



BLOOM artwork by local artist Jessica Gonzalez

## CFSA News and Updates

Summer 2024

At the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, we envision a thriving Southern Arizona that is a great place to work, play, learn, create, innovate, invest, prosper, grow up, grow families, grow businesses, and grow older. It is a place where all community members are housed, fed, and have access to high-quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.

When we work together, the impossible becomes possible. In Southern Arizona, we BLOOM together.



### The Local News Initiative of Southern Arizona

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) is excited to announce the launch of a new initiative to support local reporting and community access to local news and information through fundraising, grants, and a public awareness campaign.

Led by a group of local civic leaders and anchored at CFSA, the Local News Initiative of Southern Arizona will raise local and national philanthropic dollars to help increase and strengthen local news coverage for the people of Tucson, Pima County, and across Southern Arizona.

Through the first round of grants, \$225,000 has been awarded to six organizations supporting local news throughout Southern Arizona. The inaugural grant recipients include Arizona Luminaria, KAWC, Nogales International, Patagonia Regional Times, Tucson Agenda, and Tucson Sentinel.

Learn more about the Local News Initiative of Southern Arizona at [cfsaz.org/localnewsinitiative](https://cfsaz.org/localnewsinitiative).

**LOCAL  
NEWS**  
Initiative of Southern Arizona





# Community Celebration

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, CFSA welcomed over 250 community members to the Community Foundation Campus for our 2024 Community Celebration. Many thanks to everyone who joined us to celebrate Southern Arizona's vital nonprofits, impactful philanthropists, and dedicated community partners.

Adia Evans was awarded the **Igor Gorin Memorial Award**. This is the largest award for emerging opera singers in the United States. The award honors the legacy of Igor Gorin, an international opera star who fled oppression in his home country to find success in the United States and Tucson.

Carlos Ramirez and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Southern Arizona were awarded the **Diane Lynn Anderson Memorial Award**. This award honors individuals in Southern Arizona who exemplify the same qualities that Diane Lynn Anderson possessed: active acceptance, respect, compassion, devotion, and caring for people with disabilities.

The Community Investment Corporation was awarded the **Vital Nonprofit Bloom Award**. This award recognizes a nonprofit organization in Southern Arizona that has made an exceptional contribution towards creating a vibrant and equitable community for all Southern Arizonans.

Wendy McBroom was awarded the **Bold Aspirations Bloom Award**. This award recognizes an individual, group, or organization whose bold aspirations, activities, and commitment have made a significant contribution toward creating a thriving Southern Arizona and embodies CFSA's value of Community.

John Amoroso was awarded the **Impactful Philanthropy Bloom Award**. This award recognizes an individual or group whose philanthropy embodies CFSA's values of Generosity and Trust and has contributed to the creation of a vibrant and equitable community for all Southern Arizonans.

Thanks also to our generous 2024 Annual Event Sponsors: Focus HR, TCI Wealth Advisors, Silverado Technologies, Fennemore, and The Mahoney Group for making this event possible.



*Adia Evans*

## **Igor Gorin Memorial Award**

"Being honored with this award is a humbling affirmation of my journey. It is so special to be seen, not only in your talent and potential, but also in your work, passion, and dedication in the face of a challenging and competitive career."



*Carlos Ramirez*

## **Diane Lynn Anderson Memorial Award**

"I started doing this job because I wanted to make a difference in the educational journey of people with disabilities. Music has the power of change, this is my inspiration to continue breaking barriers."



*NAMI Southern Arizona*

## **Diane Lynn Anderson Memorial Award**

"This award reaffirms our dedication to fostering resilience, hope, and healing in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue championing mental wellness for all Southern Arizonans."



## **Community Investment Corporation Vital Nonprofit Bloom Award**

"Thanks to our incredibly talented staff, CIC has been able to innovate and create new solutions that address the unequal access to many asset-building tools of our economy — like homeownership and entrepreneurship."



*Wendy McBroom*

## **Bold Aspirations Bloom Award**

"It has been a great privilege to be a part of the development of the AVANZA Empowerment Fund, pioneering relationship-based lending for underserved small businesses. Together, we are building a thriving Tucson."



*John Amoroso*

## **Impactful Philanthropy Bloom Award**

"When you learn to trust the dedicated and knowledgeable people in our local nonprofit ecosystem with their lived experience, and then sustainably support their innovative solutions, beautiful things can happen."



