

Arizona Pioneers' Home

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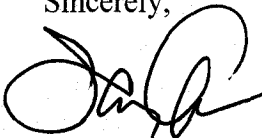
Dear Senator Bee,

You will find a copy of the Arizona Pioneers' Home FY 2008 Annual Report enclosed. As you will see in the text of the report, the most significant change to the agency occurred with the change in legislation affecting statutory admission criteria from the 2005 legislative session. HB2081 altered statute 41-923 verbiage to require that a potential resident have been a resident of Arizona for 50 years versus the previous 30 year requirement, and that said resident be at least 70 years of age versus the previous 65 year requirement. SB1133 altered statute 41-942 by adding verbiage that clarified the requirement that an individual must have actually worked in a mine or had significant environmental exposure to mining activities while working for a mining operation in another capacity. Both of these took effect in August of 2005.

This past fiscal year was my third, and you will find, included in the text of the report, items that were accomplished, as well as items we continue to work toward.

In closing, we are approaching our centennial anniversary in 2011, please accept my personal invitation to visit and see what the Arizona Pioneers' Home is all about—let me know if you would like to be a part of our centennial planning activities which will begin in January 2009.

Sincerely,



Gary Olson
Superintendent

Annual Report

of the



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Hospital for Disabled Miners

for the Fiscal Year

July 1, 2007, thru June 30, 2008

by

Gary Olson, Superintendent

The Arizona Pioneers' Home and Hospital for Disabled Miners is provided for by law in the Arizona Revised Statutes, Articles 41-921 through 41-925, 41-941 and 41-942. The Home is a Continuing Care Retirement Home for aged and infirm pioneers, owned and operated by the State of Arizona in Prescott, Arizona. It is managed by a Superintendent who is appointed by, and under the supervision of, the Governor of the State.

The Home is exempt from Arizona Department of Health Services Licensure. The total capacity is one hundred fifty-five residents. Of the 119 individuals living in the Home on June 30, 2008, 50 were living in personal care, 44 were living in intermediate care and 25 required skilled nursing care. Those living on the first and third floors in personal care are largely able to care for themselves and attend the Dining Room for their meals. Because of their advanced age they require varying degrees of nursing attention, particularly in the area of administration of medications. All of the residents in the second floor infirmaries require intermediate or skilled levels of nursing care. The average age of the residents as of June 30, 2008, was 86, with the youngest being 72 years old, and the oldest 100 years old. There were 32 men and 87 women. The average population for the year was 123.

There were 21 disabled miners living in the Home on June 30, 2008. Those residents not having disabled miner status were required by ARS 41-923 to pay for their care based on their ability to pay. A total of \$1,032,518.66 was collected from these individuals and deposited into the General Fund. The average monthly cost of care per resident was \$4,195.80. Total funds expended during the year amounted to \$6,279,098.58 as follows:

Salaries & Employee Related Expense	\$5,244,215.00
Professional and Outside Services	120,706.00
Travel	24,507.00
Food	192,686.00
Drugs, Medicines & Medical Supplies	233,226.00
Other Operating Expense	463,758.58
Capital Outlay	.00

Twenty-two residents expired during fiscal year 2008; three residents were voluntarily discharged; and 18 individuals were admitted to the Home. Of the discharged individuals, all three chose other living arrangements.

Although there continues to be a waiting list* for entry, the majority chose to decline offers of residency when contacted. Due to this, the Home's vacant rooms were open immediately for those applying for admission without a wait. More than 70 applications for admission were mailed to individuals calling the Home to inquire about residency, not including all that were handed to visitors that came to the Home to get an application. The change to A.R.S. 41-923, which took effect in August 2005, changing the residency requirement from 30 years to 50 years, and raising the age requirement from 65 years to 70 years, has reduced the number of qualifying individuals pursuing entrance to the Home. In order to make citizens of the State more aware of the Home and what it provides eligible seniors, a slide show was developed using Microsoft Power Point in the fall of 2006. The one half hour presentation or other promotional efforts were used to further awareness of the Home in Cochise, Nogales, Yavapai and Maricopa Counties during Fiscal Year 2008.

