



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY



The Thunderbirds Giving Millions Helping Thousands

Over the years Thunderbirds Charities has donated millions of dollars to hundreds of Arizona charities. In fact, in the last year alone more than \$4 million dollars has been donated to close to 100 worthy causes and charities. Donations range from \$2,500 to over \$150,000 and go towards funding a wide-range of programs and capital campaigns. In this Fall 2011 Thunderbirds Charities Newsletter, we revisit a few of the recent beneficiaries; to hear how lives have been impacted, to see the new gymnasiums, homes and programs and to learn more about the incredible people and organizations helping our community.



FILLMORE COMMONS AT SOJOURNER CENTER

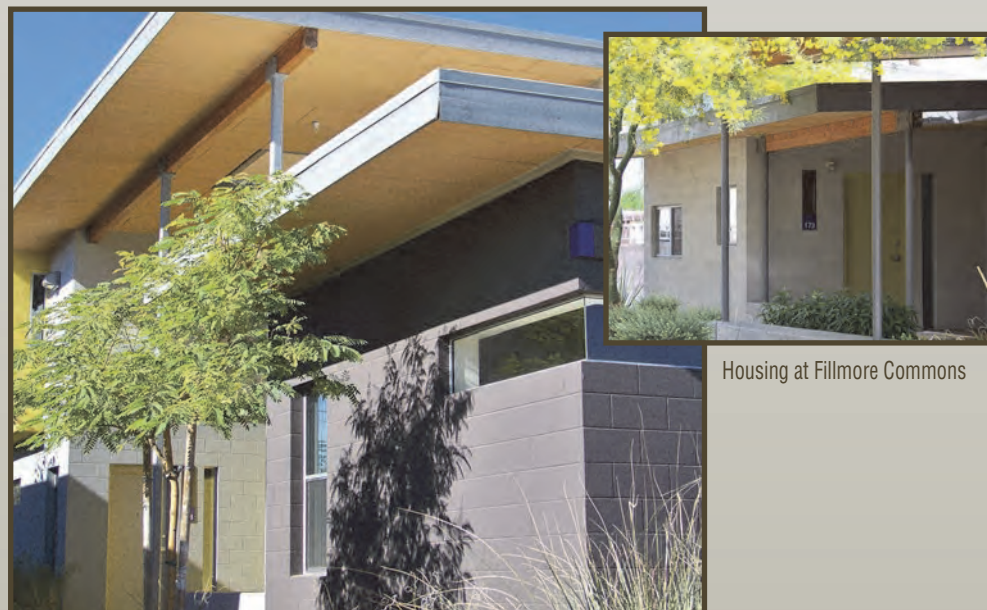
Six years ago a dream was born from the voices of the women living at Sojourner Center. Those voices echoed, "We would like options for affordable housing that are close to the services and support we receive at the emergency shelter campus." The dream became an idea, and the idea turned into a plan. The plan, generated by a dedicated group of staff, board members, consultants, architects, builders and volunteer committee members, was to build a full-scale apartment community that offered affordable transitional housing to families beyond their emergency shelter stay. The campus in its entirety was to be accompanied by a state of the art education building and a new and larger resource center. After an \$11.8 million capital campaign and three years of construction, the dream, ideas, and plans for the new campus became a reality.

On October 2nd, 2010 Sojourner Center staff, members of the board of directors, the capital campaign cabinet, residents of the new campus, and the community officially cut the ribbon for the new campus – Fillmore Commons at Sojourner Center.

Fillmore Commons at Sojourner Center consists of 29 one- and two-story apartment homes that can be configured into one, two, or three bedroom living spaces. Families can live in the residences for up to two years while continuing to receive support and services from Sojourner Center and its staff. The campus also includes a community clubhouse, for meetings and gatherings, and a play area for children.

