

DESERT SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2017 Annual Conference Mission Projects

Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

No More Poopy Cells

Anilú is a curious and imaginative girl who has autism and was also diagnosed with leukemia. She imagined herself as a Super Warrior Princess battling, engaged in a battle against the “poopy cells” that invaded her body, and she’s determined to make life better for herself and other kids. Again, this year at Conference we want to help her continuing goal of decorating 500 masks to put over I.V. machines to change them into “I.V. Partners” in the fight against “poopy cells”.

Max: 100 participants

Bring: your own scissors, and if you have your own glue gun & glue sticks please bring

Location: Solana B at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel (room subject to change)

Cost: Donation for materials: \$25 to be paid with your registration

Questions? Contact Lita Johnson at: litajohnsonaz@gmail.com

Thank You Project

Everyday police and firefighters put their lives on the line to make sure we are safe and protected. This year our Conference will thank Glendale Fire and Glendale Police for their dedicated service. People will travel to the Glendale area departments with a giant thank you card and gift cards for their personnel to say hello and thank you for their service. We will need more gift cards than participants.

Max: 40 participants

Bring: Donations of gift card(s) in the amount of \$5.00 each. Please bring your gift card(s) donation to the Registration Desk (not the hotel reservation desk) on Saturday June 17, 2017 where we will meet 8:00 a.m. for maps & additional instructions.

Questions? Contact Dave Hepburn at: dhepburn@umom.org

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Seniors & Song

As we know, many seniors face a lonely existence once they relocate to senior living facilities. This year our UMC Annual Conference singers (that's you!) will travel to Freedom Plaza Care Center to sing 4 hymns of the group's choice, and then visit with residents and say a cheerful hello from the United Methodists!

Max: 60-75 participants

Bring: **Please bring your own hymnal**– group will self-select which familiar hymns to share with our new friends.

Where to meet before traveling to Freedom Plaza Care located at 13714 N Plaza Del Rio Blvd, Peoria, AZ 85381: Saturday June 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. please meet 8:00 a.m. Renaissance Glendale Hotel at the Annual Conference Registration Desk (not the hotel reservation desk) before going out for further directions.

Questions? Louie Lyons at: louiepreacher@cox.net)

Welcome to America

Refugee families arriving in America come with extremely limited resources and only a few possessions, let alone items to help in the set-up of their first home. This year one or more small teams of people will travel to one or more apartments with Welcome to America gift baskets which include items such as cleaning products, toiletries etc. A larger, second group will remain at Conference helping sort through donated products of this nature, to be donated to Welcome to America for future use in apartment set-ups. Donations needed: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, diapers, adult diapers. Flushable wipes, Ajax or Comet, Windex, dish soap, hand soap, hand or body cream. Full size only no travel sizes can be accepted. **All churches can donate to this project even if people have selected other mission projects this year to participate in.**

Apartment Visit: limit 8 participants

Max onsite: 50-100 participants needed for packing and sorting crews

Bring: Please bring your donations on Saturday, June 17, 2017 to Cira C at 8:00 a.m. (room subject to change).

Questions: Contact Mara Klein at: mara@dayspring-umc.org

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Beyond SNAP... Urban Ministries Aide

Our urban ministries need help in stocking a strong supply of items not allowable for purchase through SNAP. We are asking all our churches to donate the following items to be brought to Conference for sorting, bag or boxing, and then distribution. These are the same items needed for the Welcome to America project. Donations needed: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, diapers, adult diapers. Flushable wipes, Ajax or Comet, Windex, dish soap, hand soap, hand or body cream. Items will be distributed to TMM, UMOM, Justa Center, Wesley Golden Gate, and the Welcome to America project as noted earlier. **All churches can donate to this project even if people have selected other mission projects this year to participate in.**

Max onsite: 50-100 participants needed for packing and sorting crews

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Questions? Contact Betty Mathis at: bmathis@wccphx.net