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2015 KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME:

Donations	\$11,220	18.86%
Event Income	\$47,156	79.25%
Other Income	\$1,125	1.89%
Total Income	\$59,501	100.00%

Program Expenses:

Patient Giving	\$30,579	51.39%
Event Expenses	\$26,176	43.99%

Total Program Expenses	\$56,755	95.38%
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Administrative Expenses	\$5,213	8.76%
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Total Expenses	\$61,968	104.15%
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Net Change in Fund Balance	\$(2,467)	-4.15%
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BALANCE SHEET:

Cash	\$10,536
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Other Current Assets	\$-
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Other Assets	\$1,407
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Total Assets	\$11,943
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Current Liabilities	\$385
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Fund Balance	\$11,558
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$11,943
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LETTER FROM **PRESIDENT** *Passing the Baton*

As 2015 comes to an end, so does my term as President of Sun Devil Family Charities. I feel very fortunate and proud to have served as the 2nd President of SDFC and look forward to passing the baton to Ben Van Horn. I will continue to serve as a board member and am excited to see what lies ahead for SDFC under Ben's guidance and leadership.

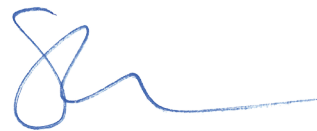
One thing that will remain regardless of the leadership is our Mission Statement: ***TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE WITHIN THE SUN DEVIL FAMILY WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO A MEDICAL CONDITION.***

This Mission Statement was born out of the needs of, and charity given to, various friends of SDFC board members before SDFC's official formation. SDFC was formed to bring a collective formality to the charitable work that had been going on in an ad hoc manner. We firmly believe that the

mind should be focused on recovery and not worrying about making ends meet during a serious illness and we strive to assist in making this a reality for the Sun Devil Family.

The SDFC Board, Volunteers and Donors are very proud of the efforts made to raise funds to assist the Sun Devil Family and we look forward to continuing this good work.

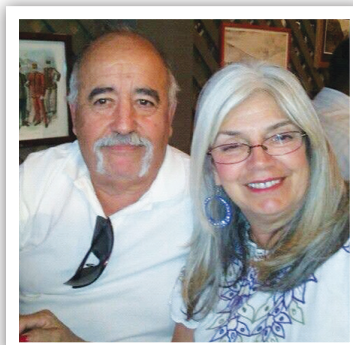
Thank you and GO DEVILS!!!



Scott Holland



Sun Devil Family Charities



PATIENT **RECIPIENT** *Edward Duran*

Edward Duran lived his life by the principles of love and service to others. He considered his fellow

ASU staff, faculty and students all part of his extended family and loved them fiercely. During his valiant fight against heart disease until his passing in November 2014, his ASU family loved him back. Sun Devil Family Charities came forward, standing by his side helping him have the best quality of life possible and when Edward eventually passed on, both he and his wife Linda felt deeply loved and supported.

“HE WAS ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE, LOVING PEOPLE, MAKING SURE EVERYONE WAS HAPPY.”

Edward Duran seemed to have a calling. His was a calling to protect and care for others, always putting them first. He dedicated himself to those around him; those he knew and even those he had just met. When he joined ASU’s maintenance crew, he was overjoyed. And that sense of joy never stopped, even upon his retirement after 15 years. His wife Linda says that he absolutely loved ASU, loved the people and called them his “brothers”.

Not only was Edward devoted to his “brothers” at ASU, he was a loving husband and father. He and his wife Linda shared a deeply loving bond. Linda explains, “We gave each other unconditional love for 34 years.” Their commitment to each other and others was the foundation for a loving and peaceful home for their four children. Linda says, ““He was always taking care of people, loving people, making sure everyone was happy.”

“HE WAS TRYING TO WARN ME THAT HE WAS REALLY SICK.”

In early summer of 2013, Edward started to show signs that all was not well. During a trip to Flagstaff, he was having difficulty breathing and at first they thought the altitude was to blame. But his symptoms persisted and a visit to the doctor revealed that Edward’s heart was in grave condition. In October 2013, he had his first heart attack. Edward underwent quadruple bypass surgery and the family, headed by Linda, mobilized to care for him. But according to Linda, Edward had a sense that his recovery seemed unlikely. He relished his time with his children and grandchildren even more than normal, showering them with as much love as he could despite his ill-health. He began to reassure Linda that she would be okay, encouraging her to marry again and be happy. Months after Edward eventually died, Linda says she realized that, “He was trying to warn me that he was really sick.”

“BECAUSE OF SDFC’S HELP, I FELT I COULD KEEP HIM WITH ME LONGER.”

