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THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES DONATES MORE THAN \$4 MILLION TO VALLEY CHARITIES DURING FALL FUNDING CYCLE

PHOENIX – Thunderbirds Charities, the charitable giving arm of The Thunderbirds – hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community – awarded more than \$4 million in grants to 77 Valley charities during its 2019 fall funding cycle. Thunderbirds Charities awarded grants of \$100,000 or more to 12 Valley Charities; including \$750,000 to **Phoenix Rescue Mission**, \$250,000 to **Brighter Way Institute**, \$150,000 to **New Pathways for Youth**, \$150,000 to **Ryan House** and \$125,000 to **Fresh Start Women’s Foundation**.

While the fall funding cycle is in the books, Thunderbirds Charities has announced that its 2020 spring funding cycle is now open. Information about the spring funding cycle can be found at www.ThunderbirdsCharities.org.

“Without a doubt, giving back to our communities is the most rewarding thing about what we do as tournament hosts,” said Chance Cozby, President of Thunderbirds Charities. “We’re thrilled and so proud to give these grants to deserving organizations around the Valley. It’s an honor to have such a positive impact for those in need in our community.”

The \$750,000 grant to **Phoenix Rescue Mission** will help build an \$11 million, four story building on the NEC of 35th Avenue and West Durango Street, allowing Phoenix Rescue Mission to substantially expand their Transformations Program and services to the surrounding community.

The \$200,000 donation to **Brighter Way Institute** go towards expanding Brighter Way's Downtown Dental Center, providing comprehensive oral health care for vulnerable adults, children, veterans, those experiencing homelessness and individuals with special needs.

The \$150,000 grant to **New Pathways for Youth** will fund the Transformative Mentoring Program Expansion Project, which will allow NPFY to double their footprint; increasing the number of youths served annually from 450 to 1000.

Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from Thunderbirds Charities, **Ryan House** will be able to renovate their Sanctuary Room and bolster their Sponsor-A-Stay Program, all towards their mission to provide world-class care and programs for children and families as they navigate life-limiting or end-of-life journeys through palliative and respite care that addresses emotional, spiritual and social needs of the family from diagnosis to end-of-life from highly trained staff.

A \$125,000 grant to **Fresh Start Women's Foundation** will help provide family law education, resources and support for women in conjunction with their mission to positively transform their lives and strengthen the community through a wide range of services, classes and workshops designed to teach self-confidence, life skills and career development.

Additional grants awarded from the fall 2019 cycle:

A Stepping Stone Foundation	LEAF - Literacy Elevates Arizona Families	\$30,000
Act One Foundation	Act One Field Trip Program	\$50,000
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids	Kinship Family Care	\$25,000
Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels	Comfort and Care Behavioral Health Counseling Center Program	\$25,000
Arizona Autism United	EV Learning Center playground	\$50,000
Arizona Burn Foundation	HOPE Services	\$50,000
Arizona Council On Economic Education	Teaching the New Arizona Economics Standards (K-12)	\$50,000
Arizona Housing	Steele Commons & North 17 projects	\$50,000
Arizona Museum Of Natural History Foundation	Exploration Station Redesign for Universal Accessibility	\$10,000
Assistance League of Phoenix	Operation School Bell®	\$50,000
AZCEND	Chandler Food Bank Vehicle and Program Request	\$75,000
Be A Leader Foundation (BALF)	PIPELINE of College-going Programs & Postsecondary Transition Project	\$50,000
Be Kind People Project Foundation	The BE KIND City: our youth will make the difference	\$50,000
Best Buddies Arizona	Best Buddies Arizona School Friendship Project	\$25,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona	Big Futures SUCCESS - College and Career Readiness Mentoring Program	\$20,000
Black Theatre Troupe	Neighborhood Children's Literacy Programs	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Clubs Of Scottsdale	Makerspaces at BGCS's Thunderbirds and Lehi branches	\$100,000
Brighter Way Institute	Brighter Way Institute Downtown Dental Center Expansion	\$250,000
Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship	Student Scholarships 2019/20 Season	\$10,000

