Due to your generous gifts and support, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) recently awarded $355,727 in grants, with funding spread among 25 local and regional nonprofit organizations that are working to alleviate poverty and its effects on children, as well as organizations that are working on end of life issues.

In September 2013, CFSA issued a request to nonprofit organizations for letters of inquiry addressing poverty and its effects on children. The response was overwhelming: 72 letters requesting $1.8 million, while only $220,000 was available to grant.

Then, in October 2013, to honor the bequest left by Shaaron Kent, CFSA invited the nonprofit community to submit grant applications for programs designed to help ease the transition from life to death. Winning proposals encouraged discussion and subsequent action around end of life issues, and educated various constituencies on the needs of the dying and the choices available to those deciding how they want to live at the end of their life.

“When you look at the grants made through the End of Life initiative, you will be struck at how needed and varied the work is,” said Clint Mabie, President and CEO of CFSA. “From pet visitation to recording the traditions of different cultures, the project fills gaps and enables more people and families to transition with dignified care and love.”

To learn more about CFSA and its grantmaking, please visit www.cfsaz.org.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of donors who were inspired to help young people pursue their academic dreams, CFSA was able to award 115 scholarships totaling $345,339 to students in Southern Arizona for the 2014-2015 academic year. Some scholarships were established to benefit students attending specific schools while others allow flexibility based on student goals and needs.

To learn more about how to donate to the General Scholarship program, and continue supporting promising students in Southern Arizona, please call (520) 770-0800.

“Thank you so much! Your generosity is really appreciated by my family and me. It’s so incredibly nice that you would help me without even knowing me, so let me tell you a little about myself. I’m double majoring in Linguistics and Global Studies with an emphasis in human rights and social justice. My ultimate goal is to work with a nonprofit and become involved in Global Initiative projects. I promise that I will continue working hard to make my goals a reality. I hope to one day help other students achieve their goals just like you are doing now.”

— 2014 scholarship recipient
Greetings,

Thank you for a wonderful fiscal year. Because of you, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, our partners and affiliates made significant impact in the community, including our latest milestone – awarding more than $1,000,000 in competitive grants to address the pressing needs of our region. Additionally, grants from the foundation totaled $11.5 million, another record to celebrate.

You practiced charity and gave to organizations that provide essential food, clothing and shelter. You practiced philanthropy and invested in a cause or issue that created measurable impact. You partnered with us to combat poverty, and to create the African American Initiative, Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare and Nonprofit Loan Fund.

Together, we are making a lasting difference in the place we call home. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to continuing our common agenda of improving our community.

Sincerely,

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

Meet Our New Trustees

Natalie Fernandez Lee joined Greenberg Financial Group in May 2007 and has over 14 years’ experience in banking and investment services. Natalie’s focus is long-term retirement and planning strategies to help individuals realize and achieve their goals. She is also active in numerous nonprofit organizations, serving on several boards that support and promote health, fitness and character building in children and the Tucson community.

Amy Zuckerman is a community advocate, photographer and supporter of rural and public health. She has served in the Tucson community for more than 27 years on such boards as Group for Photographic Intentions, Center for Creative Photography, Office of Cultural Affairs, UA Presents, T.R.O.T., The Loft Theatre and Tucson Values Teachers. She has been a recipient of the Arizona Commission as well as awarded a residency at the Yaddo Artist Colony.

Jody Summerset Roll works at the University of Arizona on the crisis assistance team which responds to disasters and traumatic events that occur on the university campus or with university students or employees. She is also the administrator for the Jasam Foundation, a charitable organization whose primary mission is to provide resources for social services and education. In the past she has worked in the hospital setting using her social work degree, at Family and Children Services with battered women, and in school settings as a school counselor.

