The Power of Endowment

Alamo Reaves founded Handi-Dogs in 1973 with a simple premise – to make life better for persons with disabilities by teaching people how to train their own dogs to become assistance dogs.

Alamo was a tireless lobbyist for persons with disabilities. She is credited with legislation allowing disabled and elderly persons to have pets in public housing, and was instrumental in getting accessible restrooms built in all Arizona’s parks.

To ensure her legacy continued to touch and impact lives, Alamo established an endowment fund for Handi-Dogs at CFSA through her estate. In the 19 years since her passing this endowment has provided over $118,000 in funding to the organization, and more importantly impacted the lives of hundreds of persons with disabilities in our community.

“Having the endowment fund at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) is beneficial for several reasons. First, it is invested by trusted experts in the areas of both investments and non-profits. Second, we benefit from the largess of CFSA and pool funds to maximize investment outcomes. Third, we benefit from the planned giving expertise of CFSA to help us secure and manage future planned gifts to build our endowment.”

– JoAnn Turnbull
Executive Director Handi-Dogs, Inc.

To learn how to ensure your legacy, please call Clyde Kunz, VP of Development and Donor Services at 382-9204.

Alamo Reaves, pictured with a Handi-Dog graduate benefited from owning an assistance pet and wanted to make sure others benefited as well.

GARDENS
by Alamo Reaves

Sometimes I fear I have lived without notice,
But I think of gardens I used to tend,
The seedlings I have dropped in the earth,
The jonquil bulbs, a rose that gave birth.

When I planted it ever so carefully
Beside my golden forsythia bush,
I recall how they burst into bloom every spring,
Reminding those left, those remembering.

That once long ago I passed that way
Dropping seeds of myself along the path,
Seeds that will last much longer than I,
Revealing my soul to each passerby.
Clint’s Corner

On April 29th, the Community Foundation celebrated its 35th Anniversary at the Jewish Community Center. We reflected upon the tremendous generosity of our donors and the foresight and vision of our founders. The evening started with a reception for over 300 guests including CFSA donors, current and former board members, professional advisors and many of our friends from the non-profit community.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the first “Buddy Amos Founders Award” to the Amos family by Willie Moore, son of founding member Ed Moore, and his wife, Anne Lorie Moore. Willie’s heartfelt presentation personified the vision of CFSA to create a place in our community where donors can impact our community forever.

Through our new 2020 strategic plan we look to honor the legacy of our donors by increasing our impact, encouraging greater investment in our community while building our integrity and including our diverse community in all we do.

Help Search For Our New Home

Fifteen years ago, under the leadership of Donna Grant, CFSA conducted a successful $1 million Capital Campaign to build our current home. Over the next 12 months, under the leadership of CFSA board member Richard Mundinger, CFSA will begin its search for a HOME for all, a place where we can bring the community together. We imagine a new space that will enable us to better serve the community and our donors.

Keep up to date by visiting our website. If you are interested in helping us with this process, please contact me at cmabie@cfsaz.org.

Sincerely,

J. Clinton Mabie
President and CEO
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

HONORING THE PAST; INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Marthena Maley

Rev. Jim Briney felt inspired while attending the Veteran’s Day assembly at Ironwood Ridge High School. “I was in the company of veterans who fought for our freedoms with the utmost integrity, and among students, teachers, and community leaders who were exercising those freedoms in an atmosphere of learning.”

Rev. Briney realized that “excellence and integrity will make a difference in each vocation and every community,” and he was moved to create two awards that would recognize an outstanding educator and student. Through the Community Foundation, Rev. Briney created an endowment fund called the Excellent Educator & Student Integrity Fund that will distribute two awards annually.

The Excellent Educator Recognition Award will go to a teacher who his/her colleagues see as a genuine and authentic inspiration to students by creating a professional learning environment and being a model of integrity. The Hiremath Student Integrity Prize will go to students based on an essay about integrity from their own insight, observation, and personal experience. “Both awards will be given out in the presence of veterans at each Veteran’s Day assembly as a way to honor the ideals our veteran’s fought to preserve,” said Rev. Briney. “I would love to see these awards become models for other high schools with anticipated fund growth. I thank the Community Foundation for turning my dream into reality.”
Mike Sullivan

It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona for the past two years. The Board of Trustees is an impressive group of community leaders who have truly embraced CFSA’s vision to “create a stronger community by connecting donors to causes they care about now and forever.” They have demonstrated the power of collaboration and proven that much can be done when different sectors of our community can come together to address and impact systemic issues in our community.