The Empowerment Foundation Education Center and Resource Center sit adjacent to the apartments at Fillmore Commons. The 13,000 square-foot, two-story Empowerment Foundation Education Center provides staff, program participants, and community professionals a dedicated space for trainings, meetings, workshops, and seminars. In addition, the Resource Center, stocked with thousands of donated goods, is an easily-accessible warehouse that provides a host of supplies and essentials the women and children need while living at Sojourner Center.

It was because of Thunderbirds Charities support of Sojourner Center's Change a Life Change a Future Capital Campaign that enabled the organization to build these magnificent life-changing buildings. Their signage proudly hangs above the donation receiving area at the new Resource Center. Thousands of items pass through this area everyday and then eventually make their way to floor of the main area so women and children can pick out items they were forced to leave behind. This year, over 2,800 women and children will visit our Resource Center and hundreds more will donate much-needed items. Because of Thunderbirds Charities and their support Sojourner Center is able to provide a welcoming and positive environment for all who visit the Resource Center at Fillmore Commons.



BENEVILLA

Poverty, lack of transportation and isolation are contributing factors in malnutrition within our aging population. Thanks to generous start-up funding from Thunderbirds Charities, Benevilla recently moved to fill the need for a home-delivered meals program serving the growing population of Surprise and on an as-needed basis for other communities in the Northwest Valley. The program will not only address the local challenge of malnutrition, but also provide socialization, promote dignity and enhance the feeling of self-worth for residents.

Each weekday, a troupe of committed volunteers reports to the Benevilla kitchen to pick up the hot, nutritious, balanced meals approved by a registered dietician. After carefully packaging the meals in insulated bags and picking up route maps, the volunteers brave the midday traffic and heat to deliver much-needed meals to community residents.

Sometimes those meals help one spouse stay strong enough to care for another spouse. Other times, a Benevilla home-delivered meal program is part of the safety net that makes it possible for an individual just coming home from the hospital to rebuild his or her strength in the comfort of his or her own home. And, at times, knowing that a caring Benevilla volunteer will deliver a well-balanced meal and do a "wellness check" on an aging parent eases the worry for an adult child living too far away to provide care giving in person.

In addition to providing critical nutrition, the volunteer service coordinators are able to offer a support system of available resources and information about Benevilla services and other community organizations that are able to respond to an individual's needs.

According to Benevilla President and CEO Michelle Dionisio, "It is a privilege to join our community partners in addressing this critical need. Sound nutrition is the foundation of healthy aging, so we are excited to make this program available to the residents of Surprise and the Northwest Valley."

Virginia has been a home-delivered meal participant since the program began in October of 2010. She not only relies on the program to provide meals but she enjoys the regular contact with the volunteers and staff. She sends a note almost weekly, "Thank you, thank you, you are so very helpful."

FOUNDATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN



"Class, I am passing out this week's list of vocabulary words and definitions. Please read it and be prepared for a quiz on Friday," is a common occurrence in classrooms all over the valley. Yet for students that are visually impaired, the handout

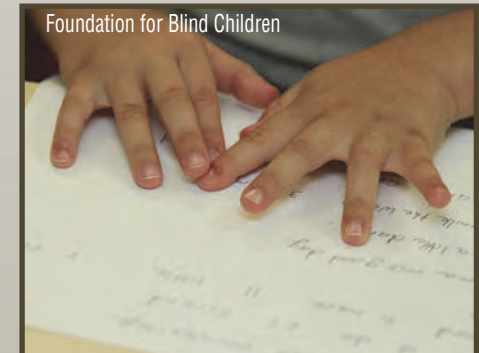
may as well be blank. Until now, a blind student would have to wait for a traveling teacher of the visually impaired to show up at his or her school, gather any handouts the student has, take them home to transcribe them into Braille and return them to the student several days later. This antiquated method delayed the student's learning days behind his or her sighted peers and require the constant challenge of catch-up.

