

September 2009 Edition

Message from the President:



Velda K King

Hope all of you had a wonderful summer. It is once again time to be thinking about all of the fundraisers and changes that occur after our fiscal year end.

Our fiscal year ended on June 30th and considering the budget cuts from the State of Arizona we are still in good shape financially. After our new CPA completes our year-end financials, we will post them on the website. For any of you that have not visited our website, I would encourage you to do so. We will try to keep you updated when we can't get out a newsletter. Remember if you want the newsletter by email please sign up on the website.

We have three new Board members and two that have left. We are sad to see both Marge Clark, our Founder and Jewel Melin, our past treasurer, no longer serving on the Board. Both of these wonderful ladies will continue to work with us but in a different capacity. You will still see Marge representing us as our founder and attending most fundraisers. Jewel is now volunteering at our new thrift store. We are excited to have Stephanie Goodin, marketing director at Westcor, Myra Roper, probation officer for the US Courts and Mary Jo Salone, attorney, as our three new Board members. These ladies have been to many of our functions and

Editor's Note:

We have had a number of readers contact us regarding the costs of our newsletter, mailings and postage required for both. We wanted everyone to know that these items are graciously donated by Publishers' Management Corp. Eve's Place DOES NOT incur any expense for these items. The monies received from donations and fundraisers are used solely to support our Safe House and programs for victims of Domestic Violence.

have been active with Eve's Place for some time. Please see inside for more information.

Elections were held for officers and they are as follows;

Velda K. King	President
Dorothea Boothe	Vice-President
Pastor Barbara Bengtson	Secretary
Mary Lou Stevens	Treasurer

Please visit our website to learn more about our Board members.

My personal congratulations go to Marge Clark for winning honorable mention in the Real Estate Achievement Award. She has been nominated in the past and we are so pleased that she finally got the recognition that she so deserves. Without Marge, there would not be an Eve's Place and without Eve's Place, none of us would be able to be there for the victims and children who so desperately need our help.

We have opened our second thrift store at 35th Avenue and Northern. We are so excited for an opportunity to expand in our efforts to raise funds to support our programs. Our outreach program has grown and we have had the privilege of expanding our program to men. We have assisted several men this summer with temporary housing and preparing them to move into permanent housing.

It is with sadness that we have had to close our transitional house. It was just too far away from jobs to be a success for our families. We are now in the process of looking for new housing that will make it easier for the women to obtain jobs.

As you think of Eve's Place and participate in our activities, I want you to know what a blessing you are. You can know without a doubt that you are saving lives and futures. We had an incident this summer where the police informed us that without our intervention the woman and her two small children would have been

killed. It makes all of the long hours worthwhile, just to know that we truly make a difference. I wanted to share this with you because with domestic violence, we can't take you on a tour of our house or let you talk to the women and children. It makes it harder for you to feel a part of our organization but you are the core of Eve's Place. The women that serve as Client Advocates and the Management Team at the house are in life and death situations every day. Knowing that the community supports them does make a difference.

The Cameo Foundation has adopted Eve's Place and we are very excited. Inside you will read about their annual ball which we will now become beneficiary of the proceeds. This is their sixth year but the first time for us. These ladies are all former contestants of the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant and work very hard to raise money for the empowerment of women. We are so grateful that they have chosen our organization and we are excited to work with them in being able to help even more victims and their children.

In the last four years we have doubled in size each year and have been a team: Board, Executive Director, Staff and You, the community. What a great team member you have all been.

I look forward to seeing you soon as our functions start this season. Feel free to email me through the website. We would love to talk to your groups and just get to know you better and have you know us better.

All My Best – You are the Best.

Executive Director's Corner

There have been many things happening since our last newsletter. Some folks returned home to



Laura Horsley

cooler temperatures, while others stayed and enjoyed the warmth of summer in Arizona. Eve's Place was able to add a second thrift store and we have continued to provide safety for women and children in our safe house.

