

The Inn E-Blast

June 2021

To Our Amazing Inn Volunteers,

A **great big thank you** to all who have signed up to help with hospitality shifts and driving. If you have even one day a week that you could take a hospitality shift or sign up to take guests to the hotel, or the airport, we could really use your assistance! Those providing hospitality find the work very satisfying as they maintain the office and supplies in good order and meet the needs of guests under guidance by Inn staff. Guests have been screened for Covid-19 so that only negative testing travelers come to us. Whether delivering support on site or doing the driving, you will find appreciation for what you do! **Please consider volunteering!**

The first step is to register as a volunteer at [The Inn Participation Form - Desert Southwest Conference \(dscumc.org\)](https://www.dscumc.org).

This step is required by the Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church, which supports this work until we reach 501C3 status. **The second step** is using The Sign-up Genius to choose whether you want to work on site or do driving including if you are available for trips to the airport. If you registered, and still have not received the signup genius in your email, text Site Director Gretchen Lopez at 520-330-8146, including your name, phone or email and a short message.

Please sign up as soon as possible after The Sign-up Genius arrives.

Signup genius tabs include:

- Shifts to help on site 8 am-1 pm or 1 pm-5 pm or 5 pm-9pm daily, including weekends.
- Driving guests to the hotel from Casas Alitas Welcome Center, about 20 minutes away
- Driving guests to the airport or bus station.

Each person is important during their stay! Gretchen reported that in May, The Inn welcomed 271 total guests (individuals and families). We hosted 251 guests in April in a steady flow, but a decrease from numbers in March. The INN is familiar with fluctuations. Regardless of border conditions, you as volunteers make the experience of our guests smooth and inviting.

Shout out to Donors and Potential Donors. We also want to thank those who donated to The Inn since our last newsletter. Due to Covid restrictions regarding congregant sheltering, we have been serving guests from a hotel well suited to our needs. A donation of \$50, gives a family a room for a night. Most families only stay one or two nights. Please give a night's stay for one family or a gift of more nights if you are able. The INN's costs are at least \$600 a day for shelter alone. We are especially grateful for those who sustain giving every month at a set amount. This helps greatly in planning for the future.

To give online, here is the link. [The Inn - Online Donation Form - Desert Southwest Conference \(dscumc.org\)](https://www.dscumc.org).

Another option is to simply mail a check to:

The Inn of Southern Arizona
P.O. Box 43332
Tucson, Arizona 85719

Or you can continue to send a gift to the conference. Send a check payable to The Desert Southwest Conference UMC, with The Inn on the memo line:

Treasurer, Desert SW Conference
1550 E. Meadowbrook Ave.,
Phoenix, AZ 85014.

At this time, we could use donations of:

- New reusable water bottles
- New tennis-type shoes (all sizes)
- Flip-Flops: all sizes for men, women, and children
- Underwear: women's (small and medium), men's underwear (Large, & small)
- Men's T-shirts—small, & medium
- Men's socks all sizes
- Boxes of Fruit Loops or Cornflakes (or non-name brand cereal of the same type)
- Juice boxes, Capri Sun, Squeezable yogurt, Healthy, kid-friendly, prepackaged snacks

For donations, please call Diane at 520-272-4341 to find time and location to drop off materials.

Please note that, at this time, we are accepting clean clothing in good repair, especially those items noted above.

Our new website is: <http://www.theinnofsa.org>. When you have a chance, please check it out. We recommend the excellent video about The Inn: What We Do and Who We Serve. The donate button makes it easy to give to The Inn or to access the Amazon wish list for The Inn.