

Driven to Meet Needs

Have you missed seeing our Foothills Caring Corps vans loaded with happy passengers out and about? Although the pandemic forced the suspension of FCC's Van Program earlier this year, van outings are now gradually restarting. Of course, things are different than in the past, with new health protections such as plastic barriers, reduced seating due to physical distancing, mask wearing and extra sanitizing.

Recently, FCC has taken Neighbors to crafting classes, where they made some Halloween and Thanksgiving cards along with decorations.

Another trip went to Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, where videos of photographs taken at destinations around the world and scored with appropriate music were enjoyed.

FCC has been innovating to find ways to connect with and serve our Neighbors during this health crisis. Our van fleet has been integral to that goal, creating and implementing new services. First, Volunteers and staff visited hundreds of people



on their driveways, walkways, courtyards and front porches during our "Spread Joy Convoy". This past month, FCC partnered with the Maricopa County Public Health Department to take Public Health personnel to dozens of our homebound Neighbors' homes to administer flu vaccinations.

A significant downside to some of the changes implemented to keep all riders safe and healthy is that FCC now must use more vehicles to transport fewer persons. That means more costs, such as gasoline and maintenance, as well as a greater need for Volunteers trained to drive or assist on rides. With your help, we will meet these challenges.

The Foothills Caring Corps announces the addition of three members to their Board of Directors. The newly elected members are Cynthia Driskell, Ron Fink, and Susie Dymoke. Executive Director, Robin Cochran announced, "I am thrilled to welcome these three talented individuals.

Their unique backgrounds and experience will make them a great asset to our organization."

Cynthia Driskell, owner and Physical Therapist at Carefree Physical Therapy has been involved in our local community for almost 40 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge to our aging community and has lent her expertise to the FCC over the years.

Also joining the Board is Ron Fink who has been a volunteer for the

New FCC Board Members



Cynthia Driskell



Ron Fink



Susie Dymoke

Foothills Caring Corps for over 3 years. Ron has volunteered as one of our van drivers, as a helping handyman to our Neighbors, and has helped with our Loan Closet. Susie Dymoke, Carefree resident, and avid volunteer has many strengths to bring to the FCC Board of Directors. She is an amazing steward of our community and a great asset to many of our local organizations. You may run into Susie not only volunteering at the Foothills

Caring Corps, but also at the Desert Foothills Land Trust, Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce and Hospice of the Valley. We are excited to add Cynthia, Ron, and Susie to our Board of Directors.

They will be joining Dr. Paul Dale, June Reilly, Pastor Mike Johnson, Sabina Schwan, Beverly Miller-Dastgir, Barbara Giovan, Leslie Seldin, Suzanne Wagner, and Madison Wetter.