The economic problems raging across the country and Arizona have some impact on our organization as well. We are heavily dependent upon State money to provide the level of service that we currently provide to our women and children. The State is struggling to pass a budget, leaving organizations like ours wondering what additional cuts will befall our programs. During the last Arizona fiscal year that just ended on June 30, we lost over \$90,000. So far, Eve's Place is working on a short-term agreement with the State of Arizona to continue providing services at the decreased amount. This agreement is valid until September 30, 2009. We are still waiting to see what will happen at that time.

As a result of recent cuts and unsure economic times, our fundraising events will become more important to continue providing quality services to vulnerable men, women and children. We have reconstructed our website to provide more information about these events.

It is also possible to donate online using our website at: www.safetyatevesplace.org.

Fundraising is more difficult during unstable times, but with your help, even small contributions can make a huge difference.

Eve's Place is excited about opening a second thrift store. It is located at 35th Avenue and Northern. It will carry the same great quality items as our Sun City store. All revenue generated from our stores provides operation support for the safe house. The new store, also called Eve's Treasures, will be open from Monday to Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. I sincerely hope you get a chance to stop by and check it out. Say hello to John and David when you visit. There will be special sales and coupons during each month, so stop by often.

The Sun City store will continue to have 50% off everything in the special store sales. These have been successful in generating additional revenue for the program. Don't forget there is free food at these sales as well. It is wise to continue checking in as every day we have a new type of item on sale for that day only. This store is located at Peoria Avenue and 107th Avenue in Sun City.

We are also excited to be working with Arizona Department of Public Safety. We received a grant

from them to provide safety to women and children as part of the federal Victims of Crime Act. We are happy to be able to diversify our funding to create more stability for Eve's Place.

Join us in preparing for the holiday season soon. I hope to see you at our fundraising events. Please remember to visit the website for current events and happenings within the organization. We need each and every one of you.

Together we can make a difference!

Kid's Corner



It has been a wild and crazy summer in the kids program. Once school ended, the kids were busy participating in weekly field trips. They were very excited.

The kids, staff, and volunteers went to the Phoenix Zoo, the local aquatic center, the movies, horseback riding and many other fun activities. Also, thanks to Parkway Christian Church, our kids enjoyed a wonderful birthday party at Peter Piper Pizza and had a great time.

These field trips provide the kids and moms the opportunity to bond and create positive lasting memories with each other. They are able to practice using skills they have learned during group work. Contributions and fundraising allow our kids these safe, fun and healthy activities. There is never a cost to the kids or moms who attend. The only requirement is that they enjoy the day.

We are now heading into the new school year. Our kids were able to have new school supplies and backpacks from our generous donors and donation drives in the community. Also, because of monetary donations throughout the year, our kids were provided a brand new outfit with a new pair of shoes for their first day back to school. They all looked so pretty and handsome for their special day.

We, in the kids program, are looking forward to watching our kids learn and grow while they stay with us. Anyone interested in assisting us with a tutoring program please contact our office to become an official volunteer and assist us in helping keep education a priority in the lives of our



kiddos. We are also hoping to have a holiday program this year, so keep checking the website for ways to get involved and how to donate.

We are always in need of children's clothing, shoes, backpacks and gift cards. Please remember that we also have children that are boys, sometimes up to the age of 17, and therefore we could also use men's clothing, deodorant and shoes.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to present to you our latest Board Members. Each of these women is accomplished and brings to our Board her own particular energy and expertise.

Myra Roper of Glendale is a Senior United States Probation Officer. Myra has participated in many of our fundraisers and has been a supporter for several years. Myra graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and received her MA from Fordham University in New York. She is currently the district representative of the FPPOA and a member of several other professional organizations. She is fun and I am sure you will all love getting to know her.

