

VILLAGE in the Village

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Message from the President

Dear Fellow ViV Members,

It is my privilege to serve as your President this year. As another new year begins, I look forward to working closely with you to continue to improve our services and strengthen our organization.



*Susan Dahle,
2020 ViV President*

First, a little about me: Born, raised and educated in Pennsylvania, I found my career niche in sales and marketing, first for a major hotel company and then a theme park. After marriage, our careers took us from Texas, to South Carolina, Seattle, Boston and finally Orlando. For retirement, we choose Corrales. We had visited many times prior to moving here, since I have family in the area. Finally, we decided

to make the move from Florida to New Mexico—quite a change! But a good one.

I've been an active member of ViV since 2015. Being new to Corrales, I thought it would be a great way to meet people—and it has been that and much more! I've experienced many different roles: call manager, membership co-chair, Board member, and service provider. I've enjoyed being involved with different aspects of the organization; all have been interesting and rewarding.

ViV's most valuable resource is our members. Our volunteers are incredibly generous and caring individuals. We need to continue to recruit new members to ensure that we can maintain our responsive level of service. Also, we need more engagement from within our current membership base. These will be my primary goals for 2020.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2020!

Sincerely,

ViV President

Fabulous Finds Function = Fantastic Fundraiser!

Fabulous Finds from our Fabulous Friends became a Fabulous Fundraiser for Village in the Village. Thanks to the donations from our Fabulous Friends we had an excellent choice for our fundraising sale at the Jones house in November. We had enough books to fill a library, enough clothes to fill 10 closets and enough miscellaneous treasures to entice and entertain most every shopper. We even had a room FULL of furniture (all of which was sold to happy customers).

Thanks to the Fabulous (F)olunteers, we were fully staffed from Thursday's first donation through the end of the sale on Sunday. We had some FlimFlamming salespeople, some Fastidious sorters and some near Famous bakers. All in all, Fabulous Finds netted Village in the Village almost \$2000.

We wish to thank all our volunteers, bakers and shoppers. Your donations of time, items, and funds were vital to our Fabulous outcome.



Quick Start Guide to Volunteering with ViV

Village in the Village is successful because of volunteers like you!
Here's how the process works...

- 1** If you haven't already done so, complete your volunteer paperwork so we know how you'd like to help out.
- 2** A link will be emailed to you to complete your background check on a secure portal. You will be notified about the status in approximately 1 week.
- 3** Once your background check is clear, you'll be activated in our volunteer database and will begin receiving service requests from the Call Manager on duty. Please reply to either accept or decline the request so the Call Manager can either confirm the service or continue searching for another provider.
- 4** After accepting a service request, be sure to read the instructions in the confirmation email carefully. Confirm your service with the requesting member the day before, unless noted otherwise.
- 5** Once the service is completed, send a short note to the Call Manager with the mileage driven, time spent, and any other information you think might be useful for future service providers to know.
- 6** Finally, it's helpful to let us know if you'll be out of town and unable to take service requests. This allows us to find a service provider more quickly and prevents unnecessary emails filling up your inbox!

If you have any questions, please contact the Call Manager at (505) 274-6206 or CallManagers@VillageInTheVillage.org.

Thank you for volunteering!



*Join us for Coffee Hour
every Friday morning
at Corrales Bistro Brewery
from 9-11!*

**Please Welcome
Our New Members!**

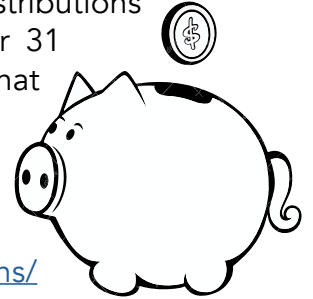
Lisa Benjamin
Bee Holmes
Mary Schettler

You Could Reduce Taxes By Donating to Village in the Village Directly From Your IRA

After we reach age 70 ½, those with IRAs are required to take an annual withdrawal, called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). However, if you are in the fortunate position of not needing your distribution for living expenses, you can avoid income tax on your required withdrawal by donating your money directly to a qualifying charity, which must be a 501(c)(3) organization. These kinds of charitable contributions, called Qualified Charitable Distributions (or QCD's) can be made without itemizing your taxes. However, if you do itemize, you cannot additionally claim a charitable contribution tax deduction on a charitable distribution from your IRA. Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA to an eligible charity by the IRA trustee in order to qualify for

the tax break. If you withdraw the money from your IRA and later donate it, it won't qualify as a tax-free qualified charitable distribution. You have to make the distribution check payable to the charity directly, and forward to the charity immediately upon receipt.

Qualified charitable distributions must be made by December 31 each year in order to exclude that amount from taxable income. For more info, see: <https://www.fidelity.com/building-savings/learn-about-iras/required-minimum-distributions/qcds>.



Help Us Help You: A Note From the Call Manager Team

Did you know ViV completed 447 services last year alone? Help us make sure we'll be able to fulfill your requests by remembering the following:

- ❑ Submit requests to Call Managers (CMs) as soon as you know your appointment details. The earlier we know when you need us, the easier it is to find a volunteer.
- ❑ CM voicemail is checked Monday through Friday from 9AM–5PM. Calls received outside of these times will be answered the next business day. Services can also be requested via email.
- ❑ If there is a last-minute change in your service request, a message should be left with the CM. If the CM cannot be reached before the time of service, the member should attempt to contact the volunteer directly.

Contact the Call Manager by phone:
(505) 274-6206

or email:

CallManagers@villageinthevillage.org

Can You Help?

ViV is looking to connect with other Corrales volunteer groups, non-profits, civic organizations and churches; to share information, opportunities and best practices. If you are a member of another local organization, are you willing to be the liaison between that group and ViV? If this sounds interesting, please send an email to info@villageinthevillage.org. or call us at (505) 274-6206 for more information.

File of Life Packets Available

Did you miss our training last year with Corrales Fire Department? Attendees were given File of Life packets which give first responders critical information such as medications, emergency contacts, and more in the event you are unable to communicate it yourself during an emergency. A sticker is also included to place on a door or window so CFD knows to look for your File of Life inside your home. Please contact the Call Manager at (505) 274-6206 or email Sarah at corrales.viv@gmail.com to receive a File of Life packet for your household!

Give to ViV with

Do you shop on Amazon? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

- ❑ Go to smile.amazon.com and log in with your regular Amazon account information.
- ❑ Under Account Settings, choose "Your Amazon Smile."
- ❑ Search for "Village in the Village Corrales" and we'll receive a donation any time you shop, all year long!

When you consider donating to organizations in the community, thank you for considering a contribution to Village in the Village! We appreciate your generosity.

ViV-ers Get Married!

Holy smokes! Renee La Bauve and Andy Paquet, ViV supporting members and volunteers, got married 30 November in a surprise "pop-up" wedding. They invited family and a few friends to a party, mentioning that they would make a special announcement, hoping the guests would believe it was an engagement party. Once things were underway Andy told them he and Renee were actually getting married right then.

Rev. Ron Komatz, a friend of the couple, performed the brief ceremony. Congratulations, Renee and Andy!



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