The residents of the Home have a monthly meeting (Residents Council) with management of the Home to address all concerns and quality of life issues. This creates accountability to the primary customer --- the resident. Customer service remains a high priority. Residents and families repeatedly expressed gratitude for the care provided in the Home.

Accomplishments/Works in Progress 7/1/07-6/30/08—and beyond

The following represents some of the more significant items of progress that have transpired in the past fiscal year through the combined commitment, dedication and enthusiasm of everyone who works and lives at the Arizona Pioneers' Home.

- Continued to reduce worker compensation incidents and costs associated with injuries—achieved an approximate \$30,000 savings in costs related to injuries from the previous fiscal year (FY07 \$61,000 to FY08 \$30,000).

- In process of finalizing the reorganization of the nursing department—to achieve best practices and be a role model for long term care in Arizona.
- In process of finalizing the revision of Pioneers' Home and Cemetery Management policies.
- In process of redesigning the cemetery to enhance the appearance, conserve water usage and enhance drainage systems (The Drachman Institute, the research and public service unit of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Arizona, is providing consultation on this project).
- In process of enhancing paging system in home per resident request.
- In process of finalizing the use of the Minimum Data Set resident care assessment tool to more accurately identify resident care needs and provide said services in the most effective and efficient way possible.
- In process of enhancing a supervisory manual as a resource for department heads and supervisors.
- Continually in process of identifying cost savings opportunities, while enhancing facility appearance, care and services.

*For clarification pursuant to legislative questions this past fiscal year, the waiting list is a list of individuals who have requested an application for admission to the Arizona Pioneers' Home. In this, not all of those requesting an application are eligible at the time they make the request but want to be placed on the list for when they become eligible (must be at least 70 years old and have lived in Arizona for at least 50 years), or for a future date when they are ready to make the decision to move in. For such applicants, the waiting list should be considered an "interest list." The list of interested individuals has been maintained for as long as anyone currently working at the Home can remember. As vacancies have occurred in the past, individuals were contacted beginning at the top of the list and going continuing down the list until someone took the vacancy. At this time, the Arizona Pioneers' Home has vacancies for immediate occupancy, eliminating the need for a wait. Those on the present list are either not currently eligible or have decided not to pursue residency at this time. Each individual on the list is contacted annually to find out if they are ready to come in, want to remain on the list, or want to be removed from the list. As aforementioned, the change to A.R.S. 41-923, which took effect in August 2005, changing the residency requirement from 30 years to 50 years, and raising the age requirement from 65 years to 70 years, has dramatically reduced the number of qualifying individuals pursuing entrance to the Home.

Population of the Home as of June 30, 2008, was 119. Distribution by county was as follows:

County	#	County	#	County	#
Apache	2	Greenlee	0	Pima	4
Cochise	2	La Paz	0	Pinal	1
Coconino	0	Maricopa	16	Santa Cruz	0
Gila	1	Mohave	3	Yavapai	85
Graham	0	Navajo	2	Yuma	3

Note: Of those from Yavapai County, many resided in other parts of the state previously and retired to Yavapai County prior to their admission to the Pioneers' Home.