Stephanie Goodin of Peoria is the Marketing Manager at Desert Sky Mall for Westcor/The Macerich Company of Phoenix. She has worked in the past with Eve's Place through community efforts and donations with Westcor/Desert Sky Mall. They also furnished over 400 candles for our outreach program and the women in our house at Christmas time. Stephanie has volunteered with many other organizations such as Fresh Start Women's Foundation, Phoenix Children's Hospital, and Phoenix Rescue Mission just to name a few. Stephanie graduated from Arizona State University in Tempe. She is the Site Council Member for Holiday Park Elementary School. She brings her marketing and special events experience and we are delighted to have her. She is married and has one daughter. We feel honored to have her and her experience.

Mary Jo Salone of Goodyear is an attorney with over 30 years of experience. She has worked in many areas of law including domestic relations and now is doing estate planning. Mary Jo is well diversified as she has been everything from a bank teller to a high school teacher, computer programmer and of course

an attorney. Mary Jo is fun with good common sense. She loves people and wants to make a difference. Mary Jo will bring a balance to our Board in many ways. We are very fortunate that she has chosen to be a Board member.

MARGE CLARK AWARDED



We would like to congratulate Marge Clark, our Founder, for receiving Honorable Mention for this year's *Realtor Magazine* "Good Neighbor Award". There were ten finalists with thousands of applicants. So this was quite an honor, not only for her, but also for Eve's Place.

She will also be featured in their magazine and other news media. Along with this award came a check for \$2,500 as a donation to Eve's Place.

A NEW THRIFT STORE!

Eve's Place has opened a second thrift store, in addition to our Sun City store. It is located at 8101 N. 35th Avenue, Suite D10 which is on the northeast corner of 35th Avenue and Northern in Phoenix.

Our Phoenix store has different store hours to better serve our new neighborhood. The new store is open Monday through Saturday from 10AM to 6PM.

You can expect the same great quality and selection that you have come to expect from our Sun City location. In addition, the store offers a 50% off everything sale on the last Saturday of each month. We also have coupons and daily sales that are posted each morning.

As with our original store, all proceeds from sales are used for the operation costs of our safe house and empowerment programs.

Come on over to our new store and discover new items daily. Besides clothing, you will find furniture, housewares, linens, books, videos and miscellaneous items. Don't forget to visit our special toy room!

If you are looking for kids' clothes, this is the place to come. New kids' clothes are placed on the racks daily. Don't forget the many fashion shows that have been given with clothes from our thrift store! Not to mention that Halloween is just

around the corner. There isn't a more ideal place to build that special and unique costume.

So, stop by and see our new store before that special "item" you have been looking for is bought by someone else!

Please note that all donations are only handled through our Sun City location. We regret that donations cannot be accepted at our Phoenix location. Now that we have two stores to serve you, it is even more important that you keep those donations coming! You can call our Sun City store at **623-583-1434** for pickup of large items. We appreciate your support!

EVENT NEWS

Flip-Flop Party

The Summer Spa and Flip Flop Party was held on August 8th at the Cimarron Recreation Center in Sun City Grand. Each pair of flip flops brought to the event earned the donor one raffle ticket.

The result was over 350 pairs of flip flops donated to our safe house.

Denim Drive

Desert Sky Mall partnered with Eve's Place for their annual Get Together and Give event. The event was held in conjunction with the mall's Community outreach program— Kids Club.

Desert Sky Mall had 138 kids at the show and 207 parents in attendance. Eve's Place was at the mall to help raise awareness about Domestic Violence and offer resources available in the West Valley. The regular show was extended and Craig Davis a well known Magician was on stage to do an hour show incorporating magic using denim.

The International Academy— College of Hair gave cuts/styles and passed out product and information about the school that will open at the South Entrance of the mall on September 8th. Sears also promoted their portrait packages. Five other retailers took part. In total there were 457 denim items donated that day to Eve's Place.