Linda was determined to do everything possible to help her husband get better. Yet she faced growing financial challenges in doing so. Retired and on a modest, fixed income, Linda began to struggle as the copays began to add up. Further, Edward’s treatment included a healthier diet which, Linda discovered with some shock, cost much more than they could afford. Unable to buy the high quality foods Edward needed, she diligently searched bargain bins looking for any special deals on any of the healthy foods available and often came up empty-handed. This left Linda feeling frantic and stressed as the questions in her mind raced round and round, “How am I going to get this? How am I going to get that?”

Thankfully, the answer to her questions came in the form of Sun Devil Family Charities who reached out to offer their support as soon as they found out about the Durans’ predicament. Their financial assistance meant that Linda could feed Edward exactly what he needed according to the doctor’s advice. It drastically changed their situation, explains Linda, “...to the point that I could buy the good kind of meat, the fruit that he actually liked.” For Linda, the simple yet profoundly powerful ability to feed her husband the right food was a miracle. She says, “Because of SDFC’s help, I felt I could keep him with me longer.”

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It wasn’t just Linda who was moved by the charity of SDFC. Edward was deeply affected by the outpouring from his “brothers”. She recalls, “He felt that SDFC and ASU cared about him; that with all the years he worked there, they came through for him.” It was also a relief to Edward to know his beloved wife didn’t have the added financial stress on top of coping with his illness. She says she could see a lifting in his shoulders and in his posture and they were able to focus on his wellbeing rather than financial difficulties. Says Linda, ““Their care and love for my husband was the most loving thing that they could’ve ever done for him.”

“THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS THE THANKS WE FEEL.”

Sadly, Edward Duran died November 19th, 2014 after suffering a massive heart attack. True to form, Edward had been selflessly helping a friend when it happened. Edward and Linda had been planning to renew their vows in May 2015. Now in place of their wedding vows, that day will be a day of celebration and remembrance for Edward. This spirit of love which Edward imbued is, according to Linda, exactly what Sun Devil Family Charities are about. Describing SDFC, Linda says, “They were so kind, generous, so loving. Their purpose was to help and they did,” adding, “There are simply no words to express the thanks we feel.”

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PATIENT **RECIPIENT**

Lou Frazier

In a shocking instant, Lou Frazier's world was turned upside down. A victim of a violent attack, Lou's leg was severely injured requiring extensive medical treatment and with that came an extensive list of mounting bills. Under increasing financial strain trying to keep themselves afloat during the long road to recovery, the Fraziers turned to Sun Devil Family Charities. SDFC answered their call and their generous support enabled Lou to focus on saving his leg and walking again.

AN UNPROVOKED, VIOLENT ATTACK TURNS HIS WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

It was a lovely June evening in Show Low, Arizona in 2014. Lou Frazier, a former MLB player and now at 49, a baseball club coach for teens, was walking back to his truck with players and parents having just won their latest game. Out of nowhere came a shocking, unprovoked and violent assault. Lou was attacked without warning by a parent from the opposing team. In that sudden, vicious attack, Lou's leg was shattered and broken in nine places.

WOULD HIS LEG BE SAVED? WOULD HE EVER WALK AGAIN?

Emergency personnel were alarmed at the extent of the injuries to Lou's leg and immediately requested an airlift to a Phoenix hospital hoping their swift action would save his leg. Fortunately, his leg was indeed saved but it was unclear in the early days if he would ever walk again, and if so how well.

In the hospital initially for 28 days and with surgeries every other day, Lou doesn't recall many details except the uncertainty if whether he'd ever walk again. Not only was Lou unable to work, his wife Dawn stopped working for several months to be by his side on his long and arduous journey of rehabilitation.

The Fraziers knew there would be financial consequences of neither of them working during that time, but Lou recalls Dawn telling him not to worry, saying, "We need to focus on trying to save your leg in order for you to walk again. After that, the bills will be what they are."

"I WAS ISOLATED AND UNABLE TO MOVE. I THOUGHT THE WORST."

The months following Lou's injury were difficult physically, emotionally and financially. Lou returned home after nearly a month in the hospital to continue his road to recovery. For months, the surgeries on Lou's leg left him isolated in bed, his leg full of pumps and requiring constant elevation. Diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to the attack, Lou recalls high levels of anxiety and depression during that time, "I was isolated and unable to move. I thought the worst."

On top of the physical and emotional strain, the financial pressure ratcheted up with each and every bill that came in. To date, Lou's medical bills are well in excess of \$1 million. Although Lou has insurance, the

financial ramifications of copays as well as the loss of income left Lou feeling even more emotional and worried. Says Lou, "Not only do you have to put food on the table and provide clothes for the kids etc., now your pay-check has to go to pay new bills."