While we have accomplished a great deal over the last few years, the future is even brighter. The CFSA Board of Trustees and staff are extremely talented. Under the superb leadership of CEO and President Clint Mabie, and new Board Chair, Fred Chaffee, CFSA is poised to have an even greater impact on the quality of life in Southern Arizona for years to come.

As I close out my term as Chair, I would like to thank prior board chairs, board members and the many donors who have chosen to make a difference in our community. You remind us of our responsibility to leave the world a better place. Maybe, and more importantly, you remind us that each of us can make a difference – all we need to do is choose to do so.

Fred Chaffee is the new CFSA Board of Trustees Chair. Fred brings a wealth of experience to the role, most notably during his nearly 20-year tenure as President and CEO of Arizona’s Children Association, he grew the agency 20-fold and it is now the largest child welfare and behavioral health agency in Arizona, providing services in every county of the state. His expertise includes strategic planning, operations, and organizational development. Fred now operates his own consulting firm on a national level.

Claudia Jasso-Stevens joins CFSA’s Board of Trustees and will serve as the Chair of the Development Committee after having served on the External Relations Committee for the past three years. She is the Managing Partner for Jasso Development & Planning, a development consulting firm. Claudia has over 20 years of professional experience in the public and private sector. Claudia is a strong advocate for diversity and has pioneered successful efforts throughout Southern Arizona aimed at increasing cultural competency and changing cultural climates.

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NPLF Helps Bring Legos to the Tucson Botanical Gardens

The primary goal of the Nonprofit Loan Fund of Southern Arizona (NPLF) is to serve local non-profit organizations that would not be eligible for conventional operational loans through a traditional bank. NPLF can provide affordable loans to the organizations and groups as an intermediary measure to bridge short-term cash flow shortages. On September 11, 2015, Tucson residents and visitors will be buzzing about Nature Connects: A LEGO Exhibit, the newest exhibit at the Tucson Botanical Gardens (TBG). It features 13 larger-than-life garden inspired sculptures created entirely from LEGO bricks and includes giant flowers, butterflies and even insects that buzz. Expected to bring record attendance and many new members to TBG, the exhibit and the Gardens’ new...
Visitors Center – scheduled to open at the same time – were made possible, in part, by a loan from the Nonprofit Loan Fund of Tucson and Southern Arizona. This loan gave the TBG staff and board assurance that they could commit to financing both projects at once, knowing that the loan ultimately would be repaid by fundraising pledges collected over the next few years. “The Nonprofit Loan Fund came to us at a critical time in our decision making,” said Michelle Conklin, Executive Director of TBG. “It helps us reach new audiences in an engaging way and allows us to achieve our long-term financial goals at the same time.”

Fast Pitch, a new program of Social Venture Partners, (SVP) Tucson, will help non-profit leaders to more powerfully and succinctly communicate their important stories, connect them to business leaders and funders who can ultimately help grow their organizations. This program is a proven two-month intensive leadership and communication skill building program that culminates in a presentation-style showcase to benefit Tucson’s innovative non-profits. The culmination of the training and mentoring program is a high-energy, quick-fire presentation event where seven finalists share the mission, vision and promise of their organization to an audience and our judges, each in under three minutes. For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Julia Waterfall-Kanter, Executive Director, julia@suptucson.org or 520-209-2878.

CFSA, Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare Garners National Recognition – A second time!

In November 2012, Jan Lesher gathered key leadership from the public and private sector to discuss the live release rate from the two largest animal shelters. That meeting launched the Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare (PAAW), a coalition of local rescue groups, shelter staff and volunteers, veterinarians, donors, corporations and others willing to come together to change the outcomes for companion animals in Pima County.

Tucson has come so far in a few short years: the live release rate at Pima Animal Care Center is close to 90%. PAAW has attracted national attention, validating that our community is on the right track.

As Chair of PAAW, Barbara Brown, CFSA VP of Program Services and Community Initiatives, was invited to speak a second year in a row at the Best Friends National Conference. This year the emphasis was on leadership. “Sharing the stage with Francis Battista, Best Friends co-founder, and Arlyn Bradshaw, Executive Director of No Kill Utah, was an honor,” said Barbara. “I was happy to represent Tucson at the event.”