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DUET'S 21st ANNUAL POINSETTIA TEA POURS LIFE INTO ONE-ON-ONE SERVICES

(Phoenix, AZ) – Drinking tea is known to have many health benefits, but it's also the perfect remedy for improving the well-being of homebound adults and family caregivers living in the Valley.

Duet™ presents its 21st Annual Poinsettia Tea on Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. Duet is hosting this traditional holiday event at the elegant Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch, 7500 East Doubletree Ranch Road. Nearly 600 guests will gather for a traditional afternoon tea complete with scones, sandwiches and dessert.

“The Poinsettia Tea has become a wonderful family tradition,” said Elizabeth Banta, Duet Executive Director. “We are thrilled to have so many people return each year to share this great afternoon. Knowing that we are helping folks who are homebound, disabled, and dealing with many challenges associated with aging makes this event even more meaningful. The thousands of elders who receive our help are so very grateful.”

Guests will be treated to an unforgettable performance by DanceMotion – one of the Valley's premiere youth dance companies. Bender Performing Arts will showcase its top group of talented young artists who have a love for dance. Destry Jetton, Channel 12's Arizona Midday Host, will serve as master of ceremonies. This holiday event also includes the presentation of the prestigious Dosia Carlson “KARED About” Award. This year's recipient is Karen O'Donnell, Duet Board Member, Duet Caregiver Advisory Committee Member, and long-time volunteer. O'Donnell serves as an inspiration to family caregivers and also advocates for their needs.

This year's Poinsettia Tea **Gold Sponsors** include: Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and SRP. **Silver Sponsors** include: Area Agency on Aging, Region One; Kile Law Group, P.C.; Scottsdale Healthcare; Carefree Transitions, LLC; CareMore Health Plan of AZ; Ridgecrest Healthcare; North Phoenix Pediatric Dentistry; Silverado

Senior Living; SCF Arizona; and Vern and Cille Swaback. Tea proceeds will be “poured” into Duet’s one-on-one services that are provided free-of-charge to people in need. Tickets are \$60 per person, \$27 of which is tax deductible. For reservations, call (602) 274-5022 by December 2. MasterCard, American Express and Visa are accepted.

About Us: Duet is a non-profit, interfaith organization that promotes health and well-being through a broad range of services to homebound adults, caregivers, faith communities and grandparents raising grandchildren. Duet’s free-of-charge services are available in the greater Phoenix area. To volunteer, donate, or ask for help, go to www.duetaz.org or call (602) 274-5022.

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