



Newsletter for Friends & Families of **LURA TURNER HOMES**

For Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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Summer 2024

Founders Day



Dear Friends of Lura Turner Homes,

May 19th was the best of Sundays and the saddest of Sundays for Lura Turner Homes. For 37 years, LTH has held Founders Day on the third Sunday of May at Central United Methodist. It's a time to salute staff, residents, donors and volunteers. You'll see many of their photos on the back of this page. Our joy was dampened by the tears of saying goodbye to Central United Methodist. One of the most influential congregations in Arizona history was closing its doors – this after 154 years of ministry, 55 of those as LTH's nurturing "Mother Church." Founders Day was Central's last event. Very sad.

Some history. In 1969, Central UM Women welcomed deaconess Lura Turner and residents with open arms – and hearts. This after the group had been turned away from one downtown Phoenix church after another. Recalling this early support, it was all I could do to keep my composure when Central UM Women's leader Marilyn Seese came forward with a "little something." It was a \$75,000 gift from the Central UM Women! Six decades after first giving so generously to LTH, Central UM Women's last act was one of the most generous donations we've ever received. Talk about humbling.

But Central's United Methodist Women weren't the only ones to help. So did the United Methodist Men, the mission team, the singles, acolyte coaches, and of course Twyla Thompson and a team of teachers who taught the Christian Ambassadors, Arizona's first Bible study for adults with special needs. At a meeting about the closure, one LTH resident pleaded, "Where will we go to church?" Another asked, "What about the Christian Ambassadors." Yet another, "What about the Christmas party?!"

After much soul-searching, Lura Turner Homes will make their new church home at CrossRoads UMC. It's been our extended church family for years. So it's only natural that we build on that already strong bond. Obviously, Central's closing leaves a huge hole in LTH's heart. But as Joyce Ridge, our late and very British director would say, "We will carry on." And we will. With your help.

How so? Donations are always needed. You can help pay fees for residents and volunteer cabin counselors at our 47th August camp at Whispering Hope Ranch, recently bought by Child Crisis Center. Golfers and sponsors are needed for the September 20th golf tourney, our 29th. Customers, volunteers and vendors are needed for November's boutique. Hands on Greater Phoenix can use volunteers at Bingo. All four facilities need sprucing up inside and out. That costs money even with volunteer labor. The "needs" list goes on and on. Please call Dixie at 602-943-4789 for information.

Finally...the day has come that I've long put off: we must shift our newsletters from paper to email. Big increases in postage (now 73 cents!), paper and ink mandate this change. So does the need for immediate notification. For example, I needed to reach you fast when we were given 100 free tickets to the Barbie Exhibit at the last minute. I promise not to bombard you with emails.

To accomplish the above, we are updating our mailing/email list. Below is a form to complete and return in the stamped, enclosed envelope. If you've returned this form recently, thank you! Our goal is for our January, 2025 newsletter to be on one email blast to the 1,000 people currently on our mailing list. Comments? Concerns? Contact me at maxm@luraturnerhomes.org OR 602-943-4789.

Most gratefully yours, *Max McQueen*, Executive Director, Lura Turner Homes

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Lura Turner Homes Activities for January – June 2024

January



At the spaghetti gala at Madison Baptist, Rusty Gavette is all smiles winning AZ Diamondbacks tix from sports organist Bobby Freeman.

February



The ladies and staff of Lynwood House enjoy the Valentine's Day party at Litchfield Park First Baptist. Qiana A. is house manager.

March



Musician Igor Glenn (cntr), of Gong Show fame, wraps up his benefit concert series with fellow Jazz Cowboys at Central UMC.

March



For LTH's 26th High Tea, tea lovers young and old dolled up for Barbie's 65th birthday. Over 250 guests were in the pink.

March



Karla Fisher (r) was one of 30 High Tea hostesses who served tea, scones, Barbie cakes and more at Crossroads UMC.

April



Metro Civitans feted Barney on his 46 Years at Denny's, a company record. Lots of friends showed up to egg on Barney.

May



Thanks to a donor, three groups of 35 gals and guys got free tours of the popular Barbie Exhibit at Phoenix Art Museum. Thanks, Ms. Anonymous!

