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Good News

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St. Luke's Hosts Sidewalk Dedication

What's New At St. Luke's Home

"They Look Like New!"



In May 2008, St. Luke's Home received 119 chairs for the dining room, activities room, and lounge areas of the Home. These chairs were generously donated by Desert Point—La Reserve in Oro Valley.

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Your continued support makes it possible for us to provide a comfortable home, nutritious meals, supervision and social activities for up to 85 senior citizens each year.



Above: Nina Trasoff of the City of Tucson congratulates the Feldman Neighborhood leaders on a job well done.
Right:: Cutting the Ribbon
Below: Nina Trasoff, Monica Ashe, Diana Lett and Richard Elias cut the cake



Supervisor Richard Elias and our own Bill Rose



Camiliano Juárez, Project Coordinator

On Saturday, May 17, city and county officials, residents of the Feldman Neighborhood and St. Luke's Home gathered at St. Luke's to dedicate the new sidewalks and other pedestrian-safety improvements made throughout the Feldman Neighborhood this year. Funding for the sidewalks was provided by the County's Neighborhood Reinvestment and Tucson Ward 6 Back to Basics programs. "I'm tired of walking in the dirt, tripping over the rocks," said Bill Rose, resident of St. Luke's Home. "Now I can walk to Fry's without tripping." Thanks to Pima County and the City of Tucson, residents of St. Luke's and the Feldman Neighborhood have a safer place to walk and play.

Bailé de las Flores 2008 Great Success



The **89th Bailé de las Flores**, held at Skyline Country Club on Saturday, February 2, 2008, raised over \$180,000 and was, by all standards, a complete success. Mariachis and ballet folklorico dancers greeted the 350 guests as they arrived. St. Luke's Board of Visitors President Merrily Davis with her husband, George, and Bailé Chairman Vicki Stanton, with her husband, Allen, welcomed the guests. Vicki was the belle of the ball, wearing the Mexican ball gown that her mother wore as Bailé chairman in 1964.

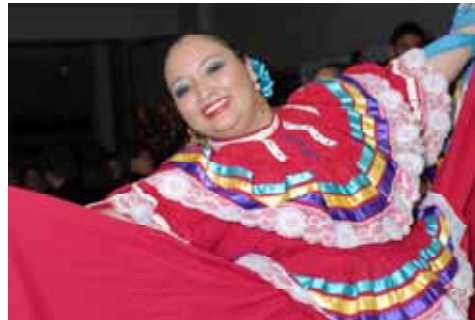
A fabulous Silent Auction featuring a wide assortment from the whimsical to the sublime, was well received. Chicas and Chicos, 12 high school-age volun-

teers, sold raffle tickets for the original oil on linen painting, *Cantata de las Flores*, donated by Tucson artist, Mary Schaefer.

Mariachis led the grand march into the dining room festooned in turquoise, lime green and magenta balloon chandeliers with fresh gerbera daisies on the tables. The

ing. The winner was Tracy Tolmie of Lake Forest, IL, claimed by her sister, Leslie Lenhart. Tracy and Leslie are the daughters of Anne Via, a member of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees. Anne buys raffle tickets each year for members of her family and has been attending the Bailé for fifty years. This is the first time she has won. Congratulations Anne!

On behalf of the St. Luke's Board of Visitors and the residents of St. Luke's Home, thank you to all who made the 89th Bailé a memorable event. ***The tradition continues...***



Vicki Stanton
2008 Bailé Chair

Tom Patrick Quartet provided the music for dining and dancing. Mary Schaefer drew the winning raffle ticket for her paint-

St. Luke's Wish List

- *A Globe*
- *A World Atlas*
- *New Activities Board*
- *New Menu Board*
- *Website Software*
- *Rolling Laundry Carts*

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Resident Spotlight—Ada Turns 100



Community contributions support the residents of St. Luke's Home. Meet ADA, one of the people who benefits from your support.

Ada spent most of her life in Norwich, NY; she'll be 100 years old on June 30, 2008.

