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VOLUNTEER WORK

AZ Eldercare Employee Network Group (AZEEN) -Executive Committee Member

To offer resources and support to employees dealing with or interested in eldercare issues in order to enhance work/life effectiveness. Create networking and educational opportunities for employees and for the AZ community, while offering a caring, confidential and empathetic environment for sharing best practices.

- Founding member of AZEEN. Launched in May 2004 in honor of Older American's Month.
- Partnered with Medicare Program Office on various initiatives with Medicare Part D. Helped develop education program for employees and caregivers. Did Medicare presentations to community and worked one on one with seniors to sign up for Medicare Part D.
- Partnered with Corporate Affairs to provide support for local non-profits, including speakers and volunteer opportunities.
- Held teleconference with American Heart Association HR Department to help them set up an Eldercare Group to support and retain their employees with eldercare issues.
- Bought in speakers from the following agencies to speak and educate AZ employees: Meals on Wheels, Caring Partners Coalition, National Family Caregivers Assoc., Caregiver Media Group (Caregivers.com), Social Security Administration, Visiting Angels, Comfort Keepers, Hospice, State of Delaware: Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing-Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities-Division for the Visually Impaired. Departments of Aging for Philadelphia, Delaware County, Chester County, Montgomery County and State of Delaware.
- Bought in Attorneys from different states to cover Living Wills & Healthcare Power of Attorney. Also, speakers to talk about Estate Planning and The Five Wishes.
- Partnered with HR to co-sponsor activities related to Older Americans Month in May, and National Family Caregivers Month in November, which included an annual Eldercare Fair.
- Promoted Patient Assistance such as Partnership for Prescription Assistance.
- Added AZ logo and message to the book "Who Cares-A Loving Guide for My Future Caregivers". Corporate Affairs then made complimentary copies available to thousands of seniors and caregivers in Delaware, as well as the entire Delaware legislature and top elected officials.
- Attend seminars/conferences on Aging and Caregiving in tri-state area.
- Council, support and talk one on one with AZ employees and others on eldercare / caregiving issues.

AZ Employees succeeding thorough our ability to gain from experience (AZSAGE)

Executive Committee Member

- Worked with outside agencies, bought in speakers to better understand the different generations and how they can work better together.
- Worked on program to mentor employees with less experience.
- Worked on AARP application "Top 50 companies to work for".

AZ Activities Club (AZAC) Art Chairperson

Bought in Art Vendor for a couple days, twice a year fundraiser.

- Planned and coordinated setup with facilities and IT.
- Percentage of vendor profits donated to outside non-profits.
- Worked with outside Ad Agency to develop posters and flyers.
- Advertised event using email, plasma screens, posters and flyers.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of ASA (American Society on Aging)

AWARDS

Governor's Award from the State of Delaware for community service and work done on Eldercare