

Payson Senior Center



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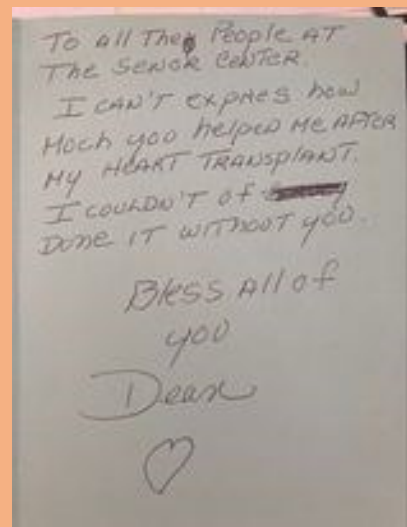
Embracing Life Together

with Your Support!



A group from the Center took a field trip to Butterfly Wonderland.

Roxie (pictured here) was all smiles as she enjoyed the trip!



"To all the people at the Senior Center. I can't express how much you helped me after my heart transplant. I couldn't of done it without you.

Bless all of you, Dean"

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Meals On Wheels

This past year we delivered a record number of meals to our local homebound! We served **38,151** home-delivered meals to **160** homebound in the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Sandy told us that the Meals on Wheels program provides her a decent meal at least once a day. Sandy is not able to stand long enough to prepare a meal for herself. Sandy also appreciates the special gifts and treats that are given on the holidays.

Maya takes care of her husband who has dementia. Maya sent us a thank you card in which she wrote *"Thank you so much for all the meals you delivered for my husband throughout this year. Thank you for the love and support you put into this."* These are just a couple of the lives that have been touched by your generous support. We rely on your donations to keep us going.

You are a blessing!



Woohoo! We recently received 3 vehicle donations. Vehicles can be donated through CARS anywhere in the US! With your donation, the Payson Senior Center will receive support for our Meals on Wheels program.

- ♦ Turn your four wheels into funds for Meals on Wheels.
- ♦ All vehicles considered! From cars and trucks to RVs, boats and more.
- ♦ Call 844- 411-5768 or visit mealsonwheels.careasy.org to donate your vehicle online.



- ♦ Vehicle must have a clear Title
- ♦ Vehicle is complete and towable
- ♦ Vehicle is accessible for safe towing

It's easy! Just one call and get the process started. No cost to you.

Don't forget to mention the Payson Senior Center!

2021-2022 Fiscal Year-End Results Are In!... continued

Senior Express Transportation

The Senior Express provided **3,640** trips in the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Seniors and homebound members are able to go to medical appointments, grocery shopping, to the Center to have lunch with friends, and many other places. Our transportation program helps keep seniors independent and active. Your donations help provide for this critical program.



Center Lunches and Activities

We served **7,232** in-house lunches in the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. In addition to the delicious lunches a variety of activities are offered. There is an exercise class for each fitness level, music, games, and health & wellness classes, just to name a few. Matt comes to the Center everyday. He stated that he does not know what he would do without the Center. It gives him a purpose and a place to call home. We also celebrate birthdays with those who are on the homebound program and the seniors that are at the Center. Many have stated that they would not have celebrated their birthday if it wasn't for the Center. *We embrace life together.*



Birthdays are better when shared together!

2022 Annual Meeting and Special Members' Event



On July 30, 2022, over 100 members of the Payson Senior Center gathered for a day of connecting, celebrating, and socializing! We have always held an annual members' meeting to conduct business items, but this year the meeting was expanded to include a fully-decorated dining hall, fantastic lunch, raffle prizes, and a chance for our members to connect and celebrate each other.

Each year we gather with our members to take care of some of the business of running the Payson Senior Center—reviewing our an-

nual numbers from our core programs regarding number of meals served, rides given, etc. during the last twelve months; discussing the financial performance of the Center during the most recently completed fiscal year; updating our ByLaws to reflect the needs of our growing organization; and electing members to serve on our Board of Directors.

In addition to these important business items, this year we expanded the event to celebrate our successes over the last year and to gather together again in person. Covid-19 disrupted our gatherings during 2020 and 2021, so this year was our chance to see each other in person and celebrate everything the Payson Senior Center means to our community. The response was tremendous!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Staff and Volunteers of the Payson Senior Center for making this event such a success. In addition, we would like to thank UnitedHealthcare for sponsoring the event, which allowed us to provide the food and supplies at no cost to the Center.

**We look forward to continuing this tradition in the future—
and we look forward to seeing you when we do this again in 2023!!**

JOIN THE



Payson Senior Center



GEMs Club

(Giving Every Month)



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



\$25

2 round trips for
Senior Transportation



\$35

4 meals to a
homebound



\$50

5 lunches at the Center
with social activities

On July 30, 2022 we launched a new program called the GEMs Club. It stands for "Giving Every Month."

Your ongoing monthly support will:

- ♦ Provide hot and nutritious meals with wellness checks to more than 150 homebound seniors.
- ♦ Provide door to door transportation for the homebound and those with a mobility challenge to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and more.
- ♦ Provide a place with social activities that help seniors combat isolation and depression and focus on their health and wellness.
- ♦ Provide center lunches to 40+ seniors.
- ♦ Provide a center that offers a place for support groups and resources such as a medical equipment loan closet.

That's why we are inviting you to join our **GEMs Club**. You can easily sign up online at www.paysonseniorcenter.org to make an impact on an ongoing basis without having to continually write checks!

Become a GEMs Club member today and you'll enjoy:

- ♦ The knowledge that your donation is put to work immediately.
- ♦ Quarterly newsletters on the difference your dollars are making.
- ♦ Hassle-free automatic monthly donations from your credit card.
- ♦ The ability to change or suspend your donations at any time.
- ♦ Complete statements provided for tax purposes.
- ♦ The joy of knowing that you're improving someone's life.

Monthly donations can be set up online at www.paysonseniorcenter.org. Simply click the donate button on the home page and follow the steps. Monthly donations can also be set up through your financial institution or simply mail your monthly donation to Payson Senior Center 514 W. Main St. Payson, AZ 85541. To make donations over the phone please call 928-474-4876.



Become a Member!

Anyone 50 and over may become a MEMBER of the Payson Senior Center.

Annual membership is \$15.00 per year.

With this membership you will be provided a card that will give you discounts from businesses around town.

In addition, you will have the right to vote at the annual meeting and help direct the future of the Center.

To become a member visit
www.paysonseniorcenter.org or
call 928-474-4876



*Ralph and Barbara enjoying
lunch at the Center with
their friends.*

HERE IS MY DONATION OF \$

I want to help provide for critically needed **meals and transportation programs!**

Please make checks payable to Payson Senior Center & mail or drop off at The Center 514 W. Main St:
OR complete the Visa or MasterCard information below and mail or drop off at The Center.

YOU MAY ALSO DONATE SECURELY ONLINE: www.PaysonSeniorCenter.org

Card Number

Expiration Date

CCV#

Name on Card

Billing Zip Code

Please fill out the following information for your tax receipt:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

EMAIL (optional): _____

A RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU

Here is my gift of ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other amount _____