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Village Loan Closet Volunteer Coffee Set for Saturday, Oct. 22

Medical Supply Non-Profit Launches Its Rebrand & Offers Sponsorship Options

Village Loan Closet (VLC) volunteers and supporters are encouraged to attend the **First Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Coffee**, set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Cortez Pavilion in Hot Springs Village. **The event is sponsored by RE/MAX of Hot Springs Village and Sam's Club.**

The VLC a non-profit, all-volunteer local organization that lends free medical mobility equipment for short term use to Hot Springs Village residents, is proud to announce it has rebranded and has a new group of all volunteer Board Members.

"We are all so excited to announce that the Village Loan Closet now has a responsive website, Facebook page, Twitter page, Google+ page and a new logo!" states Dannet Botkin, VLC Board President.

VLC Board Members:

- Dannet Botkin, President
- Dick Kaiser, Treasurer
- Vice President - Position Open
- Shirley Bartle, Secretary
- Melanie Pederson, Director 1 Scholarship & Outreach
- Dave Andorfer, Director 2
- Dee Dixon, Director 3 Volunteer Coordinator
- Barbara Truesdell, Director 4

"The Village Loan Closet continues to be a vital service to our community," says Clara Nicolosi, owner and agent of RE/MAX of Hot Springs Village. "From canes to wheelchairs and everything in between, the Loan Closet is ready to help. RE/MAX is excited to be a part of recognizing the volunteers who give of themselves to make this possible."

The VLC, which is open weekdays from 1-4 p.m., is located at 111 Calella Road in Hot Springs Village. VLC is staffed by individuals as well as the Ladies of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Kiwanis Club of Great Hot Springs Village. The facility also provides various health screenings.

Stop by the VLC Booth

Be sure to stop by the VLC booth at the upcoming Senior Services Expo, which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Coronado Center in Hot Springs Village.

Sponsorships Available

Help us help others by becoming a Village Loan Closet (VLC) sponsor. The VLC offers a number of sponsorship opportunities including monetary donations like the "Keep Rolling Sponsorship" and the "Great Strides Sponsorship," as well as the annual Volunteer Appreciation & Recognition Coffee. Area businesses may also sponsor an event booth at the bi-annual open house, (event details to be announced soon). For all sponsorship information, click the Sponsors tab at www.VillageLoanCloset.com.

VLC Scholarship Opportunity

VLC recognizes the outstanding work of nursing professionals by providing a one-year \$1,500 scholarship to eligible nursing students attending National Park College in Hot Springs. The scholarship includes \$600 per semester (Spring and Fall) and \$300 for the licensure exam. For scholarship application information, go to www.VillageLoanCloset.com | About | Nursing Scholarship. Recent scholarship winners include Deanne Hutchins and Meredith Sykora (pictured).

For more information about the VLC, go to VillageLoanCloset.com. Like VLC on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VillageLoanCloset> and follow the non-profit on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/VillageLoanCL>.

About Village Loan Closet

The Village Loan Closet (VLC) is a non-profit, all-volunteer local organization that lends (free) medical mobility equipment to Hot Springs Village residents.

VLC can help you get back on your feet, literally. We provide medical equipment such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers and more needed for everyday life following an injury, surgery or to help increase mobility and comfort for those suffering chronic conditions. Other items available for rent include toilet risers, commodes, shower stools, bedpans, urinals, pole grabbers and more.

VLC medical equipment is available on a first come, first served basis for a three-month term (with renewal options). *Please note:* Equipment may not be reserved in advance.

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