"ONCE WE GOT THE HELP FROM SDFC, WE WERE ABLE TO PAY SOME OF THE KEY BILLS AND CATCH UP."

A friend mentioned Sun Devil Family Charities and Dawn wrote to them on Lou's behalf. Although their son-in-law was an ASU alumnus, neither Lou nor Dawn had graduated from ASU and they thought receiving help was a long-shot.

When they received word that SDFC was going to step in and help them, Lou and Dawn were surprised and, "Very grateful and thankful!" With the financial assistance of SDFC, the Fraziers were able to tackle their considerable backlog of overdue bills. Lou explains, "Once we got the help from SDFC, we were able to pay some of the key bills and catch up."

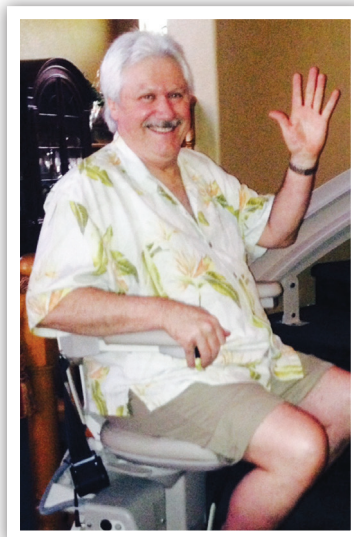
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Dawn returned to work after three months but Lou's re-entry into his career has been much slower. The help from SDFC has allowed Lou a much needed respite from the financial pressure as he makes slow but steady progress. Says Lou, "Knowing someone helped you to pay your bills to keep your life going...it helped us to be able to focus on getting better." His recovery is a long road and he continues to require physiotherapy three times a week. His leg is making steady progress and finally Lou is able to walk unaided if only for limited periods of time. With 14 surgeries under his belt and another one coming up, Lou's hoping for continued improvement.

"IT TOUCHES PEOPLE'S HEARTS MORE THAN YOU CAN EVER IMAGINE."

In some ways Lou still can't believe that SDFC stepped in to help. He explains, "They didn't even have to do that...it made it so special knowing that SDFC, without even knowing me, was willing to help us out." When asked what he'd like to say to SDFC, Lou's heartfelt gratitude is clear, "How grateful we are that they reach out to people in need. It's just a blessing that they're willing to do that for people. They didn't have to do it but they did. It goes a long way, it touches people's hearts more than you can ever imagine."





PATIENT **RECIPIENT** *Steven Fairbank*

Steve Fairbank has watched his ability to enjoy and perform everyday tasks diminish with each passing year since his multiple sclerosis (MS) diagnosis in 2006. With this drastically reduced ability to function normally, he faced a critical need for major modifications on his home.

Facing rapid, escalating costs, he turned to SDFC where he received life-preserving help.

NOT THE IDEAL 50TH BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Steve has never really known good health, not in the way most people experience it. Since his early 20's, he'd had reoccurring dips in his health which required treatment. Being an athlete and an active man, most of these dips were attributed to possible sports injuries and for almost three decades, doctors couldn't isolate what may have been happening. His 50th birthday arrived along with a trip to the neurologist who ordered a series of tests including MRIs and spinal taps. The end result was a devastating diagnosis of MS – the disease he'd likely been suffering from for three decades. It wasn't the kind of birthday present anyone would want.

NORMAL, EVERYDAY TASKS BECAME NOT SO NORMAL

With each passing year since his diagnosis, Steve has watched his formerly active life turn to a new normal. This new normal is in stark contrast to the earlier years. Explains Steve, "I was an avid golfer, windsurfer and now I don't do anything." Perhaps even more challenging is the normal, everyday tasks which Steve is unable to perform as he once did. Driving and walking - basic functions easily taken for granted - drastically changed and he began to require more and more physical assistance.

But nothing affected Steve as deeply as his inability to climb the stairs to his bedroom and to sleep in his own bed. Every evening Steve would make the attempt to climb the stairs but would find he just couldn't do it leaving him only one option: sleeping on the sofa apart and away from his family once again. And with each failed attempt came a painful reminder of the devastating effect MS was having on his life. Although doctors often remarked that Steve had a positive attitude, privately darkness and loss would creep in. With no hope of his condition improving, this seemingly permanent inability to reach his own bed and have a good night's sleep weighed heavily on Steve, who remembers, "It was very depressing."