Not anymore. Once again, Thunderbirds Charities has solved a problem for blind and visually-impaired children in Arizona. The new Thunderbirds Charities Braille Center at Foundation for Blind Children will be the first of its kind in the United States. Blind children all over Arizona will now have immediate access to Braille on demand. By taking a photo of the handout and texting it to the Thunderbirds Charities Braille Center at FBC, within hours, the handout will be transcribed into Braille and sent back to a Braille printer at the student's school.

Not only is Thunderbirds Charities Braille Center revolutionary in the country, it is affordable and sustainable. Because of the Thunderbirds Charities' \$75,000 donation, the Foundation for Blind Children has built the infrastructure so now school districts all over Arizona can afford to pay for the Braille transcription. It is a win-win for everyone.

More importantly, it gives blind children the tools to be self-sufficient and not have to rely on teachers, parents or classmates to get information that makes learning possible. Now it's as simple as click, text and print. Something we all do every day.

The Thunderbirds Charities Braille Center continues the relationship between the Thunderbirds and the Foundation for Blind Children. A relationship that began with the opening of the Thunderbirds Charities Learning Center in 2006.



FRIENDLY HOUSE

Friendly House and the Thunderbirds held a grand opening celebration on May 5th, 2011 to dedicate and unveil a new multipurpose gymnasium at the Joseph I. Flores Academia Del Pueblo Charter School. The new multipurpose gym and community center is named after Thunderbirds Charities and is located on the charter school's 4.2 acre campus at 201 E. Durango Street in Phoenix.

Friendly House is one of Arizona's pioneer social service organizations. Since 1920, it has served generations of struggling families, youth, seniors, and new immigrants and citizens – assisting them at work, school or home. The organization helps those most in need at any stage of life.

Thunderbirds Charities contributed \$250,000 to Friendly House as part of the organization's Creer es Poder ("Power of Believing") capital campaign. The campaign's purpose was to raise funds to complete the multipurpose gym and community center, as well as other much needed renovations and improvements on the campus site. Since opening in 1998, Academia del Pueblo, a K-8 charter school operated by Friendly House, has served a mostly at-risk student population residing in the lower-income neighborhoods in Central and South Phoenix. Besides Academia del Pueblo, the campus is home to the Adam Diaz Early Childhood Development Center, also operated by Friendly House.

The multipurpose Thunderbirds Charities Gymnasium is a 10,800 square-foot building and includes a regulation basketball court, a stage, a platform for arts and cultural events, and a snack kitchen. The Thunderbirds Charities Gymnasium will serve as a place to hold after-school and summer recreational programs, financial and health literacy classes, community forums and other events.

Since opening in May, the new multipurpose gym and center has already been the site of numerous school-related events including Academia del Pueblo's 8th grade promotion activities and its back-to-school open house event for parents and students. The gym also served as the site for a six-week summer recreation program in which 45 neighborhood youth participated.



CRISIS NURSERY

Crisis Nursery Inc. has provided services to over 1800 children and their families at risk of abuse and neglect over the past 35 years. Services offered through our Children's Emergency Shelter, FACES (Children and Families Experiencing Success), Foster Care and Healthy Families Programs work to support our mission of "Breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect" and our vision of "a community where children and families, especially the most vulnerable, have the support and opportunities they need to thrive."

For more than 20 years, Thunderbirds Charities have been a long-standing partner with Crisis Nursery as our services all closely align with the philanthropic mission of Thunderbirds Charities to help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities. This partnership has allowed many families that come to Crisis Nursery to break their cycle of child abuse and neglect. Thunderbirds Charities commitment to build better communities and generous contributions, Crisis Nursery is able to help families build safer, happier and healthier lives.

Crisis Nursery has received more than \$146,600 from Thunderbirds Charities' Birdies for Charity fundraising, capital campaigns and grants to support its programs and services. In 1999, Thunderbirds Charities supported Crisis Nursery's capital campaigns to create an exciting new playground area at FACES, Early Head Start. And in 2010, Thunderbirds Charities provided the funding to remodel the Children's Shelter kitchen.





