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The Music Man

How the Volunteer Program Brings Music & More to Residents

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Mirko's Music Means More



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A pianist since he was five years old, Mirko Barbesino brings decades of musical experience to Silver Sky Assisted Living. For an hour every Wednesday morning, our residents are transported by his lively songs that have them dancing and singing in their seats. Mirko's performances began less than a year ago, after he found Silver Sky when searching for volunteer opportunities online. Originally planning to perform for children, Mirko's decision to play for seniors was inspired by his grandmother who encouraged and supported him during his childhood. After a 12-year battle with Alzheimer's, Mirko's grandmother passed away and he knew that he could honor her memory by playing for the residents at Silver Sky. "I see my grandma in their eyes, and I wish I was able to play for her. In some ways, I'm still playing for her," Mirko says.

Music is Mirko's life, and when he's not performing at a venue, he's in his studio at home composing music for documentaries, movies, TV shows, and commercials. He considers his musical talent to be a gift and loves to share it. Born and raised in Italy, he has only been a Las Vegas resident for three years and wanted to connect with his community through volunteerism. When asked about his favorite part about volunteering at Silver Sky, Mirko explains, "Seeing the residents' smiles and the looks in their eyes. For me, it's normal to play the piano. It's my job, my therapy – my everything! For me, it's just an hour of my day and I can see in their eyes that they love it. I always say I'm walking out of here with more than I give."

Mirko is grateful that he's found a space where he can share his passion for music. He describes his time at Silver Sky as "an hour of magic." He loves watching the effect his music has on the residents, especially one woman who can't help dancing in her wheelchair because she was a dancer when she was young. Volunteers make a difference in our residents' lives by creating a fun and caring environment where they can explore their hobbies and passions. Thank you, Mirko, for bringing us music and magic every week!



You can make a difference.

Silver Sky Assisted Living and Silver Sky at Deer Springs Assisted Living needs volunteers to support and create activities for our residents.

**BINGO Callers • Entertainers • Crafters
Art Teachers + MORE!**

If you have a talent or hobby that you are willing to showcase, then please reach out to our facility, so that we can make lasting memories for our Nevada HAND residents.



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Voting is now open for Las Vegas Review Journal's Best of Las Vegas! From now until September 23, you can vote once a day to help Nevada HAND win gold. Voting is easy and only requires a couple of clicks!

With your vote, we can spread the word about our mission and continue to connect our residents to critical resources that help them thrive, reach their goals, and support themselves and their families.

Vote for Nevada HAND for Best Nonprofit Organization here:
<https://www.votebo.lv.com/NevadaHAND>



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Transportation Reminder

Transportation will provide outings in the morning and afternoon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Outings will consist of shopping, lunch spots, casinos, the Pin Ball Hall of Fame, Ethel M Chocolate Factory, the LINQ, and more! Tuesday and Thursday outings are completely optional but may be high in demand. Make sure to sign up early! Spots will fill up. To learn more about Tuesday's and Thursday's transportation outings, see the front desk reception.

As a reminder, transportation services are available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for all clinical specialties/medical appointments. **Masks on public transportation, including Nevada HAND buses, are required.** If you need transportation to an upcoming appointment, please complete a transportation request form at the front desk. Request forms must be returned to the front desk at least 72 hours before your appointment. If you have questions about our transportation services, please contact the front desk reception at your community.