A married father of four grown children, Steve enjoyed a successful career as a software developer but even that became impossible, "The MS drags you down. Every day is different and so many deadlines to meet; I missed a lot of work," explains Steve. As a result, he took early retirement in July 2014.

TO MODIFY OR NOT TO MODIFY, THAT IS THE QUESTION.

Steve and his wife, Carlene, considered their options. Newly retired and still young at just 59, Steve loved his family home and was determined to stay there. To do so meant a long and expensive list of modifications were necessary. On their sizeable list included replacing flooring, adapting their cars and making the pool safely accessible to name a few. But on the very top of the list was enabling Steve to get upstairs so he could once again enjoy the normalcy of sleeping in his own bed. Needing a specialized stair-lift that would curve around the shape of the stairs, they were looking at an overwhelming price tag of thousands of dollars.

"I REALLY DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT FIGURED I'D JUST GIVE IT A SHOT."

The Arizona chapter of the National MS Society, whom Steve was working with to access assistance, sent him details of SDFC. Because his wife and daughter had both graduated from ASU, he was eligible. But that didn't give Steve many high hopes. In his recollection, he had little belief that financial aid was available anywhere and he barely recalls filling out the simple paperwork required by SDFC, "I really didn't think anything was going to happen, but figured I'd just give it a shot." But fill it out he did, highlighting his need for help with the all-important and expensive stair-lift. However, Steve does clearly recall that day in July when he received an email informing him that SDFC would assist him with his stair-lift.

"A BRIDGE TO THE OLD LIFE"

Steve is delighted to confirm that he now enjoys sleeping in his very own bed thanks to the stair-lift SDFC helped make happen. It's not only the physical comfort he's enjoying; the effects go so much deeper. Steve explains, "Not only is being in my own bed comfortable but it also offers me a sense of normalcy, of normal living which was beginning to evade me. It's a bridge to the old life."

Steve and his entire family are so grateful to Sun Devil Family Charities, whom he describes as incredibly easy to work with, "Although they don't know me personally, it's obvious that they're there to help me and others and are so easy to work with."

Steve has been able to make some other modifications throughout his home making it a bit easier for him to get around. But none of the projects are as close to his heart as the stair-lift which has helped him retain a key sense of normalcy and comfort. And to all of those who support SDFC with their time, effort and donations, he's eternally grateful, "Thank you so much. You were such a help and you've made a difference to my life."

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PATIENT DONOR

John Mariconda

Taking part in SDFC's annual charity events is all about community and camaraderie, according to long-time donor John Mariconda. John has the honor of being the only donor who has sponsored the annual golf tournament at one of the highest sponsorship levels each and every year since the tournament began in 2009. And he has no intention of stopping anytime soon.

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER SPARKS INVOLVEMENT

It was just an ordinary day when John, who had recently set up a new general contracting business in the Tempe area, visited a friend's house where he first met JP. A Sun Devil Family Charities Board member, JP told John about the upcoming inaugural golf tournament and how it was going to help SDFC raise funds for the coming year. John didn't need persuading; he immediately agreed his company was on board to sponsor the tournament.

SPONSORSHIP IS A WIN-WIN

Although neither John nor his immediate family members are ASU alumni, the timing of the first golf tournament coincided with the establishment of his new business in Tempe. As a result, he immediately felt a strong connection to SDFC in the local community and saw that becoming involved as a donor would be beneficial to the charity and to his new business, as well. For John, being able to network, connect and socialize throughout the event while raising much-needed funds

was a perfect match. In fact, he and his team look forward to the event every year because it combines some of the best things in life: fun, beer and supporting a great cause.



“SDFC HELPS FAMILIES IN NEED AND I LIKE THAT.”

John and his company regularly participate in supporting charities throughout the year. However, when it comes to the SDFC annual golf tournament, John becomes passionate about this specific event – and, he admits, he isn't even an avid golfer. Says John, “For us, SDFC is the primary charity – this is the most important event every year. SDFC helps families in need and I like that.” He continues, “I'm not even an avid golfer. But it's such a great cause which helps so many and the event itself is so much fun!”

LET THE 2015 TOURNAMENT BEGIN!

John and his team are eagerly looking forward to the 2015 tournament. When asked about the highlights of the tournament day itself, John struggles to limit his answer to just one or two. He encourages other businesses to join in because where else, he asks, can you have such fun, feel the camaraderie, network, enjoy the sun, the beer and the chance to win great prizes – all while raising money for such a worthy, local charity?

