

**Barbara Haralson:**

**Stand Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE):** Organization began in 1993 after the shooting at Safford High School. SAVE Task Force was the impetus for Mt. Graham Safe House, Gila Valley Boys & Girls Club and Mt. Graham High School.

**Gila Valley Boys and Girls Club:** Barbara served on the Board of the Club which is for children grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. After much research, the Board felt that the Boys and Girls Club had the best programs and was nationally recognized. The facility for the Boys and Girls Club is a wholesome place for the children to go after school.

**Mount Graham Safe House:** Barbara has been on the Board for ten years. The domestic violence was under reported in this county. The board collected statistics and found a high level of domestic violence in this community. They wrote grants that began funding for the Safe House. In the beginning 8 women were housed and now it houses women and children. Upon approval, they may stay up to six months, while undergoing job training.

**Board of Graham County Community Foundation:** Barbara served on this board, which is an organization to raise and distribute funding for non-profits in the County.

**Arizona Business and Professional Women:** Barbara held local offices, was the State President and was on the National Board. They helped pass a bill in the State Legislature that allowed women of domestic violence NOT to have their voter registration addresses published. While Barbara was in office, she and members worked extensively for passage of the Fair Pay Act, which would guarantee equal pay for equal work.

**Safford Rotary Club:** Barbara is a current member and served as a Past President, past Assistant Governor, past Secretary and is currently on the Board of Directors, Club Service.

**Graham County Merit Commission:** Barbara is the current chairman. The Merit Commission hears grievances from County employees that have been dismissed.

**Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors:** The Board does fund raisers for hospital equipment through special events such as the annual Golf Tournament, the Tour de Safford Bike Race and Half Marathon. The Foundation is presently raising money for gastrointestinal equipment for the hospital.

**Interfaith Care Alliance/Our Neighbor's Pantry Board of Directors:** Our Neighbor's Pantry is under the umbrella of Gila Valley Interfaith Care Alliance. Barbara is on the Board of Directors that makes day-to-day decisions for the food bank. At the present time the food bank feeds approximately 450 families per month.

**Helping Hands for Graham County:** This was the brainchild of several people that recognized that families were unable to take care of health and safety needs/repairs in their home. Seeing that need, Helping Hands for Graham County came into existence in June

2009. This is a 501 C3 Non-profit. They have done such things as build handicap ramps, repair/replace roofs, take care of septic tanks, build sidewalks, winterizing and insulation, etc.

**First United Methodist Mission Committee:** At her church, she is outgoing chairperson and has helped promote many worthwhile Mission projects for the church and the community. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, she will be the Lay Leader for the Safford First United Methodist Church.

**Arizona Walk to Emmaus:** Barbara is currently serving as the Lay Director for this event that will be held in March 2012 in Sierra Vista. This position requires approximately seven months of preparation. The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual walk that is held all over the United States and even some foreign countries.

Barbara worked for the Safford Valley Cotton Growers Co-op, Inc. for 27 years and 20 of those years she was the General Manager. The following are volunteer positions she held while working at Safford Valley Cotton Growers Co-op, Inc.: She was State President of the Arizona Cotton Ginners Association. She served on the National Cotton Ginners Board of Directors, the National Cotton Council Board of Directors, and the National Advisory Council for Cotton, Tobacco and Peanuts. She was selected to attend the 1998 WTO Round Talks in Geneva, Switzerland.

Barbara is awarded the prestigious Pride of Safford Award due of the many hours she has and still does contribute to our community to make Safford a wonderful place to live, work and visit.