We would like to thank Stephanie Goodin and the Desert Sky Mall for organizing and staging this event on behalf of Eve's Place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STEPPING INTO THE HOLIDAYS Skye Luncheon and Fashion Show

Come join us Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009 at 11:00AM at *Skye* Restaurant for the *Stepping into the Holidays* Fashion Show Luncheon featuring fashions by Chico's of Arrowhead. Tickets are \$37.50 per person, which includes lunch. Please call 623-547-6175 for reservations. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

“IDOL IN THE SKYE”

Skye Restaurant in Peoria is having it's annual Christmas Show called “*Idol in the Skye*” on Monday night, December 21st. This is a delightful evening of fine dining and entertainment put on by the numerous winners of their past “*Idol in the Skye*” talent shows.

Skye Restaurant has been a big supporter of Eve's Place and again this year in lieu of the \$10.00 cover charge, guests can bring a children's gift to be donated to Eve's Place so the children will have presents on Christmas day.

Last year was an overwhelming success with over 100 gifts donated. Please help us make this year's Christmas a happy one for our children, too. Reservations can be made by calling *Skye Restaurant* at 623-334-0010. Last year they sold out early so please call soon.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Stepping into the Holidays Fashion Show
December 2, 2009

Idol in the Skye
December 21, 2009

Ain't We Got Fun Concert
January 31, 2010 at 4PM

Valentine's Celebration of New Beginnings
February 14, 2010

Sixth Annual Cameo Ball to Benefit Eve's Place
February 27, 2010

AIN'T WE GOT FUN

The Soul Benefactors present “Ain't We Got Fun” to be held on Sunday, January 31st, 2010.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of singing, dancing and comedy by the well known *Soul Benefactors*. It will be a fun filled variety show of local talents from throughout the area. This group performs all around Maricopa County helping non-profit organizations raise money.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Show: 4:00 PM

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
13724 W. Meeker Boulevard
Sun City West, AZ 85375

VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION OF NEW BEGINNINGS

A Valentine's “Celebration of New Beginnings” is planned for Sunday, February 14th, 2010.

Mark your calendars for this Valentine's Day cocktail and buffet evening celebration being hosted in a lovely golf course Estate Home in Sun City Grand. Listen to music by DJ Robert Wilson and dance to his music on the patio under the stars.

Watch for more details to come. Event begins at 5:00 PM. Cost \$35 per person.

SIXTH ANNUAL CAMEO BALL

We are pleased to announce that the Cameo Foundation has chosen Eve's Place as the beneficiary of next year's Cameo Ball.

Scheduled to be held on February 27th, 2010 at the Scottsdale Hilton. The Cameo Ball is always a great evening for fun, food and dancing to the music of the fabulous Messinger Band.

So, mark your calendars for this great event. Also, be on the lookout for additional information on this event at our website:

www.safetatevesplace.org

Special Thanks

Kelli Fawcett and Wal-Mart

What a wonderful surprise it was to be contacted by Kelli Fawcett, Associate Publisher and

Senior Marketing Partner for Arizona Woman and bizAZ magazines. We arrived at her house to find it literally full of items donated by the Happy Valley Road Wal-Mart. Donations included everything from sundry items, to clothes and linens.

There were so many items that it took two van loads and several days to sort through the items for our safe house. The women and children were thrilled with the new items which also included a play-and-pack and booster chair.

We want to give a special thanks to Kelli for her dedication in obtaining the items, not only for Eve's Place, but for several other non-profit groups as well. Kelli personally stores and organizes the donated items. You can't even imagine how large a job this is.

Likewise, we want to thank the Happy Valley Road Wal-Mart for their continued donations to Kelli. Every item that we have received has been put to good use at our safe house.

E-mail Newsletter Edition

A new way to receive the Eve's Place newsletter is now available. You can receive your newsletter electronically instead of printed. All you need to do is send us your email address and let us know whether you would prefer only the email version or both the email and the printed version.

If you would like to be notified when the newsletter is posted to our website, please send us a note with your email address and whether you want to continue to receive the printed format of the newsletter. Our email address is:

info@safeyatevesplace.org.

Visit the Eve's Place Website

www.safeyatevesplace.org

The website contains information regarding our services and fundraisers. We even have a special *donation* button that will allow you to donate directly to us. Visit our site often!

