



Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation

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A memorial service for Mary Lou Duensing was held at Silver Springs Assisted Living Center on November 16th. Mary Lou and her husband Donald Duensing, once high school friends, reconnected and were married in 1991. Several years later they retired to Green Valley. Active for many years at Desert Hills Lutheran Church, she will be remembered for her strong Christian faith, infectious laugh and self-sacrificing ways. Mary's husband was instrumental in organizing the DHLC Foundation.



The Foundation is grateful to the family for designating Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation as one of the recipients of her memorial gifts. Your gifts in her memory are appreciated and help the Foundation continue its work with scholarships, support of local charities and furthering the mission of DHLC and church wide affiliates.

2020 DHLC Foundation Golf Event



The Desert Hills Lutheran Church Foundation Golf Event will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Haven Golf Course, 110 North Abrego in Green Valley. Registration will begin at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8:30am. The proceeds of this golf event will benefit the DHLC Foundation--Overson

Christian Leadership Scholarship Fund. This is a four-person scramble event. If you are not a golfer but would like to help, you can volunteer with set up, registration, raffles or by sponsoring a hole. Also consider donating gift certificates, cash or items to be used in the raffle. More information including registration brochures are available on the table across from the front desk or on the church website. Mark your calendars now for this fun event!



ELCA Gift Planner

Our ELCA Gift Planner, Lisa Higginbotham, will be returning to DHLC on Friday, February 7th for a luncheon workshop on Legacy Planning. Lisa will be available on Friday afternoon and Saturday for individual consultations. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this informational complimentary luncheon session.

Luther Seminary Students

The two Luther Seminary students who visited us last spring, Amanda Hutchinson and Seth Wynands, are both currently doing a one-year internship. The newly married Amanda is serving a church in northern Minnesota. Seth and his wife are in Torrance, California. They will return to Luther Seminary in the fall of 2020. We plan to continue their scholarships.



Luther Seminary has notified us that two new students are recipients of our \$16,000 scholarship grant. We will be receiving more information on the two Minnesota students, Maria Markman and Josh Wyman, to share with the congregation in the near future.



Remembering Patti

Patti O'Berry, Founder and CEO of Hands of a Friend, recently passed away. Desert Hills Lutheran Church and the DHLC Foundation have been supporters of Genesis House since its inception. In Patti's honor, DHLC and the DHLC Foundation provided a combined gift of \$8,000 to support the Genesis House renovations. Following in Patti's footsteps, Mandy Paschal will continue her mission to make sure victims of abuse are provided a safe haven. Gifts to Hands of a Friend qualify for the Arizona state income tax credit.

Year End Giving

As you consider your year-end charitable giving, please consider a gift to the DHLC Foundation. Gifts of cash, appreciated stock and IRA distributions are some of the most effective ways to make a difference to help ensure the health and wellbeing of our Foundation. Please consult your financial advisor. Your support is appreciated.

DHLC Foundation Making A Difference

In addition to the \$16,000 Luther Seminary Scholarships, the DHLC Foundation recently awarded church wide gifts in the amount of \$9,600 and community charitable gifts of \$6,400. The Foundation also provided \$1,800 from the Overson Christian Leadership Fund to the Grand Canyon Synod (GCS) to purchase books "Canoeing the Mountains," which were given to each pastor within the GCS.