# Nonprofit Solar Project

At the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, we are committed to reducing two of the most significant barriers to a vibrant Southern Arizona – environmental risks and inequity. This year, CFSA's Environmental Sustainability Impact Fund and Nonprofit Solar Project directly connected nonprofit organizations with solar technology that saves them dollars and reduces their environmental impact.

The Nonprofit Solar Project launched in 2022 to help local community service organizations meet a significant portion of their energy needs through solar power. Funded primarily by an anonymous donor, the project also received generous support from other partners such as Tucson Foundations, Tucson Electric Power, Wells Fargo, and other CFSA donors.

In the last two months, we have celebrated the completion of two solar projects at Edge High School and The Drawing Studio. Two additional projects are nearing completion and will be announced soon. The impact of a dedicated solar array installation for our grantees and community is twofold: it reduces the grantee's energy costs and carbon footprint, and those funds can then be reinvested into programming and infrastructure.

The completion of the solar installation at The Drawing Studio and Edge High School is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when individuals, businesses, and nonprofits come together to create a better – and more sustainable – Southern Arizona.



## Edge High School

Edge is an AdvancED accredited, tuition free, charter high school. Edge offers both text and web based curriculum to meet the needs of students with diverse learning styles. Edge students enjoy small class sizes with a high level of individualized instruction. Students at Edge focus on three academic classes at a time and receive instruction from Highly Qualified and certified teachers.

Learn more at [edgehighschool.org](https://edgehighschool.org).



## The Drawing Studio

The Drawing Studio inspires people of all ages and backgrounds to embrace art practice as a pathway to personal growth and a healthy community. They bring art and the benefits of creating art to the entire community by offering affordable fee-based and free classes and workshops, hosting events and exhibits, and fostering awareness of the positive effects of creativity on individuals.

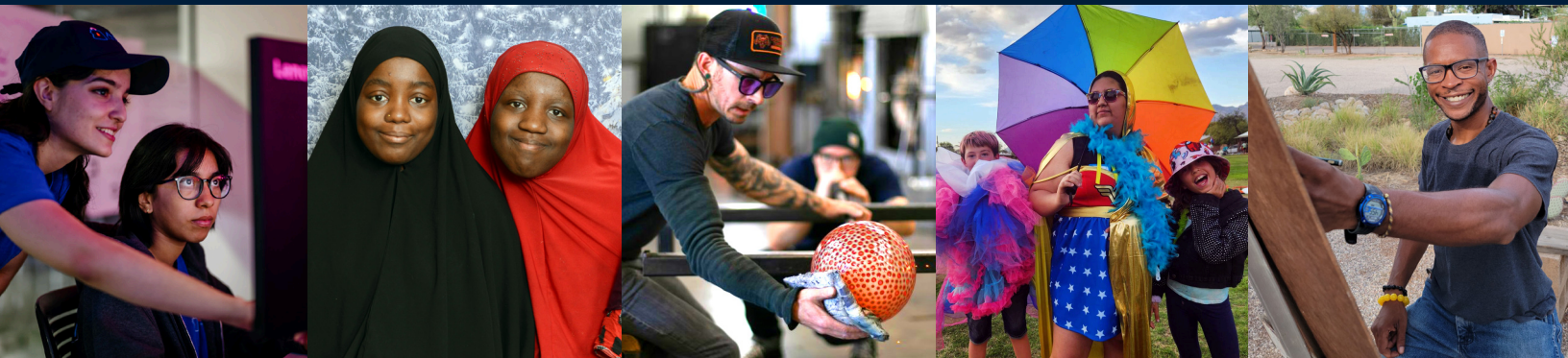
Learn more at [thedrawingstudiotds.org](https://thedrawingstudiotds.org).





# Celebrating

## 2024 Comunidad and CORE Grant Recipients



## COMUNIDAD GRANTS

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) is proud to expand its efforts to provide unrestricted operating grants to local nonprofits with the launch of the Comunidad (Community) Grants Program. This grants program was created to provide unrestricted funding to Southern Arizona nonprofits with annual operating budgets under \$100,000.

Comunidad Grants support organizations working at the local level with their communities to address emerging or systemic issues. The program is dedicated to supporting grassroots nonprofits who are often most in need of unrestricted funding.

CORE Grants provide flexibility for organizations to use dollars as they see fit to address emerging issues, boost salaries and benefits, invest in technology and infrastructure, and build communication and fundraising strategies, all leading to a healthier, innovative, and robust organization.