SAFEHOUSE NEED LIST

With the number of women and children in our house, the following are needed desperately;

Canned Vegetables	Canned Meat
Toiletries	Baby Wipes
Paper Towels	Socks
Coffee	Coffee Filters
Laundry Detergent	Laundry Bleach
Toilet Paper	Dryer Sheets
Underwear (any size for males and females)	
Gift Cards to grocery stores and department stores	

FRIENDS OF EVE'S PLACE

The following is a list of businesses that provided services, support and donations to Eve's Place. The generosity of our supporters and contributors is deeply appreciated.

Adultcare Assistance Homecare, LLC
Affordable Dentures-Sibera T. Brannon DDS
American Lutheran Church of Sun City Women - ELCA
Apostles Lutheran Church LWML
Arizona Broadway Theatre
Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona Traditions Charity Quilters
Avon Products
Beta Sigma Phi
Blue Thong Society
Carnegie Marketing Associates
Cimarron Day SPA
Clinique, Sharon Wolf
Credit Union West
Desert Palms Presbyterian Church Craft Group
Dinah Circle, Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Direct Jewelry Buyers
Double K Publishing
EGADS Red Hat Chapter
Employee Fund of ASPC-Eyman
Girl Scout Troop 634
Grace Community Church, Women's Ministries
Grand Ladies Bunco Group
Ice Cream Dreams, LLC
Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni Assn.
Kokopelli Winery

Lady Putters Club of Arizona Traditions
Laureate Beta-Zeta of BSP
Litchfield Park First Baptist Church
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Luke Officers Spouses Club
MacCro Knit-Sun City West
Macerich Management Co.
New Song United Methodist Church
Nina Pulliam Charitable Trust
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Peoria-West Valley Women's Club
Preceptor Alpha Kappa of Beta Sigma Phi
Publishers' Management Corp.
Purple Ribbon Council
Rip 'n Sew Stitchers
Safeway Store, Grand Ave.
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Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church
Silpada Jewelry, Lesley Manahan
SL Bade & Associates, LLC
State Employees Charitable Campaign
Sun Cities, West Valley National Organization of
Women
Sun City Chapter #66 Order of the Eastern Star
Sun City Christian Church Disciples of Christ
Sun City Grand Ladies Grand Niners
Sun City Grand Photo Club
Sun City Grand Scrapbook Club
Sun City Grand Woodcrafters
Sun City West Kiwanis Foundation
Sun City West Rotary
Sunflower RV Park Worship Service
Surprise Economic Development Corp
Surprise Grand Lions Club
The Blue Thongs
Travesia Westeria Club
Unity Church of Sun City
Wells Fargo Bank, Sun City
Wells Fargo Bank, Surprise
White Tanks Rotary Club Foundation
Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium
World Wings Phoenix Chapter

Donations

The following individuals have given donations
or support to Eve's Place during the last quarter;

Barbara Adler
Gloria Anderson
Maryanne Annan
Margaret Arbetan
Brenda & Edwin Archambault
Cathy Armstrong
Irvin & Naomi Augspurger Jr
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Austad
Amanda Baird
Floynell Ball
Rita Baran
Cheryl Barber
Rev. Barbara Bengtson
Judy Biancani
Dorothea Boothe
Patsy Bricker
Marlene Brown
Peggy Brown
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Bernice Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chew
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**Stepping into the Holidays
Fashion Show and Luncheon**



Eve's Place
A Place of Safety in the Northwest Valley

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

11:00 AM

Location:

**Skye Restaurant
16844 N. Arrowhead
Fountain Center Drive, Peoria**

**Tickets are \$37.50
Per person**

The afternoon features:

**Please call
623-547-6175**

Fashions by:

**Chico's of Arrowhead
623-825-6077**

or mail your check to:

**Eve's Place
15270 Brookside Lane
Suite 129
Surprise, AZ 85374**

And a special raffle drawing

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