Central Arizona Dental Society Foundation	2019 AZMOM-PHX durable dental supplies/equipment	\$20,000
Childrens Museum Of Phoenix	The Children's Garden & KIDchen	\$30,000
Childsplay	Childsplay's In-school Performance Program	\$25,000
Circle the City	portable generator for downtown & towards mobile med unit	\$100,000
Community Alliance Against Family Abuse	music therapy	\$10,000
Detour Company Theater Inc	Expanded Mainstage Season	\$10,000
Dress For Success Phoenix	Mobile Career Center for Women	\$20,000
Esperanca Inc	Esperança Health Literacy Programs for At-Risk, Low-Income Latino Children, Adults, and Seniors	\$25,000
Experience Matters Consortium	Expansion of Literacy and Mentors Program	\$50,000
Family Promise-Greater Phoenix	Emergency Shelter Program	\$50,000
Foundation for Blind Children	Early Intervention for Blind Babies	\$100,000
Free Arts of Arizona	Free Arts Programs for Children	\$25,000
Fresh Start Women's Foundation	Family Law buildout & Support Services	\$125,000
Furnishing Dignity	Essential Home Furnishings	\$25,000
Future For Kids	Discover Your Future	\$20,000
Genesis City	Genesis City Trailblazer Program	\$75,000
ICM	refrigerated van and programming	\$60,000
Jewish Family & Children's Service	JFCS East Valley Healthcare Center Expansion	\$100,000
Jumpstart For Young Children	Workforce Development Program	\$20,000
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy	Sonoran Discovery Academy - Expedition Days (Formally Junior Citizen Science Festival)	\$20,000
Mesa Arts Center Foundation	Project Lit: Igniting Literacy through the Arts	\$10,000
Miracle League Of Arizona	Homerun Program Growth	\$20,000
National Audubon Society	Nature in Your Neighborhood	\$10,000
New Pathways for Youth	Transformative Mentoring Program Expansion Project	\$150,000
One Step Beyond	Scottsdale Expansion - Music & Technology Rooms	\$25,000
Open Table	South Phoenix Community Convening for Early Childhood Education	\$25,000
Phoenix Conservatory Of Music	College Preparatory Program	\$10,000
Phoenix Police Foundation Inc	Phoenix Police Department Youth Programs	\$50,000
Phoenix Rescue Mission	Solutions Building capital project	\$750,000
Phoenix Symphony Association	Mind Over Music	\$15,000
Phoenix Theatre Inc	Partners That Heal	\$15,000
Positive Coaching Alliance	PCA & Thunderbirds Charities - Sports Teach Arizona	\$50,000
Raising Special Kids	Interactive Online Resource Guide for Families of Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities	\$12,000
Rebuilding Together Valley Of The Sun	Safe at Home Program (S@H)	\$20,000
Rising Youth Theatre	Youth Leadership Program	\$5,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Phoenix	Help-A-Family	\$50,000
Rosie's House A Music Academy For Children	Creative Youth Development for Under-Resourced Youth	\$10,000
Ryan House	Sanctuary Room renovation / Sponsor-A-Stay Program	\$150,000
Sirrine Adult Day Care Of Mesa	Oakwood Creative Care Dementia Coach	\$8,000
Sojourner Center	trauma informed playground and play area	\$100,000
Sounds Academy	After-school programming	\$5,000

Southwest Human Development	Children’s Developmental Center	\$50,000
St Josephs Foundation	Stem Cell Transplantation Capital Project	\$150,000
St. Joseph the Worker	Employment Heals Communities	\$150,000
Stand For Children Leadership Center	Every Child Reads	\$25,000
Stepping Up For Seniors	Financial Assistance for Medical-related Financial Crises	\$10,000
Step-Student Expedition Program	STEP: Student College Prep Program	\$25,000
Summer Youth Program Fund SYPF	2020 Summer Youth Program Fund	\$50,000
The Centers for Habilitation/TCH	resource room reno	\$10,000
The Nash	Jazz education interns	\$5,000
The Opportunity Tree	Basketball Court for Youth with Disabilities	\$30,000
Valley Youth Theatre	Literacy and the Arts	\$15,000
VALLEYLIFE	Hydraulic Changing Table	\$10,000
Veterans Heritage Project	Connecting Students with Veterans	\$10,000
West Valley Arts Council	Arts Education Program	\$8,000
Wigged Out Inc	Wigs for Women & Children	\$5,000
Year Up Arizona	Workforce Development and Education Program	\$50,000
Youth Entrepreneurs	Youth Entrepreneurs class in Maricopa County	\$25,000

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ABOUT THE THUNDERBIRDS/THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES

Thunderbirds Charities is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 to distribute monies raised through the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament. The Thunderbirds Charities Board consists of 15 board members from varying professional backgrounds. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities. The organization’s giving is directed toward organizations based or with a significant presence in Arizona. The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. The Thunderbirds consist of 55 “active” members and more than 280 “life” members. For more information on the Thunderbirds or the 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community, visit www.wmphoenixopen.com. For more information on Thunderbirds Charities, visit www.thunderbirdscharities.org.