May



Ladies of Lynwood House honored staff and volunteers at LTH's 37th Founders' Day in the sanctuary of historic Central United Methodist.

May



These fine folks live at Joyce Ridge Civitan House, founded in 1989 by LTH's late director Joyce Ridge. Patty M. is manager.

May



Staffer Emily and resident Kristy rep Marlette House, opened in 1994. Congrats to manager Marie and team on 30 years of care-giving.

May



Our administrative team works 24/7 on LTH's Behalf. From left is Michelle Dakai, Max McQueen, Dixie Tribble and Lorrie Ching.

May



Guiding director Max are board members (from left) Larry, Becky, Don, Steve, John, Leroy, Caitlin, Donna and Michelle.

May



Cathy Haga received a Char Peterson Personal Touch Award for two decades of volunteering via Hands on Greater Phoenix.

May



Hanni Wischer is feted for her many years of service, especially at camp and signing when needed. Grateful resident Ruth H. looks on.

May



For looking after LTH, Central UMC's superintendent Girma Tilahun's Char Peterson Personal Touch Award is well deserved.

May



Receiving the Founders Award were Deborah & John Maddox in appreciation of their many years of volunteering and advocating.

June



Mary Grace and Chester cut cakes at Mary's annual birthday bash at Organ Stop Pizza. Over 100 LTH and Civitans friends were on hand.

June



Resident Dolly high fives Hands on Greater Phoenix volunteers Elaine (l) and Cathy at Let It Roll Bowl in Sunnyslope.

June



Epi-Hab director Tony Barlow surprised residents Ray and Rose with bonuses in between bowling at Let It Roll Bowl.

June



Our Day Training for Adults visited Matt and Tim Gannon's miniature horse ranch. A pondside picnic was included.

Thanks photographers Tony Ching, Caitlin Ribeiro, Andrea Soto, Becky Stingle, Jeff Topping, Dixie Tribble, Lynda Wheeler and more.



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Thank you for your donations to Lura Turner Homes

The following list reflects donations made from January 1, 2024, through June 31, 2024

Barney's Day

Anonymous
Anne Butterfly

Camp

Mary Kay Coroneos

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Carolyn Baker
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Churches, Businesses,

Foundations & Service Clubs

Arizona Community Foundation
Central United Methodist Women
(Joy & Jack Van Sickel Estate)
Chandler United Methodist
Church of Christ

Cont. Churches, Businesses, Foundations & Service Clubs

Church Women United of Mesa
Civitan Club of Sun Cities Golf Tourney
CrossRoads United Methodist
Faith United Methodist
Hidden Treasures Antiques & Collectibles
Litchfield Park 1st Baptist Church
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Payson United Methodist Men
Payson United Methodist Women
Pledgeling Foundation
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Sun Lakes United Methodist Women
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Velda Rose United Methodist Men
Velda Rose United Methodist Women

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Gabriel's Angels
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Metro Civitans
Max McQueen
Mary Grace & Chester Oakes
Personal Touch Catering
Margie & Dennis Porter
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High Tea Silver Sponsor

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High Tea Volunteers

Arizona Recreation Center for
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Harriett Stevens
Becky & Chris Stingle
Lori Wainwright
Steven Winden
Wanda Zorkan & Chris





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Donations from January 1st – June 31st, 2024, continued from page 1.
For corrections or omissions, please contact Dixie at 602-943-4789

Honorariums

In Honor of Robert Borso
Given by Richard Borso
In honor of David Graves
Given by the Goldman Family & Melick Family
In honor of Julie Bradshaw & Marc Heffern
Given by Elizabeth & Gary Fritcke
In Honor of Twyla Thompson
Given by Christy Marlowe-Cedillo

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Cont. Memorials

In Memory of Ann Sausedo
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In Memory of Brad Thompson
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In Memory of DeeDee Wood
Given by Gordy Mischke

New Property

Chandler United Methodist Church
United Methodist Women of Central UMC

Spaghetti Dinner

Eunice & Scott Cunningham
Sharon & James Dubasik
Madison Baptist Church
Debi Murphy & Rusty Gavette
Irene Sidoti