Karen McCloskey is a Shareholder at BeachFleischman PC where she provides tax services to include planning and compliance for closely-held businesses and their owners, as well as for nonprofit organizations. Working in public accounting for 30 years, she has extensive experience in federal, Arizona, California, and multi-state income tax tax issues. Karen serves on the board for Tucson Botanical Gardens as Treasurer.
Although the sun has set on the IRA charitable rollover, we have seen so many of you generously supporting your favorite charities by taking advantage of other options. The IRA Rollover was fairly simple, counted against the age 70 ½ Required Minimum Distribution requirement, and did not affect your taxable income. Another option always exists for you to take a distribution from an IRA and then write a check to your favorite charity and can be done without penalty at age 59 ½ and above.

A great alternative and one in which we have seen a surge over the last year is in donations of long-term (over one year) appreciated publicly traded securities. You get to deduct the current value of the stock from your taxes (subject to IRS deduction limits) and avoid paying the capital gains tax.

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) continue to be a popular giving option as well. They provide a consistent income stream to you while leaving the remainder to support the causes you care about. You can begin a CGA with cash and appreciated securities as well. While starting a CGA with appreciated securities won’t eliminate the capital gains tax, it does stretch it out over your life expectancy.

Please contact Leah Geistfeld at lgeistfeld@cfsaz.org or (520) 544-1171 for more information.
CFSA and Partners Begin Search for New Home

Led by then-Executive Director Donna Grant and Campaign Chair Philip Amos, the Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees and its donors reached a milestone and built its first wholly owned building to serve the community in the late 1990’s. The building, located at 2250 E. Broadway Boulevard, was made possible by a generous gift of land from the John and Helen Murphey Foundation, and has been the fulcrum that enabled CFSA to grow and improve staff, systems and partnerships to serve donors and the community for all these years.

Since moving into this building 14 years ago, CFSA has more than doubled its assets and become the home to an increasing number of foundations, initiatives and affiliates including the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona, the LGBT&S Alliance Fund, Social Venture Partners and Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare, to name a few. Our current facility cannot accommodate our collective growth and therefore we have begun our search.

Like other community foundations in El Paso, Albuquerque, San Diego and the Carolinas, among others, CFSA is seeking a new building through the gift of real estate that can serve as a home for generations to come.

For more information, please contact philanthropy@cfsaz.org.

Do you have a building you own and you are looking for a charitable contribution? Would you make a lasting gift to the community?

If so, CFSA, the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona, Social Venture Partners and our programs and initiatives are looking for a new home! You would make the gift and we will manage the rest.

If you have leads or are interested in supporting CFSA, please call (520) 770-0800.
$40,000 Reasons to Celebrate!

***CELEBRATING THE RECIPIENTS OF OUR SPRING 2014 GRANT ROUND***

Alzheimer’s Association Desert Southwest Chapter  
$3,000 for Santa Cruz County Alzheimer’s Education and Support Project: a focus on bringing more services to Nogales.

Constructing Circles of Peace  
$5,000 for Pretrial Services Program: an effort to assist individuals while they wait for sentencing.

East Santa Cruz County Community Food Bank  
$3,600 for Monthly Food Box Program for local residents

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona  
$5,000 for Adelante Jovencitas: bringing Girl Scouting to teens in the Nogales detention center

Patrons of the Arts  
$3,384 for Hilltop on the Level: a summer arts program in Rio Rico

Santa Cruz Young Audiences  
$5,000 for Rap Rhythm and Rhyme with Erick Cork: a week-long intensive series for students in Nogales.

Senior Citizens of Patagonia  
$3,000 for Congregate Meals program for Patagonia residents

Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center  
$5,000 for Community Emergency Response Initiative: a cutting-edge effort to work with the Fire Department and the local hospital to help at-risk individuals manage their chronic diseases without having to go to the emergency room.

St. Andrew’s Preschool and Child Care Center  
$3,632 for Care for Creation Gardening: the purchase of materials to build a garden on the preschool grounds.

Santa Cruz Valley Arts Association  
$3,384 for Art Starts: Creative Thinking and the Arts: a summer arts program in Tubac

The Santa Cruz Community Foundation would be happy to provide you with additional information about our services, donation opportunities, grants, scholarships, community building and more.  
Please visit cfsaz.org/SantaCruz.