



## SUPER CHARGED SENIOR GIVING OTHERS A BETTER CHANCE

*by Jackie Devine*

Meet Carol Burgeson, a super-charged senior with swag! By swag, I mean Carol is very unique, someone special, a woman of substance! She's focused on stepping up the pace and living a life of purpose by choosing to participate rather than become a spectator.

Sailing through her golden years with steely determination, at eighty-six, Carol works 20 hours a week at The Living Legacy Center. Plus, she volunteers one morning weekly at Reach Unlimited which offers daycare and job training for people who have special needs. One other afternoon each week, she teaches crafts, knitting, and journaling.

Carol, mother of eight, and certified teacher decided to enter the seminary at the age of 70. According to her, "That was no easy task, it entailed taking one year of Greek and one year of historical Hebrew. Today I use the skills I learned in seminary to minister to folks in need by networking the center's array of services and facilitating meditation, self-esteem silent retreats."

Fairfield residents may not be aware that The Center provides services to our community as well offering assistance to veterans, the elderly and people with special needs. Carol explained, "The Living Legacy Center provides professional leaders who guide people seeking satisfaction for a better quality of life. Its mission is to narrow the gap between the resources available and the people in need.

"Veterans, low on funds or who have no funds at all can receive legal help when applying for benefits such as aid from the Veteran's Association. The elderly needing help filling out their income tax, finding an apartment, locating transportation, health care and things like that can call on us. And, we work with parents of adult children with special needs providing connections to legal specialists and home help professionals."

The brainchild of this impressive program is Carol's daughter Attorney Elizabeth Hilburn and Elizabeth's partner, Teresa Trull. Both have more than 20 years experience providing legal services to clients needing probate, wills, trust funds, guardianship, and services to veterans.

Elaborating, Carol explained, "Elizabeth's heart lies with people that are struggling not only with personal issues but the legal fees

that accompany them. Her dilemma has always been that with a staff of eleven, providing services pro bono is difficult, even when the genuine need is apparent.

Elizabeth and Teresa, felt God calling them to offer their legal services to the cause. Many other caregivers were also led to help with other needs such as housing, medical, food, therapy and many services that these professional volunteers can give to people who need them in the Houston area.

So, together with the help of other like-minded folks, they created The Living Legacy Center, a 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization."

Before they had a brick and mortar facility, The Living Legacy Center provided services to veterans online. After about a year in operation, the center moved to an actual physical location, where it offers counseling and classes, and its expanded services to the elderly and folks with special needs.

Currently, The Living Legacy Center has served over 100 people, either through referrals or by helping directly with unmet, immediate, and future needs. The call continues for individuals and organizations to join forces to provide a broader range of services.

The funding for The Living Legacy Center in the Houston area comes from generous people from businesses whose passion it is to help those who have unmet needs such as their spring gala.

On May 12th, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Hotel Zaza in Memorial City, The Center is spearheading The Legacy Canteen "You buy; we'll fly," a black tie, '40s, formal, or military dress gala. Johnny Lee & the Urban Cowboy Band with special guest Hanna Kay will provide the entertainment. Proceeds will go toward underwriting The Living Legacy Center program.

In closing, I asked the eternal "summing up" question. Why are you here and what do you want to leave behind? Carol said, "I always answer that question with a joke. I'm here because I'm not all there!"

Sighing, she said, "I'm here to give others a better chance, a happier perspective, and a more satisfying experience of life through The Living Legacy Center and Special Needs Groups."

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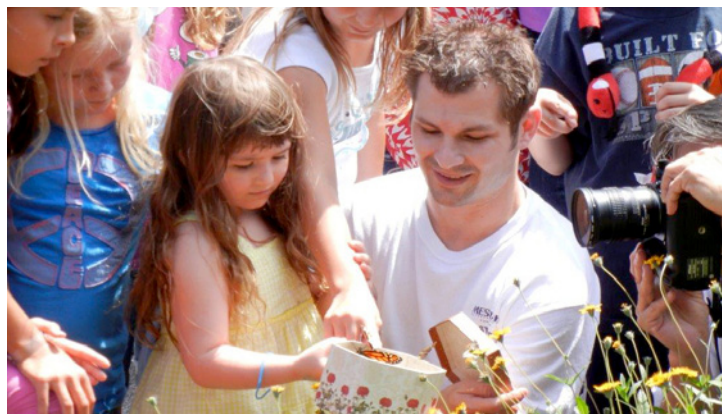
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Yes we will have your favorites: delicious BBQ lunch, cookies, a raffle, children's carnival games, cake walk, book walk, face painting, music, inflatable slide, and bounce house. We will feature both the Apple Watch, Series 3 (GPS + Cellular) featuring a gray sport band and the Echo Second Generation speaker with Alexa as part of the adult raffle.

The silent auction will run from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. The barbecue lunch will begin at 11:30 am and can be taken home or eaten at Messiah. All games will begin at 11:30 am. Bring the whole family to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun!

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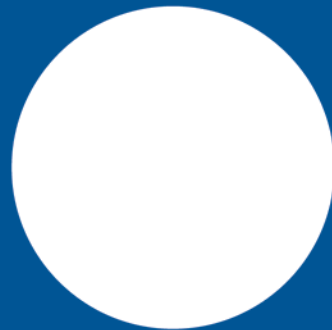
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