# INSPIRED LIVING



Our residents are the reason for everything we do.



As we age, it becomes increasingly important to consider how we can leave a positive impact on the world. For many individuals, that means making a meaningful contribution to their community that will have a lasting impact on future generations. For those who reside in non-profit retirement communities, that can mean supporting the organizations and services that have helped to improve their quality of life.

Non-profit retirement communities, like Fellowship Square, provide housing and care for older adults who may require assistance with daily living activities or have medical needs. Our organization operates on a not-for-profit basis, which means that any funds generated go towards maintaining the facilities and providing services for the residents. By supporting our organization philanthropically, you can help ensure that future generations of older adults will have access to quality care and a supportive community.

To help oversee philanthropic support for Fellowship Square communities, a newly formed Office of Advancement was created to assist individuals, organizations, and other funders fulfill their desire to support others that have created the pathway for future generations to live a robust life. Many of our residents are retired educators, social workers, healthcare workers, veterans, and more. We feel it's important to help provide these wonderful residents the opportunity to live their lives with purpose and provide a fulfilling lifestyle that promotes independence for all.

Your Advancement Team



Dan Selby



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Inspired Resident



Simone Ossipov has a gift for making each place she's lived a little better than she found it. To say her life has been anything but the grandest adventure would perhaps still be an understatement. Simone was the third daughter of five born to French parents living in a small fishing village on the coast of Tunisia. Above the village, a fifth-century fort towered on the hillside above it and had at that time served as a military base for the French Foreign Legion. Her husband, Dimitri, who was originally from Serbia but had been forced to flee his home country after his father had been executed by the communist party, went to France and joined the Legion, where he would be stationed in Simone's hometown at the fort. It was there they met on the beach, and five years later, Simone and Dimitri wed, had two of their four children, and began their life together.

Many years later, it was on a trip to visit one of their daughters, a professor at ASU,

that Simone observed Arizona felt just like going home to Tunisia: the climate, the sun, the flora (minus the beach, of course). So, they chose to make their next home here. At this point, their life of volunteer work began. Simone gave her time and gifts to the Tempe Community Action Agency and then the MCC rose garden. Dimitri faithfully volunteered with the Tempe Police Department. Simone had many remarks about her volunteer time in both places but remembered her time with the TCAA as one of the most challenging yet most rewarding experiences of her life.

Eventually, Dimitri and Simone's health began to make life in their home complex, so they started looking for somewhere new to live with more support. After speaking to a friend who encouraged her to not make any decisions until she visited Fellowship Square, she did just that. She instantly fell in love with the Historic Mesa campus and its employees. She loved her first experience there, but the big selling point: they served cranberry scones and coffee at the open house. Simone had a noticeable smile in her voice as she shared with us that they were the best scones she had ever had and that those morsels would be the final deciding factor for her. Historic Mesa would be home for them.

Until her eyesight began to fail, Simone volunteered her time in the rose garden at the Historic Mesa Campus, calling on her lessons from the MCC rose garden,

### Joyce Sanders Left Her Mark









Joyce Sanders left her mark in many ways at Fellowship Square, including a very generous gift made through her estate.

Joyce's generosity at Fellowship Square began with support for a new gazebo that sits just west of the fitness center on campus. A Physical Education and Social Studies teacher for 39 years in the Phoenix area, Joyce gave more still when she also started an English language program for the employees of Fellowship Square. She observed and discussed the communication barrier with her sister June. June had advised that if Joyce saw a problem, she should solve it, and Joyce did.

While she had never taught an English class or any language before, that didn't stop her. With the support and backing of Fellowship Square, Joyce started the program. For more than ten years, she helped 14 employees pass their tests, acquire their United States citizenship, and aided many more in learning to speak fluent English.

Joyce passed in October of 2019, but her contributions to Fellowship Square's residents and employees will live on for years, thanks to her generosity and the tenacity with which she tackled life.



If you are like many people you have seen the value of your investments fluctuate with the markets. You might be wondering if there is a way to find true security for you and your loved ones. The good news is that with a charitable gift annuity's fixed payments, you or a loved one can find the peace of mind that you are looking for. Contact us today to find out more!

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### What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a way to make a gift to support the causes that you care about, like Fellowship Square. You make a gift of cash or property to us. In return, we will make payments for life to you, you and a loved one, or another person. Each payment will be fixed, and the amount of each payment will depend on the age of the person who receives the payments. After all payments have been made, we will receive the remaining value of your gift to support the causes that matter to you. For more information, please contact us at 480-822-7373.

RATES			
ONE LIFE		TWO LIVES	
AGE	RATE	AGE	RATE
70	5.1%	70/75	4.8%
75	5.8%	75/80	5.3%
80	6.9%	80/85	6.2%
85	8.0%	85/90	7.5%
90+	9.0%	90/95	8.8%

This chart illustrates potential rates of return.

Gifts from Historic
Mesa Residents at work!
Thank you to residents
who supported
improvements to this
Historic Mesa courtyard.





### Remembering Ida Schenck

We fondly remember Ida Schenck, who graciously left a financial gift through her estate to the Fellowship Square Nursing Center upon her passing. Thanks to Ida's generosity, we were able to invest in invaluable upgrades in the technology we use throughout the campus, which benefits both our residents and staff. With these improvements, we have several new and innovative tools that enhance our ability to connect and communicate with everyone we serve.

