

Family Eldercare



May 2011

The 2011 Summer Fan Drive Has Begun!



Family Eldercare's annual Summer Fan Drive kicked off on May 1st! This 21 year old event helps "Keep Central Texas Cool" by providing fans, air conditioners, and other critical services to seniors, adults with disabilities, and families with young children across 11 Central Texas counties. The Fan Drive will run through July

31st, but fans will be available at Family Eldercare's office through September, depending on temperatures. The Fan Drive is possible year after year thanks to partnerships with over 40 other nonprofit organizations, the zeal of local businesses, civic groups and congregations and the support of individual community members. To learn more about the Fan Drive or to donate please [visit our website!](#)

Also, save the date for Fan Fare Friday! This annual event, which features live music all day at Threadgill's World Headquarters, will be held on June 24th. In addition to the free live music throughout the day, this year's event will offer an evening performance by two of Austin's finest: Eliza Gilkyson and The Trishas. For full event information please [visit our website.](#)

2011 Family Eldercare Gala Recap

Family Eldercare held its annual Gala on Saturday, May 7th at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. The event was hosted by the always-entertaining Claude Ducloux and featured a fabulous silent auction and a knockout live performance by Kelly Willis and her band.

Representatives Elliott Naishtat, Donna Howard and KXAN's Jim Spencer also participated in the program, reading stories about the lives of individuals assisted by Family Eldercare. Jackie Lelong, Family Eldercare's founding Executive Director, was recognized and presented with the first annual "Senior Champion Award." Jackie's vision and commitment laid the strong foundation for Family Eldercare to become the premier organization serving older adults and caregivers in Central Texas since 1982.

It was a wonderful evening with fun for all while supporting the services of Family Eldercare. Thank you to all who attended and participated to help raise financial support and awareness for the services provided to seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers. To see pictures from this year's Gala [click on the picture below.](#)

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Save the Date- Oct. 17th Family Eldercare's Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for Family Eldercare's "Swinging Fore Seniors" Charity Golf Tournament. Check our [website for more details](#) about this annual event!

Grants Recently Awarded

United Way Capital Area

recently awarded \$64,000 to support Family Eldercare's core services of In-Home Care and Caregiver Services, Guardianship, Money Management and Service Coordination. Family Eldercare is proud to have been selected as a United Way Capital Area partner again in 2011. We will be working with the United Way to further our mutual goal of



Money Management Program Helps Seniors Remain Independent



A few years ago Golda was referred to Family Eldercare's Money Management Program; she recently had to leave her home of 35 years and was also in financial trouble. When she first met with a Case Manager at Family Eldercare, she felt overwhelmed and shaken.

Golda was quickly matched with a Bill Payer volunteer named Richard who helped her organize her bills and establish a budget to pay outstanding debts quickly. Golda says that Richard is "straight from heaven;" he helped her "stretch her social security check further than she ever dreamed was possible" and helped prioritize her expenses so that she could stay in her apartment.

Richard is more than a volunteer who stepped in to help Golda manage her bills when her memory loss was making the task challenging, he and his wife have become true friends. Richard visits at least once a week and brings Golda a treat, usually homemade cheesecake. Richard, his wife and other friends also helped her get a new set of teeth, so that she can enjoy her cheesecake.

Golda says that "Family Eldercare changed my life. I feel fortunate that Family Eldercare, Richard and his wife take the time and have the interest to do all of this for me." Thanks to everyone's care and support, Golda recently celebrated her 90th birthday!

If you are 55 or older and are having difficulty keeping your bills organized, paying bills on time, or establishing a budget please call (512) 483-3563 or email sgauthier@familyeldercare.org to find out if you are eligible to receive help from Family Eldercare's Money Management Program.

May is Older Americans Month

Every May since 1963, people in towns and cities across the country have come together to celebrate the enormous contributions of older Americans-borne of wisdom, experience, and the will to realize their dreams and speak their minds. Older Americans Month is our chance to show appreciation and support our seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities.

improving the lives of older adults. We are also offering financial management services funded by the United Way to our staff and clients.

The Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust recently awarded \$30,000 to support Family Eldercare's continuum of services. The Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust is dedicated to improving the lives of older adults in Central Texas. Family Eldercare is very fortunate to have this organization's continued support and dedication to support the critical services we offer.

The Donald D. Hammill Foundation recently awarded \$15,000 for Family Eldercare's Guardianship program. The Hammill Foundation is a very generous supporter of Family Eldercare and is dedicated to improving the lives of people who have disabilities and people who are financially disadvantaged. Funds will allow Family Eldercare to continue providing care management and oversight of individuals who are legally incapacitated and unable to care for themselves.

The Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation recently awarded \$5,000 to Family Eldercare's Guardianship Program. Family Eldercare is grateful for this support for the second year in a row. The Charles H. Phipps Family Foundation is dedicated to providing support for persons with developmental disabilities and persons who live on the margins of our society. It is a foundation based in Austin.

Family Eldercare's Aging In Place Initiative has partnered with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to make service coordination, social activities, and volunteer opportunities available to apartment residents nearly every weekday. Each year a theme is chosen for Older Americans Month; Family Eldercare's Aging In Place Initiative fully supports this year's theme, "Older Americans-Connecting the Community," by helping residents remain active and engaged in the community. A favorite volunteer activity among residents is making stuffed animals for newborn babies at Brackenridge Hospital. To read about how HACA and Family Eldercare joined forces to celebrate Older Americans Month [click here](#).

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Become Involved With the Summer Fan Drive

A Team Fan Drive is an exciting and easy way to get your work, church, neighborhood or any group involved in the Summer Fan Drive! Spend 2 days or two weeks helping low-income families and individuals in the community by collecting **new fans and/or funds** for the Fan Drive. There are so many ways you can get your group excited about the cause; bake sales, birthday parties, online drives. For more information about how to organize a Team Fan Drive, [visit our website](#) or contact Brynn Biddle at (512) 483-3579 or bbiddle@familyeldercare.org.

About Family Eldercare

Family Eldercare provides essential services to seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers.

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