



## VETERANS VILLAGE AUGUST NEWSLETTER

2020 has been challenging. What an understatement. However, the needs of our veterans could not be stopped by the covid. A small group of dedicated volunteers have worked hard to continue to provide a safe healthy sanctuary for our heroes. Because of covid restrictions we, are struggling financially. Volunteers have stayed away, Sponsorships have fallen off, as have 575 contributions. These are all circumstances beyond our control despite our honest and best efforts. Normally we would have fun fundraisers throughout the summer. They had to be cancelled.

An auction is in the works, hopefully it will be a huge success and will help us recuperate some of our losses. In the meantime, any help you can give is appreciated. Thank you!!

### Featured Volunteer

One of our most dedicated and original volunteers is moving to Colorado. We will miss her friendly face behind the cash register at the Thrift store.



Deb Roman 68 went to church one Sunday during Lent, and the priest mentioned that rather than giving something up, parishioners should be giving their time. On the drive home she passed the village where there was a sign asking for volunteers. That was March 2018. So, I guess we could say she was sent by God. She began in the sorting room, and eventually moved to the cash register. She enjoyed working here. It gave her an opportunity to become acquainted with the “regulars” making a connection with locals through chit chat.

She was born in Louisiana but spent summers in Phoenix, and eventually moved to AZ and lived in Happy Valley area before it became the land of roundabouts. Became a special ed teacher. And spent two years doing a special ed program in the Grand Canyon. While there she made a memory by rafting trip on the Colorado River.

As a teacher she has had the time to travel extensively. Her favorite trip was to Japan with a group of fellow workers. She toured China with a small tour group of five. She cruised the Panama Canal, Alaska, and Ensenada MX.

She belonged to a writing group and enjoyed participating in rodeo parades as Lola Montez. While residing in Lakeside for 9 years she has taught kindergarten in church school, enjoys quilting, sewing, gardening and DIY projects and taking care of her chickens.

She is moving to CO with her children where she is looking forward to making new friendships, joining a Catholic church, being a volunteer in an animal shelter, and cooking. We will miss you Deb.

# If your headed in the wrong direction, God allows “U” turns.



When we purchased the property there were 18 authentic log cabins that were severely damaged through vandalism. It's taken many hours of manual labor by volunteers in addition to financial donations to bring them around to the comfortable homes they are today. We rely heavily on cabin sponsorship to maintain them. When a veteran transitions to another home, they are allowed to take the furnishings from their cabin with them, therefore they are frequently refurnished. Sponsorship and the generosity of our community is what makes this benefit possible.

## THANK YOU!!

We thank all our donors and volunteers, at the Ponderosa Shadow RV Resort for allowing us to visit and allowing us to tell them about Veterans Village. Also the White Mountain Women's Club who sponsored their annual

home tour. A special note of appreciation to the homeowners that opened their beautiful homes for the tour.

**If you want to do something, you will find a way. If not, you will find and excuse.**



*Porch being built*

We are making progress getting the porches built on the cabins. A crew has been hired

## DONATIONS

On Tuesday's and Fridays our team travels the community making pickups and drop-offs of donations





*Greg unloading donation*

It had been quite some time since the White Mountains had any rain. Months. So we prayed and, who says God doesn't listen!



Besides the yard, we had cabins, new laundry room and bathroom that flooded. The wet vacs came in handy. Long time residents claimed they had never seen such a hard fast rain.

## Jim's remodel



Jim's laundry room

All items that are placed in the thrift store are washed. This room was a bathroom with shower that Jim worked tirelessly to transform. He even worked despite recuperation from surgery.



Jim who did all the work remodeling the laundry room.

### Other ways to help our veterans:

Ask about joining our 575 Club – you can

Sponsor a cabin – purchase items in our

Thrift Store. 10 – 4 Mon thru Sat.

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