

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- General Focus: Old Fashioned Root beer Floats
- Audience: Residents of Comfort Care Assisted Living Home

This project was designed to do something special for my mother-in-law's 89th birthday and for the senior center residents.

- Budget: \$50.00 + Donations

## HOW-TO

### A. Preliminary Steps

1. Called the owner of the facility and asked permission, outlining our idea. Received her approval.
2. Made up flyers and mailed them to all friends, relatives, etc.
3. Arranged to purchase all needed items at wholesale cost, etc.
4. Received a donation of straws and spoons from ice cream restaurant! I took in a copy of the flyer. Offered to pay for the straws.
5. Lined up needed items like rubber barrel for ice, ice cream scoops, card table, gloves for volunteers to wear.
6. Used no other media coverage.

### B. The Event

1. Had a great time! All of the volunteers took time to talk to the residents and staff, served everyone, offered refills. We passed around a large poster board with pictures of my mother-in-law (celebrating her birthday).
2. Hung balloons on both the outside of the home and the wheelchair of the birthday girl.
3. Each person who participated in any way received small lapel pins as a thank-you and a follow-up flyer outlining our success.

Stumbling blocks: First approached the retirement home where my mother-in-law had lived for three years prior to moving on for additional care to current location. They did not want us to do the event there. Met with panel of four to explain our idea and to show prior experience. Called several times, but eventually decided to move it to the smaller location.

Most touching moment: Each and every resident completely finished all of the floats and cookies. They seemed to enjoy talking to new people. It was a reason for everyone to get dressed up.

**BUDGET**

Ice Cream	0	(donated)
Cups (wholesale)	\$ 2.70	
Root beer	\$ 8.00	
Spoons & straws	0	(donated)
Cookies	\$ 3.00	
Postage	\$13.00	
Thank-you pins	\$ 6.00	
Rubber Stamps	\$ 5.00	

**INVITATIONAL FLYER**

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We will be serving old fashioned root beer floats to:  
the residents of (rest home)  
(address)

Vega \_\_\_\_\_, resident, will be celebrating her 89th birthday. We'd love to say thank-you to both the residents and the staff. Please come and say hi and Happy Birthday!

When: Saturday, Sept 9th

Maureen: (phone)

Volunteers: meet in front of the Home

Set up: 12:45 pm

Serving 1:00 pm after lunch

Please think about stopping by. We will need: ice cream scoopers  
root beer pourers  
servers (we'd love some kids)



We will clean up and be out by 2:00 pm. Any questions, please call me!  
As always, your kind and generous hearts continue to inspire me.

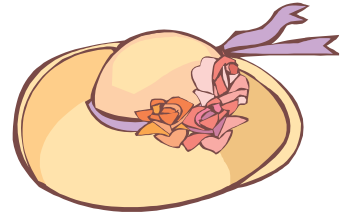
"To know how to grow old is the master-work of wisdom,  
and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living."

**THANK-YOU FLYER**

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,  
But beautiful old people are works of art." --Eleanor Roosevelt

You continue to be so generous with your time and resources. We had a wonderful response

to our Ice Cream Social! As always, we had many terrific people contribute to our project. We want to thank Micky, owner of the (ice cream store), who donated the ice cream, her sister Pat for making it happen, and (store) for the straws and spoons.



A special thank-you to the kind volunteers who scooped, poured, and served, as well as spent time with the residents and staff of (rest home). Vega was thrilled by how special the celebration of year #89 was for her!

You never know when you're making a memory...thanks for sharing in so many of mine.

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