CORE grants are rooted in mutual trust with the philosophy that organizations understand their unique needs and can demonstrate and achieve impact. CORE Grantees represent CORE characteristics including community, organizational sustainability, results, and effective programs.





## 2024 Comunidad Grantees

Benson MTB  
Beyond Dreams  
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer  
Foundation of Southern Arizona  
Center for Community Mediation  
and Facilitation  
Changing Lanes Recovery  
Community Care Tucson  
Community On Wheels  
Favor Celestial Community Economic  
Development Initiative

Friends of Pinal County Animal  
Shelters and Rescues  
Juneteenth Festival, Inc.  
Lifeline Oro Valley Animal Rescue  
No Jail Deaths  
Oracle Animal Rescue &  
Rehabilitation  
Patagonia Creative Arts Association  
Project Bike Club  
Reach For The Stars

Rio Rico Community Center  
Sagrado Wellness  
Sierra Vista Dream Center  
South Tucson Community Outreach  
Sustainable Tucson  
The Land With No Name Sanctuary  
Tohono O'odham Young Voices  
Tucson Home Sharing, Inc.

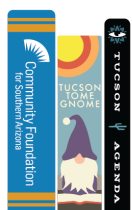


## 2024 CORE Grantees

Ability Dogs of Arizona  
Administration of Resources  
and Choices  
Arivaca Coordinating Council-Arivaca  
Human Resource Group, Inc.  
Arizona Luminaria  
Arizona Pet Project  
Assistance League of Tucson, Inc.  
AZ Cyber Initiative  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Southern Arizona  
Border Community Alliance  
Border Youth Tennis Exchange  
Boys and Girls Clubs of the  
Sun Corridor  
Cihuapactli Collective  
Community Gardens of Tucson  
Community Home Repair Projects  
of Arizona  
CommunityShare  
Compass Affordable Housing, Inc.  
Construyendo Circulos de Paz/  
Constructing Circles of Peace  
Coyote TaskForce  
Douglas Arc  
Friends of Aphasia

Friends of the Tubac Presidio and  
Museum, Inc.  
Greater Tucson Leadership  
Green Valley Assistance Services  
Groundworks Tucson  
Homicide Survivors  
International Sonoran Desert  
Alliance  
Iskashitaa Refugee Network  
Junior Achievement of Arizona -  
Southern District  
Keep Tucson Together  
KXCI (Foundation for Creative  
Broadcasting)  
Kyah Rayne Foundation  
Liberty Partnership Kino  
Neighborhoods Council  
Living Streets Alliance  
MicroCare Community Development  
Solutions  
MIKID Mentally Ill Kids in Distress  
Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona  
Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson  
National Alliance for Mental Illness  
Southern Arizona  
National Center for Youth Law  
Native Seeds/SEARCH

Patagonia Regional Times  
Pinal County Historical Society  
Planned Parenthood of  
Southern Arizona  
Roots & Roads Community  
Hospice Foundation  
Santa Cruz Valley Art Association/  
Tubac Center for the Arts  
Santa Cruz Valley National  
Heritage Area  
Soldier's Best Friend  
Sonoran Glass School  
St. Luke's Home  
Step Up Bisbee Naco  
Sunnyside Foundation  
Southwest Center for Economic  
Integrity  
The Centers for Habilitation  
The Drawing Studio  
The Scoundrel and Scamp Theatre  
Tooth B.U.D.D.S., Inc.  
Tucson Girls Chorus  
UA Center for the Recruitment and  
Retention of Mathematics Teachers  
UA Mobile Health Program  
Willcox Theater and Arts, Inc.

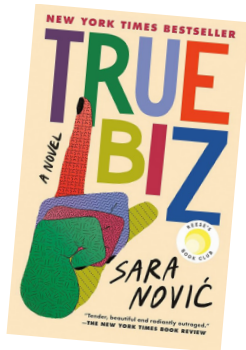


## Solutions FOCUSED COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB



July 25, 2024 | 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

This book club aims to bring together interested community members from all walks of life to bond over a shared desire to make our community better for all – and be inspired by a shared reading experience!



### Make A Lasting Impact

As CFSA looks to the future, we believe a thriving community can only be achieved through the collective commitment of our community to enact real, lasting change.

Your generous support helps grow our impact and plant seeds for future initiatives as the permanent charitable resource for Southern Arizona.

Donate now at  
[cfsaz.org/give/annual](https://cfsaz.org/give/annual).



Check out more upcoming events at [cfsaz.org/events](https://cfsaz.org/events).

