

# THE CONNECTION

Mid-Cities  
Care Corps

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## 2007 FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS CELEBRATION: A Spirited Evening of Food, Fellowship and Fun

The Mid-Cities Care Corps (MCCC) 2007 Festival of Friends dinner, live & silent auction was held November 1<sup>st</sup> at the St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Hurst. The evening included a tasty BBQ dinner by Colburn's and over 200 quality silent auction items for attendees to begin their holiday shopping. The live auction items included: weekend retreats, a Caribbean cruise, a private wine tasting party, and round trip airline tickets. The live auction items that had the interest of attendees flying high were a handcrafted wooden rocking horse and the "Christmas Nine-Patch" quilt. These items were made with TLC by

supporters of MCCC Jim Southworth and Margaret Mango. A beautiful hand-made quilt donated by St. Philip member Edna Mares was raffled off as well.

MCCC Board of Directors President Bill Evans served as Master of Ceremonies. Dinner music was provided by the gifted Bryant Matheau. The new Executive Director, Duane Buuck was introduced and provided an overview of activities accomplished by MCCC during the past year. Barry Nalls served as auctioneer and once again demonstrated the art of engaging attendees in the "fun" of bidding at an auction, entertaining the crowd and provided dividends for MCCC!

The spirit of the celebration was reflected in the smiles of those in attendance, with none bigger or broader than those of our special guests senior neighbors Bernice Waller and VaeJoy Turner. Bernice, a resident of Bluebonnet Villa still knows how to engage an audience through skills honed as a Radio City Music Hall Rockette in New York City. VaeJoy's spunky personality demonstrates why she is recognized as a pillar in the civic community in Haltom City.

The celebration captured the spirit of volunteers and supporters of MCCC. The event was not only a successful fundraiser but a successful friend-raiser for MCCC.

On behalf of the MCCC Board of Directors and staff, we want to thank the countless volunteers, contributors, community supporters, guests and dedicated friends who helped make this event a celebration to remember. MCCC is committed to being good stewards of the proceeds as we tend to the needs of our senior neighbors in Northeast Tarrant County.

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful Fund-raiser
- Successful Friend-raiser
- Quality Silent Auction
- Classical Music
- Entertaining Live Auction
- Thanks to our:
  - sponsors
  - contributors
  - businesses
  - volunteers
  - guests

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## Christmas Trees at The Wellington

The Christmas spirit is certain to fill The Wellington at 6150 Glenview Dr., North Richland Hills this holiday season! Beverly Brewer, Marketing Manager, is planning the second annual Sugar Plum Christmas Tree Display that is sure to light the spirits of the Wellington residents, touch the hearts of visitors to the residence center November 23 through December 15, and extend the true spirit of Christmas to senior neighbors throughout Northeast Tarrant County this season!

The Wellington is inviting individuals and organization to donate Christmas trees for display at the Wellington beginning November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Beverly is projecting twenty-five trees to be on display this season. The trees can be viewed through December 15 when the Wellington Sugar Plum Trophy will be presented by Mayor Oscar Trevino, of North Richland Hills to the donor of the favorite tree as identified by the public.

The voting is unique. Visitors are encouraged to visit the Wellington to capture the Holiday Spirit by viewing the Christmas trees and voting with

a gift that would be useful for a senior. These gifts will be distributed to isolated seniors in Northeast Tarrant County this holiday season. Beverly reflects "the initial thought was to collect gifts for children in the area, but then the realization occurred that there is also a need to share the Christmas Spirit with many "young at heart" senior neighbors in our area that are isolated from such holiday experiences." Visitors are asked to place their gift(s) under their favorite tree and the tree with the most gifts will be presented The Wellington Sugar Plum Trophy for 2007 by the Mayor during a celebration at The Wellington on December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Visitors are also encouraged to bid throughout this event in a silent auction for their favorite tree. On December 15<sup>th</sup> the highest bidder for each tree will be allowed to relocate it for display at their desired location, just in time to capture the holiday spirit at the height of the season.

Mid-Cities Care Corps is honored to be asked to participate in this celebration with The Wellington by coordinating

distribution of the gifts collected under the trees. The coordination effort is focused on distributing the gifts to senior neighbors in the Northeast Tarrant County area that otherwise would not experience the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. Delivery is being coordinated with municipal centers in the area included the Haltom City Senior Center and Haltom City Fire and Police personal who will be knocking on the doors of identified Senior Neighbors with a gift in hand. The Wellington has designated Mid-Cities Care Corps as the recipient of the proceeds from Christmas Tree silent auction.

This is an exciting win-win for so many in Northeast Tarrant County this Christmas Season. Schedule time this season to visit The Wellington with your family to get into the Holiday Spirit. Bring a gift that will extend the Christmas Spirit to a Senior Neighbor in Northeast Tarrant County. And consider bidding on one of the trees with the assurance your financial support will extend the good will of this Holiday Season into 2008 through the mission and services provided by Mid-Cities Care Corps.



The mission statement of MCCC is based on the following bible verse.:

*"Truly, I say to you, as you did it for the least of my brethren, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:40*

## BLESSINGS SHARED FROM our MCCC Neighbors

Our MCCC volunteers share stories with us about their experiences. Likewise many of senior neighbors write or call us expressing gratitude for our volunteers. We would like to share excerpts from letters recently received:

*"May God bless each and everyone of you all, office workers and drivers. I am so blessed to have your help. I can breathe easier when I have your help.*

*I will be 86 in Dec. and have a lot of health problems but God has something yet for me to do, but I am thankful to be in His care and yours."* SC

*"Thank you for the excellent crew that constructed two accessibility ramps for my mother. She uses a wheelchair & walker in her home and can now go outdoors in back and exit the front porch safely. The high concrete steps had limited her mobility.*


*We, my mother & I, hope this contribution will help others as you have helped her."* MH

May we ask that you serve as our ambassador? Many new volunteers are referred to us by their friends who volunteer for MCCC. Please let your family, friends and church know about the MCCC mission and how it touches lives. A kind word goes far. Encourage them to call and ask for information.

May the blessings of season be with you and your family. Anne

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# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2007-08

Please be aware of our Holiday Schedule as you make your appointments.  
The MCCC Staff and Office Volunteers wish you a Merry Christmas.

<b>Last Day for Drives 2007:</b>	<b>DECEMBER 15</b>
Mid-Cities Care Corps Office Open for Calls:	Dec. 17 thru Dec. 20
Mid-Cities Care Corps Office Closed:	Dec. 24, 2007-Jan. 1, 2008
Mid-Cities Care Corps Office Open for Calls:	January 2, 2008
<b>First Day for Drives 2008:</b>	<b>JANUARY 7</b>
Please note that appointments for the week of Jan. 7th must be made before December 20, 2007.	