As a young woman, Ada taught grades K-8 in a one room schoolhouse. She would light the fire in the

wood stove, be the janitor, and teach reading, writing and math.

In later years, despite objections and many barriers, she passed her test to become the FIRST woman real estate broker in the state of New York. "Just to let them know it wasn't a mistake," she soon became President of her county's Broker's Association.

Ada came to live at St. Luke's in December, 2003, at the age of 95. Until that time, she had been living with friends for whom she would house and dog sit. While they traveled a great deal, they worried about Ada, who had become unsure on her feet. That's when she found her new Home at

St. Luke's.

Ada loves horses and sports but mostly she just "loves everybody." Soon after she came to St. Luke's she started the *Talk About Club* where residents gather monthly to share their life stories and get to know each other better. She is proudest of all the good friends she has made and kept over the years and at St. Luke's Home.



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Board Spotlight—Pam Ronstadt

Pam and Fred Ronstadt have raised their sons, Alec, 13, and McCoy, 11, to understand that “community service is part of being a Christian and just what you’re supposed to do.”

Pam Ronstadt joined the Board of Trustees in November 2007 and has modeled this commitment to service by diving headfirst into her responsibilities as Chair of the Development Committee and Co-Chair of the Sensational Settings Committee. She immediately hosted a gathering at St. Luke’s to introduce the Home to friends and family and has involved the boys in activities at the Home.

Pam brings vast experience to our Board, having worked on many political campaigns and as the Executive Director for the Southern Arizona office of Junior Achievement. While at JA, she rebuilt the Board, staff and programs which had been run out of the Phoenix office in recent years.



Alec, Fred, Pam and McCoy Ronstadt

Now she has chosen to serve on the St. Luke’s Board of Trustees. Why? Because “we serve people who would otherwise fall through the cracks.” She knows that not enough attention is given to our elders and that “a society is judged by the way they treat their elders.” She wants her sons to know the importance of advocating for others in need and that the giving far outweighs the return.

Pam’s message to others—“Step Up! Don’t be afraid—there’s a lot you can do to make a difference!”

Welcome to the family, Pam.

“Everyone likes to be greeted with a smile and a kind word. That’s what I like about St. Luke’s. It makes my day!”

Volunteer Spotlight—Darlene Bartman

Looking for a smile, a kind word or pat on the back? Darlene will be happy to make your day.

Darlene has been the Wednesday morning receptionist for four years and she says it makes her happy. With no children or pets at home, Darlene loves to be out with people. That’s why she volunteers at St. Luke’s. She also loves to call Bingo for the residents on occasion.

Darlene, a mid-westerner from Iowa, and her husband moved to Tucson in 1993 while her husband was still with Raytheon.

She found her way to St. Luke’s through her church, Desert Skies UMC, where she also volunteers for their “flea market” on Monday mornings. She says, “The more you give me to do, the better.” She also helps with clerical and bookkeeping tasks at the Home.

St. Luke’s Home depends on volunteers like Darlene!

We Thank You!



“St. Luke’s Home. How may I help you?”

St. Luke’s Co-Hosts Write-a-Will Workshops with PCOA



Kay Richter

March is national *Write-a-Will Month* and this year agencies across Tucson hosted workshops to educate people on the importance of writing and maintaining an up-to-date will and other end of life documents.

St. Luke’s Home partnered with Pima Council on Aging to co-host

two of these workshops, one at each agency. Kay Richter, a leading specialist in areas of elder law, estate planning and probate, gave excellent presentations. Over fifty folks learned the basics and some intricacies of gathering information and preparing documents that will assure that, upon death, personal and financial assets are distributed as desired.

Did you know that you can leave gifts to your family *and* St. Luke’s

Home without short-changing your family members? In fact, you CAN and some charitable gifts may actually save your family money by decreasing inheritance taxes. It’s easy. To learn more about legacy giving to St. Luke’s Home, contact Nancy Jones, Director of Development, at 624-5034.