Population Movement – FY2008

COUNTY	NEW	DECEASED	READMITTED	LEFT
Apache	0	0	0	0
Cochise	0	1	0	0
Coconino	0	0	0	0
Gila	0	0	0	0
Graham	0	0	0	0
Greenlee	0	0	0	0
La Paz	0	0	0	0
Maricopa	4	3	0	0
Mohave	0	0	0	0
Navajo	1	1	0	1
Pima	2	1	0	0
Pinal	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Yavapai	10	16	0	2
Yuma	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	18	22	0	3

Distribution of Population by Age

100 +		90-99		80-89		70-79	
100	1	90	10	80	6	70	0
		91	7	81	8	71	0
		92	4	82	1	72	1
		93	3	83	8	73	1
		94	2	84	11	74	2
		95	2	85	5	75	3
		96	1	86	9	76	1
		97	0	87	8	77	3
		98	3	88	7	78	1
		99	0	89	8	79	3

TOTAL POPULATION: 119
 Average Age: 86
 Youngest Resident: 72
 Oldest Resident: 100

ARIZONA PIONEERS' HOME
LIST OF RESIDENTS as of JUNE 30, 2008

ACTON, Betty	EARL, Andrew
AINAIRE, Laverne	ECKHART, Doris
ALVIS, Glenn	EDSON, Myrtle
BENNETT, Ethel	FARIS, Joseph
BETTS, Ruth	FERGUSON, Dave
BIGELOW, Vera	FLETCHER, Jewel
BISJAK, Frances	FORTNEY, Alice
BISJAK, Gilford	GARDNER, Ivy Ray
BOSCH, Mary Frances	GREATHOUSE, Ann
BROWN, Betty	GUGEL, Ann
BROWN, Ernest	HAGENMAIER, Virginia
BROWN, Juanita	HALLETT, Lois
BURTON, Mildred	HARDT, Grace
CAMPBELL, Antoinette	HARMON, Joy
CAMPBELL, Harold	HASTINGS, Claudia
CARLSON, Phyllis	HENDERSON, Esther
CHESLEY, Delbert	HERNANDEZ, Enrique
CHESLEY, Hazel	HETTLER, Mary Alice
CHILDS, Lucille	HUNT, Dora
CHURCHWELL, Courtney	HUNTER, Dahlia
CLARK-GARDNER, Betty	HYSONG, Mary
CLARKSON, Mabel	JARREL, Leota
CREIGHTON, Grace	JENKINS, Lois
CUBITTO, Georgia	JIRON, Matilde
DENNY, Dixie	JOHNSON, Aileen
DESPAIN, Wendell	JONES, Gladys
DODSON, Samuel	KELLEY, Ira

KISSEL, Keith
KISSEL, Wilma
KNABE, Mary
LACEY, Exie Maurine
LAJOIE, Albani
LAJOIE, Lorraine
LARSON, Nelle
LAUX, Theresa
LAWRENCE, Helen
LEMONS, Dora R.
LITTLE, Helen
MANZ, Helen
MARTIN, Maurice
MARTIN, Verna
MARTINEZ, Greg
McCAULEY, Agnes Ione
McCROSSEN, Mary
McNULTY, Donald
MORRISTON, Lena
MUNCY, Viola
PANCRAZIO, Anita
PATRICK, Lea
PATTON, Edna
PATTON, Fred
PETERS, Esther
PISEL, Mary
PRESTON, Ruth
RANKIN, Mary Lou
REDDEL, Phyllis
REESER, Frieda

RENDON, Delia
REYNA, Leobardo
RITTER, Nora
ROBERTS, Ward
ROBITAILLE, Vesta
RODARTE, Domingo
ROMNEY, Pearl
ROSE, Lupe
ROSS, Pearl
ROSS, Wilma "Sandi"
SADLER, William
SCHNOSE, Hilda
SKOUSEN, John
SMITH, Grace
SMITHART, James
SMITHART, Willie
SOWELL, Larry
STANDERFER, Ruby
STUBBLEFIELD, Wilson "Bud"
SWAIN, Mary Lu Anna
SYRKEL, Virginia
TENNEY, Lyman
TERRIN, Anna
THARP, Gladys
THIMSEN, Vernon
VAWSER, Virginia
VINCI, Mario
VINCI, Virla
WALKER, Kenneth
WALKER, Verna

WARREN, Edna

WHITE, Sam

WHITE, Stella

WILLIAMS, Mary

WOODCOCK, Carolyn