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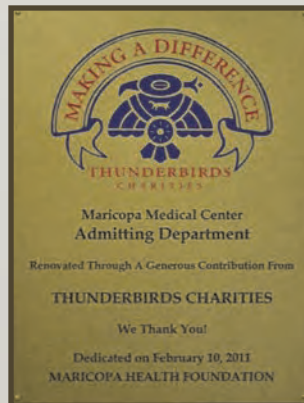
MARICOPA MEDICAL CENTER

Earlier this year the patients and employees at the Maricopa Medical Center witnessed a long overdue transformation of the most public area of the hospital; patient admitting, thanks to the generosity of The Thunderbirds. Forty-five years ago when the hospital was built patient admitting was a much simpler process – the number of patients was lower and concerns for privacy were not a federal mandate. Today, well over 50,000 people make their way through the hospital’s admitting area, and Maricopa Integrated Health System (MIHS) wants to insure that their privacy and dignity remain intact. Thanks to The Thunderbirds that goal has been achieved.

Upon seeing the newly remodeled area Betsey Bayless, President and CEO of MIHS remarked, “This will have a huge impact on both employee morale and customer satisfaction.” Her observation appears to be correct as the system has enjoyed a steady increase in overall scores since the area was opened. In addition to providing nine private registration areas for general customers, the Thunderbirds \$200,000 gift also allowed for a separate area for patients coming in from local law enforcement. Both areas share a similar warmth and welcoming décor.

Tom McKinley, President of the Maricopa Health Foundation, the community support organization that made the request to Thunderbirds Charities noted, “This type of project is sometimes difficult to get funded since it involves ‘bricks and mortar’ and not direct patient care.” McKinley felt the business background of the Thunderbirds membership allowed them to recognize that in a service business, first impressions set expectations and this project would have a very positive impact.

The nine registration suites are designed for the utmost privacy and allow conversation between the patient and registration professionals to be carried on in a normal tone without the ability of others in the room to overhear. Providing this significant level of privacy compliance in a very busy environment brings added assurance to patients that they will be treated with dignity, respect and care throughout their stay at Maricopa Medical Center.



