which serves Peoria, Youngtown & Sun City. Julie has been with Benevilla for over four years. In Arizona since 1981, she and her husband of 31+ years (her high school sweetheart!) have two daughters and a son, a

granddaughter, and another grandchild on the way.

Dee, who joined Benevilla in June of this year, coordinates the northern service area covering Sun City West and Surprise. Originally from North Dakota, she spent most of her life in California before moving here two years ago. She's the mother of a daughter, grandmother of three granddaughters, and, believe it or not, has a great grandson!

Dee has been working out of an office in Chez Nous; with the closing of the SCW facilities, Dee's office is

"on the move," and she will be announcing her new location and phone number in the near future.

Shelli, a native of Nebraska, has been in Arizona for four years and has been with Benevilla almost a year. She works in Intake/Referral as well as Home Services, working with Julie 2 days a week and acting as backup for Dee when she has to be out of the office. Shelli has two children, a boy, 12, and a girl, 13.

Thanks, ladies, for taking such good care of our clients!



Delores & Vahram Cherezian, Julie Kinsman, & Michelle Dionisio



Julie Kinsman (SC/Peoria), Dee Thompson (SCW/ Surprise) & Shelli Batchelder (Intake)

Chez Nous / Sun City West ADC

Benevilla's management and Board of Directors recently made the difficult decision to close the Chez Nous Social Center & Café and to consolidate the Sun City West Adult Day Program into our five other locations.

Over the last few years, Benevilla, like all of us, has felt the impact of economic stress because of

decreases in governmental funding and other resources. By making this change, we can ensure that we continue to provide high quality, person-centered care into the



A Benevilla Program

future.

Service at Lucy Anne's Place, Sun City Restorative Care, Mary's Place, Helping Partners, and the Peoria Adult Day Program will continue. If you were a volunteer at either facility and have any questions about where you can volunteer now, please feel free to call Bev Autrey at 623-584-4999.

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Benevilla offers many rewarding, creative, and exciting volunteer opportunities! And each and every one of these opportunities allows you to play an essential and personal role in providing independence and confidence to all ages.

Because we are providing care in a community of all ages, we have volunteer opportunities to:

- Deliver meals to the homebound and elderly
- Provide assistance to the homebound and elderly
- Serve lattes and sandwiches to the general public
- Help the staff in our five adult day centers
- Rock babies
- Read to children
- Assist with special events
- Provide office support
- Internships and community service hours for students

Upcoming Events

October 15	Oktoberfest in Sun City Grand, 9 AM
October 22	Alzheimer's Walk @ Beardsley Park, SCW 9 A
October 22	Benevilla Ball @ Renaissance Hotel, Glendale 5:30-11 PM
October 28	Wirtzie's Fall Festival (a.k.a. "Trunk or Treat") 6—7:30 PM Enjoy seeing children in their costumes!
October 28	Farmers Market 4-7 PM, Birt's After Hours 5—6:30 PM
November 17	Birt's Bistro & Café Bi-annual Book Bag Sale 8 AM—3 PM
November 18	Birt's Bistro & Café Bi-annual Book Bag Sale 8 AM—3 PM
November 25	Birt's After Hours Jazz Jam 5—7 PM \$5
December 1	Benevilla at the Biltmore, "Choose Your Bag" Golf/Spa Event 10:30 AM—7 PM
December 4	<i>Circle of Caring Friends</i> Holiday Event
December 10	Festival of Cheer 10 AM—3 PM (Family Event @ Peoria Sports Complex— Volunteers Needed)
December 30	Farmers Market 4—7 PM, Birt's After Hours 5—6:30 PM



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Muriel Rose Award

- 2002—Shirley Barone
- 2003—Alice Thielman
- 2005—Daryl Johnson
- 2006—Judy Gudeman
- 2008—Dennis VanDusen
- 2009—George Schwartz
- 2010—Carol Struck

Muriel Rose Award Winners Sought

We are still looking for the Muriel Rose Award winners for 2001, 2004, and 2007.

Please let us

know if our information (left) is incorrect.

If you know of, or are, a Muriel Rose Award winner from

the missing years, we'd love to hear from you!