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**DOVE OF THE DESERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JOINS DUET™ TO HELP HOMEBOUND ELDERLY**

(Phoenix, AZ) Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church is joining forces with the non-profit Duet™ to help provide **free** health and aging services to homebound and disabled adults. As part of their new partnership, the church will promote Duet's volunteer opportunities and inform members about available services. Duet provides the community with volunteers who are trained, insured, and background checked – all important safeguards to have when serving a vulnerable population.

Volunteers will drive homebound elders to medical appointments or the grocery store, provide respite, teach computer skills, help with paperwork or light handyman projects, and provide friendly visiting.

Founded in 1981, Duet currently partners with more than 200 other faith communities, as well as Valley residents and community organizations, to provide a variety of services to individuals and families dealing with the challenges of aging. To date, Duet has trained over 3000 volunteers and matched them with homebound adults in the greater Phoenix area who need assistance.

J. Don Trotter, Chair of Dove of the Desert's Care Ministry Team, is also his church's volunteer liaison for Duet. Mr. Trotter states that previously, Duet helped congregants in several instances when the church didn't have the appropriate resources. He said the new partnership between Duet and Dove of the Desert is a "win-win situation."

Elizabeth Banta, Duet Executive Director said, "This is a perfect example of how a non-profit can work closely with a faith community to provide one-on-one services to Valley seniors. None of us can meet all the needs of our citizens by ourselves, but by working together, we can help fill in the gaps. No one should have to face life's challenges alone."

Duet provides many other free-of-charge services throughout the Valley including respite assistance, support groups, legal guidance, information, referrals, and more. The organization also helps congregations create health programs, typically led by a faith community nurse.

Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church is located at 7201 West Beardsley Road in Glendale, Arizona.

Duet is a non-profit, interfaith organization that promotes health and well-being through a broad range of free services to homebound adults, caregivers, faith communities and grandparents raising grandchildren.

For information or to volunteer, call (602)274-5022 or visit www.duetaz.org.