For six years, Serena Simms has hosted Wine, Women & Horses at Turf Paradise to benefit Child Crisis Arizona. The 6th Annual event was held March 5 and raised $55,000 for the agency.

"I have been so blessed in my life and I feel it is so important to give back. I did interview different agencies, and Child Crisis Arizona stood out. When taking the tour, I was impressed with the people, felt the love and everything was so clean and organized. I love that they support all families not just the ones in crisis. I also think it is important to offer the full circle of support for the families, with education, fostering and adoption not just the sheltering of children. There are certain people in your life you instantly have a connection with, and Jodi Stoken, Child Crisis Arizona Chief Development Officer was one!" says Simms.

Nearly 500 women gathered at Turf Paradise donning their best derby attire and outrageous hats to support the agency’s profound impact on abused children and vulnerable families in the Valley. "Serena and Turf Paradise have been amazingly generous, and partnering in this event year after year," says Torrie A. Taj, Child Crisis Arizona CEO. "Next year Serena and Child Crisis Arizona invite all of you caring (and fashionable) ladies to join us in this unique, special event that sponsors the innocent children in foster care and our emergency shelters."

Money raised from this event directly benefits the children and families of Child Crisis Arizona. "The goal of this event is to raise important funding for the agency’s emergency children’s shelters and to support the more than 21,000 Arizona kids in out-of-home care who need safe and loving homes. We are so grateful for our sponsors, donors and attendees who stepped up to help these children and families who deserve better," remarks Simms.

"It is the right combination! Fashion, raffle prizes, a delicious lunch, wine and the beauty and excitement of horse racing all benefiting the children! Women love to dress up in dresses and hats which makes the event a fashion show. The hat contest has grown and the women are having their own parties to decorate their hats," continues Simms.

Thank you, Serena, for your dedication and support of Child Crisis Arizona!
If you have everything thing you need and want this birthday, anniversary, wedding or baby shower, consider sharing your special occasion with Child Crisis Arizona. In lieu of gifts, ask your family and friends to donate in your honor to Child Crisis Arizona.

Click here to donate items Child Crisis Arizona needs. Your gift of giving will make it one you will never forget!

This year, we celebrate National Volunteer Week by celebrating our many volunteers. Because of our dedicate volunteers, Child Crisis Arizona is able to serve children ranging from board volunteers, individuals and children through donation drives. In 2015, nearly 4,400 volunteers gave their time to serve our agency in a multitude of ways. Those volunteers logged almost 35,000 volunteer hours and the value of their service is estimated at nearly $800,000 according to Independent Sector.
The CoBiz Financial AZ Biz Bash celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year! Biz Bash is produced by CoBiz Financial and is an exciting concert fundraiser featuring entertainment from yesteryear along with a delicious meal, hosted bar and high-end silent auction. Proceeds from the one-night event benefit two pre-selected, local nonprofits focused on children in-need. To learn more about Biz Bash and its important mission, visit bizbash.org/az.

Selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants, Child Crisis Arizona is honored to be a beneficiary for AZ Biz Bashes 2015 and 2016. We received $74,000 from last year’s Biz Bash to help support the children in our shelters and in our care.

Child Crisis Arizona is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect in our community. Click here to see our expanded prevention and education classes.

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There are only

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- Give your time and volunteer. There are many options for individuals or groups available, even options for children and teens.
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If you have any questions regarding making a gift, please contact Justin Duran, Development Manager, at 480.834.9424 ext.6100 or justin.duran@childcrisisaz.org