



Child Crisis Arizona
Safe kids. Strong families.

SUMMER
2017

mission

To provide Arizona's children a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families.



LETTER from the CEO

40 years of safe kids and strong families

Summer in the valley has brought about an exciting surge of growth and advancement for Child Crisis Arizona. In an effort to increase our prevention programming, the rise in philanthropic support has allowed us to further our goal of strengthening families through the addition of new family resources. The number of classes, class locations, and the number of educators to teach these classes have all increased. Providing the tools to help parents better understand their children and communicate in a positive manner brings families closer together, leading to safer environments for kids.

I am delighted to share that from January through May of 2017, we have been able to serve 601 *unduplicated* families through our resource programs! That is nearly 50% more than we were able to serve through May of last year. Additionally, we have offered 206 class sessions, which is an increase as well. I am optimistic by the growth that our organization is undergoing and for the exciting opportunity to reach more families in the communities they live in.

I personally want to thank our newest supporters and our long time donors, for your commitment to the work of Child Crisis Arizona through your investment in strengthening families. Together, with your generosity, we will continue to grow.

Torrie A. Taj | Torrie A. Taj, CEO



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First-Time Fosters Find Their Way

It has only been days since Kimberly and Nate Hoffman welcomed a 3-week-old boy into their homes and already the baby has stolen their hearts. The couple attended a foster parent orientation and found the information and process very positive, so they kept moving forward.

"We really wanted to do it and I can see us doing more," Kimberly says, "We have to take it one placement at a time."

Nate wondered how he would feel having a child in his home that was not his biological child, but his apprehension quickly faded. "He has only been here a day and I love him. I am surprised at how excited I was when he arrived."

For Nate, the most difficult part so far has been diaper changing. "I changed my first poop diaper ever," he says, "I was shaking. Kim walked me through it. The hardest part was those wiggly little legs."

Kimberly expects fostering to have its challenges. "We don't even know how hard it will be because we haven't been in it that long. I think our lives are blessed by it." The couple said anyone who is considering fostering should attend an orientation.

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For more information about the Foster Care & Adoption Program call 480-304-9440

In memory of
**BETSY
TAYLOR**
40 YEARS



40 Years of Giving

Betsy Taylor has always had a passion for giving back to her community and protecting children.

"When I heard the story of these children for the first time," She recalled, "I almost dropped to my knees. I said to myself, I have to do something."

True to her word, Betsy did something. She became an active advocate for vulnerable children, volunteering her time and resources, and sharing her passion with her family, friends and community connections. In 1977 she became one of the founding members of Crisis Nursery, the organization that

would later become Child Crisis Arizona, where she served on the board of directors for almost four decades. During this time Betsy helped raise funds to build new facilities, worked to expand programming for shelter children and increased community awareness around child welfare issues.

Although Betsy passed away on May 29th of this year, her legacy of giving and her tireless commitment to the children and families of Arizona will live on for generations to come.

Thank you Betsy Taylor for your undying commitment to breaking the cycle of child abuse and neglect in our community. You will be dearly missed.

For more information, contact Jodi.Stoken@childcrisisaz.org

Summer Happenings at Child Crisis Arizona



CHAMP CAMP

Is there any experience more magical than a week at summer camp? Requests for after-dinner s'mores, living room campfires and a canoe to bring on trips to the pool have been pouring in from our shelter kids ever since they got back from Champ Camp where they spent the week riding horses, canoeing, learning about archery and more!



The Sad Queen

Extraordinarily talented 3rd grader, Matilda, published a children's book and will be donating a portion of the proceeds to Child Crisis Arizona. The Sad Queen is available for purchase on Amazon now!

Week of the Young Child ...

is celebrated annually to acknowledge the importance of early learning, young children, their teachers and families. This year's celebration at Child Crisis Arizona was a huge success! Kids made masks, painted and played alongside their teachers and family members.



SUMMER SPLASH Family Pool Party

Our foster kids are getting excited for their end of summer pool party! With pizza, ice cream and a variety of fun family activities, the Summer Splash Family Pool Party is a fun way for our foster families to beat the summer heat.

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Please join us as we turn stories of abuse and neglect into possibilities, hope and strong futures

Child Crisis Arizona Annual Fundraising Luncheon

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Arizona Biltmore Resort

11AM REGISTRATION & SEATING
12-1PM PROGRAM & LUNCH

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