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Letter: Volunteers brightened Christmas for seniors

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EDITOR:

Home Instead Senior Care wishes to acknowledge the generosity of the people of the quad-cities who made Christmas brighter for 250 elders in our communities through our ninth annual Be A Santa To A Senior program.

As people age, they often are left behind by family and friends and the holidays can be an especially painful and lonely time. Receiving simple gifts can help cheer them during this special season. To quote one of our recipients, Mrs. Gray, "It made me feel like some one cared and that it was really Christmas. It was just so thoughtful."

Our partners who served on the steering committee and identified the gift recipients were People Who Care (serving Prescott and Chino Valley), Meals on Wheels (Prescott and Prescott Valley), Area Agency on Aging, (serving all of Yavapai County), West Yavapai Guidance Clinic-Senior Peers, Casa de Pinos Senior Housing Community, Good Samaritan Village Tower Senior Housing Community and the Veterans Administration.

Businesses and merchants that hosted the trees included Walmart Super Center on Highway 69, [Prescott YMCA](#), National Bank of Arizona (Prescott Valley), Shapiro's House of Hair Design, Adult Center of Prescott, Las Fuentes Resort Village, and Walgreens Pharmacy in Chino Valley.

Other businesses and organizations providing items were Albertsons, Budget Mini Storage-Prescott Valley, Fry's, Lonesome Valley Quilters Guild, Chino Valley Quilters Guild, Disabled Veterans Thrift Shop, Prescott Valley Girls Scout Troop #2534, Prescott Valley Pet Clinic, Safeway, Sun Bank Branch #62-Prescott, Yavapai County Attorney's Office, Yavapai County Cowbells and the Yavapai Regional Medical Center.

In addition, the following individuals donated hand-made items: Theresa Rochon, Catherine Larson, Judy Pogledich, Patti Hughes, Penny Vance, Maureen Reynolds, Carol Ray, Pam Hanno, Sarah Kusenda, Dee Blaschke, Dena Maiolo, Barbara McGirr, Sera Goldsmith, Tina Blake and Margerie Ksenzulak.

Special thanks to all the wonderful community members who took a gift tag from a tree and purchased the requested items, helped to wrap and deliver the gifts and offer much appreciated companionship.

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