Changing Your Corner of the World

Your gifts make a difference. On behalf of the community, sincere thanks go out to the Thomas R. Brown and Melody S. Robidoux Foundations, who offered a 2 to 1 gift match challenge up to $20,000, given in support of the Civic Leadership Campaign. Announced during April’s Moving Civic Leadership Forward Community Forum, held at the Tucson Museum of Art, more than $25,000 was raised in response. More than $180,000 in total contributions has been donated to the campaign.

These generous contributions provide essential support for community leadership activities, including:

- Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare (PAAW), a new collaboration working toward ensuring that all Pima County companion animals having a loving home and humane care

- Arizona Gives Day, a one day giving event dedicated to raising awareness of and increasing investment in nonprofits throughout the state. This year, combined with incentive prizes, you helped raise $1,000,000 and propelled Southern Arizona charities to first place in several categories, including total number of gifts.

Much appreciation goes out to the Civic Leadership Campaign contributors that have made a gift since spring’s newsletter:

Larry Adamson  Marthena Maley
Joseph Blair  Melody S. Robidoux Foundation
Betsy Bolding  Mike Penfield
Tony Dabdoub  Roman and Edith Sandoval
James Harkin  Roger Vogel
Bill and Kathy Kinney  Thomas R. Brown Foundation
Bettina and Dan Lyons  Ventana Charitable Fund

The Foundation’s Program Services and Community Initiatives department is comprised of professional staff that helps you connect to the causes you care about. From health to education to animal welfare to the arts, we are here to help you build your legacy.

Would you like additional information about a nonprofit in the area?

Contact Barbara Brown, Vice President of Program Services and Community Initiatives, at bbrown@cfsaz.org or 520-209-2866.
During the fiscal year that just ended June 30th, you collectively gave more than $6 million in grants and scholarships to our community. Together, we are having an impact and making a real difference in our community.

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Community Forum held in April at the Tucson Museum of Art. As a direct result of your feedback, and in partnership with Arizona Public Media, we will be organizing four informational forums on the top topics you identified on the survey cards: education, poverty, arts and the border. We will post information about these events on our website, located at cfsaz.org, as details are finalized; formal invitations will be sent this fall. We hope you will join us!

Over the past three years, our assets have increased to more than $107 million, and the gifts we will receive through estates has grown fourfold to more than $80 million. We are humbled by the confidence you and the community have shown in us and remain committed to our mission of inspiring and supporting you in the achievement of your philanthropic goals. On behalf of our board and staff, thanks for all you do to enhance the progress and prosperity of this beautiful region we call home.

Roger and June Easton wanted to support a cause that affected their family during their lifetime – autism. To help battle the fastest growing developmental disability in the world, the couple dedicated assets from their will to create a fund to research and address this critical need. On behalf of the Easton’s, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona formed a partnership to increase the impact of their legacy.

This year, the Santa Cruz Community Foundation (SCCF), an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, and SCCF’s partner Mexican foundation, FESAC Sonora, facilitated a grant to Venciendo al Autismo. Since there are not enough psychologists in Mexico to provide the needed therapy and the number of children being diagnosed is on the rise, this parent run nonprofit organization provides treatment and training to low income families with autistic children in Nogales, Sonora.

The result of the grant was a training manual for families. The publication is being hailed as an outstanding example of a grass roots initiative making waves in the critical public health arena.

Go to News & Events at cfsaz.org to learn more about the training manual, meet four new Board of Trustee members, learn the latest about Collective Impact projects and catch up on recent media coverage.
The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has supported what you love, where you live. We celebrate and are inspired by your generosity and honored by your confidence in the Foundation’s ability to support your charitable interests and plant seeds of change. It has been my pleasure to serve on the board for the past nine years and as Chair of the Board for the past two. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, we are pleased to provide you with this brief year in review.

Nancy M. Davis  
Chair, Board of Trustees

YEAR IN REVIEW  
2012-2013

For more than thirty years, donors in Southern Arizona have recognized the importance of connecting to causes they care about through the Community Foundation. Yet the journeys that bring them here are as vast as their backgrounds.

Igor Gorin was a Russian refugee who in the late 1920s escaped to Vienna before immigrating to the United States. His career as a world-renowned opera singer spanned decades. When Igor and his wife Mary retired in Tucson, University of Arizona president Richard Harvill invited him to begin a second career teaching opera at the university. Igor never forgot his early struggles to launch a career in music, and believed that studying music strengthens one’s character and provides young people with a sense of accomplishment and worth. Igor’s passion lives on in other talented young adults. Since 1993, the Igor Gorin Memorial Fund has awarded more than $245,000 to more than 60 young performers to support their professional development.

Shaaron Kent had three distinct areas of interest that she shared with Foundation staff when she established her fund: support for nonprofit organizations serving San Miguel de Allende, where she had a home, hospice and end-of-life issues, and education. After her passing, these instructions have helped guide the grantmaking made on her behalf and, to date, more than $1,000,000 has been distributed.

At the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, we let your legacy lead the way. Donors complete an inspiration statement to assist us in vetting charities and ensuring they maintain the values and mission that are in line with donor intent. To discuss how a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) might benefit you or, if you already have a DAF with us and would like to make a contribution to your fund, please contact Leah Geistfeld, Executive Director at the Center for Planned Giving, at lgeistfeld@cfsaz.org or (520) 545-1117.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS:

Creating a scholarship is one way you can change lives through the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. During May and June, the Foundation awarded 105 scholarships on behalf of 50 scholarship funds, which were created by donors who were inspired to help young people pursue their academic dreams. Some scholarships were established for students attending specific schools or working toward a degree in a particular area of study. Many of these scholarships were established to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Another way to get involved supporting education is with the Community Foundation’s General Scholarship Program. Recognizing that students with outstanding academic credentials usually receive many scholarships regardless of financial need, this program was created expressly to meet the needs of the many good but perhaps not top-of-their-class students who may not otherwise be able to go to college without financial assistance.

“Some of our donors want to support students who have great financial need and can demonstrate a drive to succeed and ability to rise above their circumstances,” said Marthena Maley, Program Officer. “Some of the scholarship recipients are first-generation college-bound students, which is gratifying for many of the donors who fund this program.”

The Foundation also administers corporate scholarship programs, including the Splendido Residents Association Scholarship, Skyline Country Club and Pizza Hut of Arizona, Inc.

To learn how to create a scholarship fund of your own or on behalf of a company, contact Leah Geistfeld, Executive Director of the Center for Planned Giving, at lgeistfeld@cfsaz.org or 520-545-1117.

For more than 30 years, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has worked to inspire and support donors who want to make a difference. To honor your generous community investments, the Foundation is requesting your assistance in chronicling our shared history. To share photographs, newspaper articles, and experiences that will help the Foundation document the legacies which have shaped the region, please contact Morgan O’Crotty, Marketing and Communications Administrator, at mocrotty@cfsaz.org.

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