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Save the Date for the Garden Party!

Eaton Senior Communities Foundation's 6th Annual Garden Party Fundraiser is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 19th**. Three Tour Stops will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The last tour stop will feature flowerpots decorated by artists from the Owen Boys and Girls Club. These pots will be sold by silent auction.



We are seeking **Event Sponsors - \$500** and **Tour Stop Sponsors - \$250**. Contact Liz at lgrieser@eatonsenior.org or 303-937-3088 for more information. **Tickets will go on sale August 21st - \$25 each.**

FOCUS ON RESIDENTS - Dorothy Tweedell



Dorothy enjoyed small-town life while growing up in Augusta, Illinois and still visits friends there. Her family owned a chicken canning business which provided jobs for many in the community.

Three years of college and a brief marriage led Dorothy to move to St. Louis for a job with the phone company. Eventually, she moved back home and worked at her dad's business.

After World War II, she became reacquainted with a returning GI, her former high school boyfriend. Dorothy and Bob married and moved to Oregon where he studied at the University of Oregon, majoring in journalism. Dorothy says that she and her husband were very lucky to escape the Vanport Flood, when their town was dramatically destroyed in 1948. A 200-foot section of the dike holding back the Columbia River collapsed, killing 15.

She had her first child in Oregon and while there, she and her daughter contracted polio. Dorothy feels very lucky that both of them recovered with no lasting complications. When Bob got a job at The Denver Post, the family moved to Colorado. Three more children completed their family.

At the age of 50, with her youngest child still living at home, Dorothy knew that she could no longer stay in her marriage and divorced Bob. She found strength through education and took classes in psychiatry and sociology. Dorothy participated in a self-esteem class for 20 years and a women's support group for 33 years, maintaining these friendships today.

Her part-time jobs included working as an aide teaching "emotionally disturbed" teens and working at Jazz Record Revival on Broadway. She describes her home in west Arvada as "having the greatest backyard" where she hosted jazz parties. Dorothy met a musician at a Paramount Theatre concert and accompanied him on a trip to Paris, where he played trombone in the Count Basie Orchestra. She says that she "didn't see much of Paris" with late nights of music. Today, Dorothy loves to go to Dazzle and listen to live jazz.

In the '60s, Dorothy participated in the Civil Rights movement and continues to watch documentaries and read about this period. She says, "U. S. Rep. John Lewis (prominent civil rights leader) is my idol." For her 90th birthday, a friend arranged for her to receive a congratulatory letter from Rep. Lewis, which she treasures.

A quote on her fridge, "**Volunteering is paying your civic rent,**" describes her dedication to others. She worked at the Catholic Workers Soup Kitchen for 22 years and then at Project Angel Heart, continuing to volunteer there weekly, chopping veggies including "lots of zucchini." In 2015, she was honored as an "Everyday Hero" on Channel 7 News!

Dorothy moved to Eaton that same year and continues serving others. She participates in the Caring Connection and a weekly women's group. While she has used on-site physical therapy services, Dorothy is "extremely grateful for good health and my brain working," in particular for "having a positive attitude."

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'Bridging the Gap' Event raises over \$54,000!



Thank you again to the generous donors who supported Eaton Senior Communities Foundation's Spring Fundraiser. Proceeds from this event are designated to subsidize the salary of a Resident Services Coordinator at Eaton's new community - **The Summit at Eaton Senior Communities**, opening in 2019.

The event was sold out and we wish to again thank our sponsors: GOLD - **ANB Bank and Anonymous**, SILVER - **FirstBank and Wipfli/Bauerle**, and WINE CELLAR - **FIS Group, LLC**.

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Check out Eaton's podcast - "I'm Not Dead Yet" - at www.eatonsenior.org/podcast. Dorothy Tweedell (featured resident) is one of the podcast stars!

'The Summit at Eaton Senior Communities' is Underway!

On June 1st, we said a sad farewell to the last residents and staff at our Assisted Living community. For the past few months, Eaton staff has worked closely with the residents and their families to find comfortable and affordable housing for everyone. Jim Ward, Eaton's Pastor, Jeanne Henderson, Resident Advocate and other Eaton staff continue to visit former residents, finding most of them settling happily into their new homes.

Now our focus is on renovating the entire building - **The Summit at Eaton Senior Communities** - into 45 one-bedroom apartments and 20 studio apartments. The target audience for this community is the 'Missing Middle,' or seniors who earn too much money to qualify for subsidized housing and too little to afford most retirement communities.

The same large array of supportive services offered at The Residences at ESC will be available at The Summit at ESC. Services include on-site dining, a 24-hour fitness center, church services and spiritual support, exercise classes and health clinics, plus on-site therapies and service coordination. Metropolitan State University of Denver interns will expand their wellness coaching to residents of this new community.

For more information on The Summit at ESC, please contact Diana Delgado, our Chief Operating Officer, at 303-937-3096 or ddelgado@eatonsenior.org.

Changes to the 'Eaton Extra' Newsletter

Beginning with our next newsletter, we will be sending the 'Eaton Extra' via email. In keeping with our sustainability goals, this will reduce the amount of paper that we use and save money that will be used for programs and services for Eaton residents.

Send your email address to foundation@eatonsenior.org if you are not on our email list. **For those of you who don't have access to email** and would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please call Liz at 303-937-3088.

If you would like to make a donation to Eaton Senior Communities Foundation, go to www.eatonsenior.org and click on the green Donate Now button. We subsidize programs and services that enable many of our residents to age in place.