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Staff Spotlight—Beatriz Montano

When you see our Beatriz's beautiful smile, you know she is happy in her work and her life. Beatriz is always smiling!

Beatriz Montano, her husband and three children came to the US from Hermosillo, Sonora Mexico, nine years ago. She has worked at St. Luke's for eight of those years. She will tell you that she has learned most of her English working for and with the residents with whom she feels most comfortable.

Beatriz is here for the residents, whom she considers to be her

second family. She takes great pride in knowing each resident well enough to know how they are every day, just by watching their faces and how well they eat. "I don't like for my children to go to bed with an empty stomach and I don't like the residents to either!" she says.

"I live in the moment" says Beatriz, who loves dancing, music, singing, her two grandchildren and large family gatherings.

Beatriz was promoted to Assistant Dietary Manager last year and says it is hard to train and super-

wise those she thinks of as her co-workers. But she has followed the example of her manager, Bill Burket, treating others as she wants to be treated—with respect. As a result, she always tries to be patient, helpful and communicate well when she is required to lead. "It's difficult to train others but it is important to do so for the residents. We must always think of them first!"



Beatriz Montano stirs up lunch!



Tax preparation done right—it's serious business!

Sensational Setting Summer Parties

Sensational Settings Summer Happy Hour

When: Wednesday, June 25th, 5:30 - 7:30pm

**Where: Elle, A Wine Country Restaurant
3048 E. Broadway Blvd**

Cost: \$35.00 per person, \$15.00 tax donation

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Reservations are Limited: Call Carrie at 419-4370 or e-mail her at carriedurham78@msn.com to make your reservations or for information on July and August Happy Hour Events

Tax Rebates Mean \$7,800 for Residents

You haven't seen anything until you've witnessed five young Americorps Vista volunteers preparing taxes for 26 senior residents and 4 folks from the Feldman Neighborhood!

On March 21 and 22, St. Luke's residents were treated to free tax return preparation through the United Way of Tucson's EITC/VITA program. These same residents now qualify for, and will receive, a tax rebate as part of President Bush's economic-stimulus plan.

What does an extra \$300 mean in the pocket of a person who has a \$100 per month allowance?

"I hope to visit my daughter in Florida an extra time this year," says one resident. Another resident, a former table tennis champion, hopes to buy a special new table tennis paddle or go to Vegas to watch friends compete.

For some, it will mean a new pair of walking shoes, a new pair of glasses, much needed dental work, a special outing with friends or

family, or money for a rainy day.

"I think I might give a little to St. Luke's Home," says resident Ada.

Imagine that idea!



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SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008
11:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.
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Why wait until November to make that last-minute state tax credit donation to St. Luke's Home when you can act now and **turn your tax rebate into a state tax credit** for 2008?

That's right, just write a check to St. Luke's Home when your rebate arrives and, like **MAGIC**, you've stimulated the St. Luke's Home economy, made a significant difference in the lives of our senior residents, and gotten the best bang for your rebate buck!

Contributions made to St. Luke's Home through St. Luke's in the Desert, Inc. may qualify for the "Arizona Qualifying Charity" Tax Credit Program. Arizona residents can contribute up to \$400 (\$200 for singles) and reduce your Arizona tax burden,

dollar-for-dollar, by filing Arizona Form 321 "Contributions to Charities That Provide Assistance to the Working Poor" with your tax return. You will either reduce your Arizona tax bill or get a state tax refund. You'll receive a further financial benefit when you apply the contribution as a tax deduction on your Federal Return.

Your support matters to us! With your help, we provide a sanctuary for seniors with limited incomes and the need for a little help in their daily life. St. Luke's provides a caring environment where residents live with independence and dignity. The difference in the modest amount residents pay for room and board and the actual operating



Miniature Horses visit St. Luke's residents

expenses of St. Luke's is made up through private donations, corporate support and fund-raising events. Please consider sharing your tax rebate with the residents of St. Luke's Home and make a difference in their lives today.



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St. Luke's Joins the "Wii" Generation!



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