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VERDECARES – AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE VERDES COMMUNITIES



Company History & Goals

In December of 2009, Kermit & Vicki Beseke founded VerdeCares Inc. as a 501(C)(3), nonprofit Arizona Corporation. From the start, the company believed that true community well-being comes from the “simple act of neighbors helping neighbors”.

VerdeCares Inc. is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and promoting the health and well-being of homebound adults, caregivers, those living with chronic illness, and those returning from surgery (within our lower Verde Valley communities). The company provides its non-medical, life-changing services through a team of trained community volunteers at no charge to the residents.

VerdeCares Volunteer Services

As Vicki has stated, “We are committed to improving lives and restoring the well-being of our neighbors by providing physical, mental, and emotional health services,” including:

- **Care Management Services:** From hospital admission to home self-sufficiency, with nurse wellness visits and medication management.
- **Support Services:** Transportation, grocery, meal delivery, caregiver respite, weekly visits, medical alert systems, medical equipment (Lending Closet).
- **Social Activities:** Educational sessions like brain health, fall recovery, tips like staying hydrated, and social events (putting and lunch and summer dinner get-togethers to combat isolation and loneliness).
- **Sharing Groups:** Alzheimer’s/Parkinson’s, Cancer, Loss of a Child, Macular Health, and more.
- **Outside Resources:** Referrals for in-home caregivers, home health agencies, and others that will travel to the Verdes for neighbor support.

Simple Facts of Care

Kermit shared some fast facts on what VerdeCares delivers in a typical year:

1. On average, VerdeCares assists 590 neighbors (Tonto Verde, Rio Verde, The Foothills, and Trilogy).
2. The company maintains a fleet of 3 company-owned vehicles, driving 33,000 miles servicing the community.
3. VerdeCares delivers 1,600 meals to neighbors in need.

Company Awards & Achievements

In 2014, Executive Director Vicki Beske was inducted into the Lower Verde Valley Hall of Fame. Later, the entire company received a similar award. In 2015, the National Volunteer Caregiving Network announced that VerdeCares was a recipient of a 2015 Excellence Award.

In 2016, VerdeCares was featured on Arizona Ch5, Pay-it-Forward. More recently, in 2023, the company was certified by the state of Arizona as a Qualifying Charitable Organization. This designation has been key to fundraising. Today and Into the Future.

The community volunteers, fundraising participants, and donors are the lifeblood that has allowed VerdeCares to serve its communities.

February 14, 2026, Tonto Cares Charity Event

The February 14, 2026, Tonto Cares Charity Event at the Tonto Verde Clubhouse raises funds that contribute approximately one-third of VerdeCares yearly budget. Without this event, as well as other events and personal donations, VerdeCares could not continue to operate. It is solely dependent on donations from our communities to continue to offer these critical services.

Looking ahead, the vision of VerdeCares is to make our remote communities even more resilient by:

- Bringing health and wellness options to our communities that provide integrative healthcare service options and resources for residents living with chronic illness, pain, and loneliness.
- Offering services and resources that make aging-in-place possible in the Verdes communities.

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