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Sun Devil **Family** Charities



2014 **ANNUAL SDFC** *Golf Tournament*

For its 5th Annual SDFC Golf Tournament, the Board made the "player experience" its primary focus in an effort to ensure a satisfied and sustainable participant base not only for future golf tournaments, but also other SDFC fundraising events going forward.

This included the introduction of Nike Swagbucks, great food and drinks offered throughout the course and an after party at Tilted Kilt. The result was ~100 players, several key sign and title sponsorships and, most importantly, ~\$16,000 in net proceeds available for qualified patients. The event yielded the highest net contribution for any fundraising event on record and the Board looks forward to building on this success for the 6th Annual SDFC Golf Tournament in 2015.

How To Help

When families are stricken with serious ailments the first and most important task is to fight the diseases. But sometimes the ailments require that one member of the family leave work to help the other get better. Then the families find themselves fighting two battles, the second being to keep the steady wave of bills at bay.

That's how many of the Sun Devil Family Charities' honor patient families feel when they reach out to us for financial assistance. Sadly, there are many more people still feeling overwhelmed, isolated and scared because they haven't heard of Sun Devil Family Charities or they don't understand the simplicity of our service or the difference it can make.

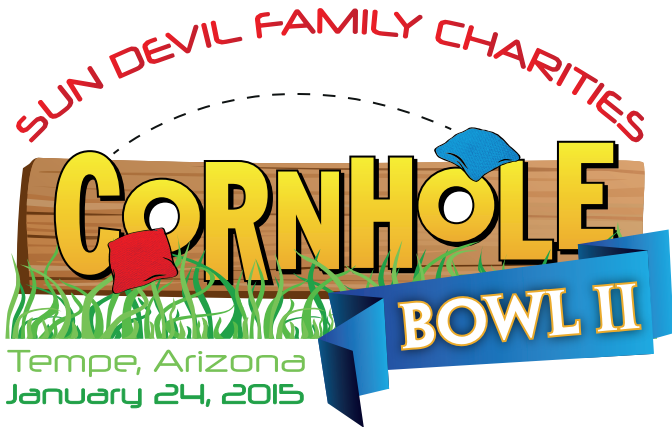
Sun Devil Family Charities is more than a united network of ASU Alumni, Students and Faculty trying to fill the financial needs of these families. It is also a unified group of Sun Devils that support families in finding additional resources to help win their battle.

Please help us in spreading the news about Sun Devil Family Charities. We'll continue our outreach but we know the most effective introduction to Sun Devil Family Charities comes through a personal recommendation.

SDFC OFFERS MULTIPLE DONATION OPTIONS INCLUDING:

- ▶ Become a Sun Devil Family Charities fan on Facebook.
- ▶ Support our mission with a monetary donation by sending a check or money order made payable to "SDFC" and mailed to:
SUN DEVIL FAMILY CHARITIES
One East Washington Street, Suite 1400
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
- ▶ Donation of items for auction or raffle at fundraising events. For more information, please contact us at donate@sundevilfamily.org.
- ▶ Provide in-kind services, please contact us at donate@sundevilfamily.org.
- ▶ Volunteer your time to help fundraise or run events, please contact us at volunteer@sundevilfamily.org.

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In Sundevil country Cornhole is much more than a tailgate game, its a way for friends and families to gather, enjoy premium SanTan beers, enjoy the beautiful Arizona weather, and compete for some great prizes.



“We had participants from as far away as Minneapolis,” said tournament creator Shawn Daffara. So far the Sundevil community have taken to the event quite well. The now annual tournament increased almost double from last years event and look to grow larger in 2016. “Its really starting to grow and we look to make it bigger next year”, Daffara said.

The Centerpoint Plaza in Tempe hosted our event

and sponsorships from Harley Davidson of North Scottsdale, San Tan Brewery, Mellow Mushroom, Cogburn’s Big Wings, Downtown Tempe Community, and our many guests helped the event raise close to \$13,000.



1st PLACE WINNERS!

The new annual date, to be held ever year in January the weekend before the Super Bowl, and centralized location, Tempe, Arizona, make for an ideal weekend to enjoy a fun competitive weekend. This year also introduced a new factor, championship victory belts, some serious bragging rights to this years championship team Black Hawks (Eddie Grant & Bill Hadley).

Cornhole Bowl III, is already in the planning stages and looks to become a new traditional event of Sun Devil Family Charities.



SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE ASU FAMILY... ...BOTH PAST AND PRESENT

Special Thanks

To reduce the overhead costs associated with the production of its charity fundraising events, SDFC relies on local businesses committed to community involvement for underwriting up to the full costs of such events. Some of the sponsors and volunteers that have been vital to the success of our events in fiscal year 2014 include:



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