

LifeLegacy



Focusing on Mission and Philanthropy

November 2010

Sounds of 'Messiah' to fill ABT

Messiah Festival — This holiday season, St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation is carrying forward the tradition of the **Messiah Festival**. Now in its 17th year, the Messiah Festival is a regional performance of the Christmas selections from Handel's "Messiah," featuring four soloists accompanied by a 28-piece orchestra and the Messiah Festival Choir made up of local volunteers.



This heartwarming event has become a holiday tradition in Billings. Tickets are free to the public and all are invited to start off their holiday season by experiencing the beauty and majesty of Handel's 200-year-old masterpiece. The event benefits St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation's Meadowlark House, a free cancer patient lodging facility.

Meadowlark House — With the opening of Meadowlark House in 2004, the decade-long dream of the Messiah Festival became a reality. The Messiah Festival continues to provide funds necessary for household operations and maintenance of Meadowlark

EVENT: Messiah Festival
DATE: December 5, 2010
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Alberta Bair Theatre

Admission to the Messiah Festival is free, but tickets are required to ensure adequate seating. Tickets can be obtained from the ABT ticket office, 2801 3rd Ave. N., Billings, Montana

For more information —
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House and to create an atmosphere of sanctuary and healing for cancer patients in need.

Looking for Talkers, Walkers, Shoppers and more!

If you enjoy helping people, keeping physically fit and/or a great shopping experience, spend 4 hours a week with us! St. Vincent Healthcare is looking for people of all ages to join our Volunteer team. There are many opportunities to serve including a special need in our Walk In Clinic and our two fabulous Gift Shops. Benefits include discounts in our pharmacy, CareLine, and Good Day Café. Our volunteers also enjoy free valet parking, special recognition events, birthday gifts, and a complimentary refreshment while volunteering. Best of all, volunteers enjoy being part of the St. Vincent Healthcare family, providing an extra dimension of care and service to our patients and visitors.

Call us today at 237-3377 or visit our website at www.svh-mt.org for more information about how you can join our healing ministry.



Volunteers, Georgene Mather and Mike Whittington enjoy helping patients and visitors by serving in the Joint Center, in Guest Services and as a Patient Representative.



Three Drawings! Three Great Prizes!

- \$100 Gift Certificate to SVH Gift Shops
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Scheels Sports Shops
- Bottle of Dan Merry's Merry Cellars Wine (red)

Email Us Your Email Address for a Chance to **WIN One of Three Great Prizes!**

It is easy to enter! Send an email to:

LifeLegacy@svh-mt.org

Important! Include your full name in the subject line.

All members with a valid email address in the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation database before December 15, 2010 will be entered to win. The winners will be notified on Wednesday, December 15 ... BY EMAIL! Just in time to do some Christmas shopping !

Three winners will be selected on December 15, 2010, by a random drawing from all qualified entries received prior to 12/15/10. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited by law.

For the Love of Children ...

Betty was an L.A. girl. Then, in 1943 she met and married a young serviceman from Montana: Ray Nefzger (7/26/1921—1/7/1991). Ray brought his bride to the homestead near Vida, Montana that was proved up by his parents, Clarence and Martha Nefzger — about as far north an L.A. girl could get without leaving the states. Betty took to the hard scrabble country life like a fish to water and soon Betty and Ray were typical of farming couples in their time. Betty threw herself into the country tasks of gardening, canning, raising chickens and driving tractor. She loved it all.



Betty Nefzger

Ray, a Baptist pastor, ministered to area families and preached at a couple of churches. The couple supplemented their family income with extra jobs here and there — Ray was the area mailman and Betty drove the school bus. Larry VanAtta, RBC Wealth Management, Billings, recalls

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riding Betty's bus as a child growing up in the Vida area. "Betty always greeted each child with a smile and a kind word," he said. "Ray and Betty never had children of their own — Betty mothered every kid that rode her bus."

Shining Her Light

Still with Betty today is the disappointment that she and Ray were unable to adopt children. "The adoption agency said we were too far out in the country and our trailer home on the farm wasn't sufficient for a child," Betty recalled.

Because parenting is borne of inclination and desire, Betty's sister, Lucille Olson's six children were happy recipients of the abundance of love that Betty shared — as were the children she carted to and from school on the school bus she drove.

Now in her senior years, as a resident of Mission Ridge, Betty is still parenting. She chose to cash in savings bonds that had matured and were no longer accruing interest and gift the proceeds to **St. Vincent Children's Healthcare Montana Pediatric Project**. As

Clarissa Pinkola Estes, columnist, The National Catholic Reporter, said, "Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it..."

We are grateful to Betty for shining her light on our littlest patients at St. Vincent *Children's* Healthcare. Her love for children is a spark that will continue to grow in the hearts and lives she has touched.

To read more stories of how our donors are making a difference, visit our website at: www.svfoundation.org and click on **Legacy**.



Betty took a special interest in Kayleigh Marie Phillips who was delivered into the world via C-Section on November 4th, 2009, at just 26 weeks gestation, (14-weeks before her expected birth date) and weighing in at 12.6 ounces. Kayleigh went home at 5 months and weighing more than 8 pounds.



Just Ask Joan ...

Savings Bonds Devisee

Naming St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation as a devisee of EE or HH savings bonds is a great way to make a legacy gift. To learn more call Joan Hendricks at 406/237-3639 or email: joan.hendricks@svh-mt.org



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