Ida had gone into the rehab center after a fall and was very touched by the care she received there. Moved by how kind and friendly everyone always was in her moments of need and twilight years, she wanted to give something back in recognition of that good care.

Ida came to Fellowship Square shortly after the passing of her husband, Charles. It was a great comfort that Ida was able to move into



She was able to enjoy her home here for the next ten years, with her balcony that overlooked the koi pond she loved.

Ida Schenck may no longer be with us, but we thank her for her generosity and the memories. Her kind donation to the facility will ensure that others here continue to receive the outstanding and excellent care and assistance that Ida herself appreciated and enjoyed in her time with us.



#### **Charitable IRA Giving**

If you are over age 70½, the Federal government now permits you to rollover up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity without tax.

To learn more about IRA Rollover Gifts please visit our website or feel free to give us a call.

## Simplified Support for Fellowship Square

Making a gift to Fellowship Square through a beneficiary designation is a wonderful way to support the organization's mission and leave a lasting legacy. By naming Fellowship Square as a beneficiary of your retirement account, life insurance policy, or other financial asset, you can make a significant impact on the lives of seniors in need.

When you make a gift through a beneficiary designation, you are ensuring that your support for Fellowship Square continues even after you are gone. This type of gift is simple to arrange and can be easily modified if your circumstances change. You can designate a percentage of your assets, a specific dollar amount, or even the remainder of your estate to benefit Fellowship Square.

One of the key benefits of making a gift through a beneficiary designation is that it allows you to leave a charitable legacy without affecting your current financial situation. You can continue to use and enjoy your assets during your lifetime, while also knowing that you have made a meaningful contribution to a cause that you care about.

If you are considering making a gift to Fellowship Square through a beneficiary designation, it is important to consult with your financial advisor or estate planning attorney to ensure that your wishes are properly documented and executed. With their guidance, you can make a lasting impact on the lives of seniors in need and leave a legacy of compassion and generosity.



It's never too soon to contribute to the 2023 Employee Appreciation Christmas Fund at your Fellowship Square Campus!

Some find the idea of a monthly gift helpful when considering how to thank those who serve them each day from waitstaff and housekeeping to transportation and entertainment. Drop your gift at the front office or for questions call 480-822-7373.



Show your appreciation by giving to the Employee Appreciation Christmas Fund today...

THANK YOU!

### **Phoenix Oasis Patio**

A new plaque at the Phoenix campus' Oasis Patio reads: "In thankful celebration of William R. & Patsy J. Bendall". Beside it is a metal hummingbird suspended in flight, in honor of Will and Pat who both loved hummingbirds, nature, and the outdoors. Their passion for these things was what inspired and moved Patsy to give her initial donation to the Phoenix Campus. She loved to be outside and sit on the patio and felt that if there was some shade and beautification to the area, as well as more comfortable seating, others might enjoy and benefit from the area more. Thanks to her vision and generosity the Phoenix campus now has that. A new awning, chairs, and plants were purchased with the donation and have now made the patio a warmer and more inviting place for



our residents to gather and fellowship.

William and Patsy are survived by their six children who would all like to continue their legacy by providing a small donation each spring and fall to the Phoenix campus for ongoing improvements and seasonal planting. They hope this will help provide a comfortable place for the residents to enjoy for years to come while honoring the memory of their mother and father.

#### Simone Ossipov (continued)

and worked diligently to make it as lovely as possible. She now provides financial donations in place of her time, though she dearly misses being able to do more. Simone hopes to make people more aware of the community's needs, inspire others to help where they can, eliminate waste, and do as much as possible to make the Historic Mesa Campus all it can be. We thank her for her generosity, time, and commitment to doing all she can to help make Historic Mesa Campus one of the best in its class. Her contributions have

assisted in the Employee Appreciation appeals and annual tax-credit program that benefits residents living in the Assisted Living Unit. They will continue to provide improvements and assistance where needed.

In sharing her experiences and the importance of volunteering, she left us with this beautiful wisdom: "You can see the best and worst in life. It shows you how you are so small in the world, but you can do so much good...! was just a little instrument in God's hand."



Through Christian love and excellence, we provide a fulfilling lifestyle and promote independence to those we serve.



To express our appreciation for this committed group of donors who remember Fellowship Square in their estate plan, we established the Saguaro Society. Members of this special group share the common bond of philanthropy and vision to provide for the needs of future generations. We invite you to join with other compassionate philanthropists who share your vision.

Becoming a member of the Saguaro Society does not require documentation, amount or type of gift, only a statement of establishment or intent to leave a gift in one's estate plan. If you choose to do so,

members may remain anonymous. Types of qualifying gifts may include provisions in a will or trust, insurance policies, beneficiary designation on banking or investment assets (IRA's, stocks, bank accounts), and gift annuities, to name a few.

If you have already arranged for a bequest or planned gift, we would like to honor your support. If you are still considering such a gift, let us know so we can help you and your advisors complete your gift in a way that benefits your estate and makes clear your intention to support the Fellowship Square Community of your choice.