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YOU ARE INVITED

to Eaton Senior Communities Foundation's Fall Fundraiser - **"A Balcony Garden Party"** (also known as "The Not a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser").

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 18th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** for a self-guided tour of the many balconies and gardens at Eaton Senior Communities. Each stop on the tour will feature **Jason's Famous Hors d'oeuvres** plus a **Children's Art Sale**, with art created by residents' grandchildren. Wine and beer will be served.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will support Eaton's Wellness Program. Tickets are \$25 with \$10 tickets for children under 12. Come and celebrate with us! **Tour Stop Sponsorships are available for \$250.** Please contact Liz Grieser at 303-937-3088 to reserve your tickets or for more information



FOCUS ON RESIDENTS - Gale Gurganus



Gale is content at Eaton Senior Communities and says, "If I have to be someplace, this is the place." She is finding happiness more difficult to achieve after some trying personal circumstances.

Her early childhood was spent in "big city" Dallas with her sister and parents. The year before she was in the 7th grade, her father was discharged from the Marines, due to a disability, and moved the family to a four-room prairie house with no indoor plumbing on Lake Texhoma in Texas. The view from their second floor veranda, overlooking the lake and the Oklahoma border, made them feel like they were on a riverboat.

That first year, there were three 7th graders in a two-room schoolhouse with 33 other students. Their next-door neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Neighbors (yes, it's true), who were the school's maintenance man and cook. Every morning, Gale woke to the wonderful aroma of Mrs. Neighbors' baking bread.

Gale attended college and was fortunate to be chosen for on-the-job training in Histology at Baylor Medical Center. During this time, she met her husband. When their schooling was completed, they moved to North Carolina where she worked part-time and had her only child, Stephanie. After her divorce, Gale became a full-time Histology Technician (ASCP) and because of the high demand for this specialty, was able to find jobs throughout the U. S., including California, Georgia, Massachusetts and Virginia.

She chose a job at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs to be closer to her daughter's family in Arvada. As a sideline, Gale began transporting rescued dogs for Lucky Day Animal Rescue, where her daughter is employed. In 2003, Gale was diagnosed with a lung disease and could no longer work around chemicals - this is the "not happy" part. At the age of 63, she needed to find affordable housing and plan for her retirement. Gale says, "This place [Eaton] felt like a hotel when I came in for the first time and the meals are a plus."

Two years ago, Gale's daughter introduced her to mellow Bodie (pictured above), who was scheduled to be euthanized. Gale decided to try her hand at dog fostering and fell in love with Bodie. She adopted him and added Saint to his name because "he is a saint," and Michael because his white markings remind her of the angel wings in the movie, "Michael." Today, Bodie St. Michael spends a lot of time playing with other dogs in Eaton's fenced pet area and Gale's goal is to complete therapy dog training with him.

Two strokes in 2011 were a bump in the road for Gale and she completed rehab at Eaton's on-site Legacy Healthcare Services. She also gave up driving during this time and now looks forward to Eaton's bus trips to the grocery store where she can get her Starbucks "fix." Gale serves on Eaton's Food Committee, volunteers to pack up donated food for The Action Center and provides a "Pet Moment" at the monthly resident forum. She also loves playing Bingo.

After all she has been through, Gale says, "There is nothing wrong with being content." She is a valued member of Eaton Senior Communities.

**Providing affordable housing in a service-rich environment
that enables all to live to their fullest potential.**

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Bridging the Gap Fundraiser replenishes the Gap Fund



Thank you to all of the generous donors who attended Eaton Senior Communities Foundation’s April Fundraising Dinner and Auctions.

Nearly all of the expenses were covered by **First-Bank’s sponsorship** and an anonymous sponsor, along with donations from board and staff.

At the end of the evening, **over \$25,000 was added to the Gap Fund**, which was established to help fill the gap created by Medicaid reimbursement, which is below the cost of care for Assisted Living residents at Eaton Senior Communities.



POETRY FROM ARTIE FELTNER, resident, age 100

Artie lives in Assisted Living at Eaton Senior Communities and wrote the following poem:

EATON

Eaton is the Place to be
Eaton is the Place for me!
You meet many friends and you will see,
Total Hospitality!
Take a walk with me, and meet the staff,
The friendliest people you’ll ever see.
And the sweetest ladies are always on call

To help in our needs with
a smile for all!
This is the place to
gather around,
So join us - we are
heaven-bound.
And now you see,
Eaton is the place to be.



Assisted Living at Eaton Senior Communities has apartments available, offering luxury living at affordable prices.

Contact Anna Agazio at 303-937-5107 to set up a tour.