Maricopa Medical Center Reception Area

THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Release The Fear INSIDE-OUTSIDE BRIDGING POSSIBILITIES WORKSHOPS	\$2,000	Adelante Healthcare Inc CARE VISITS	\$10,000	Azimuth Foundation DBA Kids Sports Stars HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM FOR KIDS	\$25,000
Phoenix Symphony Association SYMPHONY FOR THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM	\$2,500	POPSICLE Center Inc COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM	\$10,000	Human Services Campus L L C COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT	\$30,000
Visionquest 20 20 VISION SCREENING RESOURCE CENTER	\$2,500	Jewish Family & Children's Service SHELTER WITHOUT WALLS PRO-BONO LEGAL PROGRAM	\$10,000	Maggies Place Inc OUTREACH AND TRAINING CAMPUS	\$30,000
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Az Chapter EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$2,500	World Hunger Ecumenical Arizona Task Force Inc. JOB TRAINING AND MENTORING PROGRAM	\$10,000	Crisis Nursery Inc REMODEL OF KITCHEN AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$31,000
The New Foundation, Inc. INTENSIVE STABILIZATION INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$2,500	Boys & Girls Clubs Of Scottsdale, Inc. DENTAL AND VISION SERVICES	\$10,000	The Wellness Community PROPERTY RENOVATIONS PROJECT	\$31,500
Great Arizona Puppet Theater Inc REACH OUT WITH PUPPETS PROGRAM	\$2,500	Free Arts For Abused Children Of Az. WEEKLY MENTOR PROGRAM	\$10,000	The Gift Of Life Arizona Inc OPEN HEART SURGERY FOR NEEDY CHILDREN	\$36,000
Sojourner Center FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM	\$3,500	Banner Health Foundation SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS	\$10,000	Improving Chandlers Area Neighborhoods CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$50,000
Paz De Cristo Community Center EVENING MEAL PROGRAM	\$4,000	Arizona Helping Hands WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM	\$10,000	WellCare Foundation CARE VISITS	\$50,000
Cortney's Foundation Inc BUILDING ESSENTIAL SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM	\$5,000	Fresh Start Women's Foundation WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT	\$10,000	Accept The Challenge OPERATION TONE-UP	\$50,000
One Step Beyond Inc EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	\$5,000	Arizona Stand For Children LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER	\$15,000	Ryan House LIFE-ENHANCING THERAPY	\$50,000
Happily Ever After League Inc WISH UPON A STAR OUTREACH PROJECT	\$5,000	Educare Arizona COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIBRARY	\$15,000	Valleylife REMODEL OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING WAREHOUSE	\$50,000
A Stepping Stone Foundation PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AT WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY	\$5,000	Keogh Health Foundation HELATH-E-KIDS COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM	\$15,000	Foundation for Blind Children BRAILLE CENTER	\$75,000
Arizona Opera STUDENT DRESS REHEARSAL PROGRAM	\$5,000	Empowerment Systems Inc WELCOME BACK CENTER	\$15,000	Florence Crittenton Services Of Arizona, Inc. TRANSITIONAL LIVING/SELF-SUFFICIENTLY PROGRAM	\$75,000
Arizona's Children Association PROTECTING CHILDREN PRESERVING FAMILIES	\$5,000	Arizona Disabled Sports USA ADAPTIVE GOLF PROGRAM	\$15,000	Desert Voices Oral Learning Center EARLY INTERVENTION SPEECH THERAPY	\$94,682
Childhelp, Inc. CHILD ADVOCATE PROGRAM	\$5,000	Family Promise-Greater Phoenix EMERGENCY SHELTER/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM	\$20,000	Junior Golf Association Of Arizona, Inc. PROGRAMS	\$95,000
Scottsdale Artists School Inc YOUTH ACADEMY	\$5,000	Waste Not Inc FOOD RESCUE & DELIVERY PROGRAM	\$20,000	Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix TRIPLE PLAY/HEALTHY HABITS PROGRAM	\$95,000
Chandler Christian Community Center CHANDLER FOOD BANK	\$5,000	Partnership For A Drug Free America, Az Affiliate ON-LINE TRAINING CENTER	\$25,000	Homeward Bound CHILDREN'S SERVICES	\$100,000
Ecumenical Chaplaincy For The Homeless DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL FOR HOMELESS CLIENTS	\$6,500	SAVE THE FAMILY FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA VOLUNTEER CENTER PROGRAM	\$25,000	Teach For America, Inc. SPONSORSHIP OF ELEMENTARY CORP MEMBERS	\$100,000
All Sports Foundation DBA Prostate On-Site Project MOBILE ON-SITE PROSTATE SCREENINGS	\$7,500	Genesis Program Inc TRAILBLAZER PROGRAM	\$25,000	Phoenix Theatre, Inc. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$100,000
Pedal Power Foundation STRIVE TO RIDE PROGRAM	\$7,500	Phoenix Public Library Foundation DIGITAL STUDIO	\$25,000	Sun City Area Interfaith Community Care DBA Benevilla HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM	\$100,000
Greater Phoenix Youth At Risk Foundation, Inc. CAMELBACK NEW PATHWAYS PROGRAM	\$7,500	SARRC COMMUNITY SCHOOL	\$25,000	Special Olympics of Arizona SUMMER GAMES	\$150,000
Arizona Science Center SCIENCE ON WHEELS	\$8,000	Not My Kid Inc CLEARCHOICES PROGRAM	\$25,000		
UMOM New Day Centers Inc FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	\$8,500	Audubon Arizona RAMADA FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM/AMPHITHEATER	\$25,000		