NOVEMBER is NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Child Crisis Arizona . . . Working to Find Foster Kids Their Forever Families

In conjunction with National Adoption Month, Child Crisis Arizona is working to find foster children their forever families by certifying and training adoptive families.

On November 19, at Durango Juvenile Court Center, we will celebrate eight children who will officially be adopted into Child Crisis Arizona families, along with approximately 280 more children who will be adopted through their representing agencies.

"Child Crisis Arizona is committed to its vision of safe kids and strong families. We serve children in out-of-home care by licensing and certifying individuals and parents for foster care and adoption. The range of services and support along with practical training prepares families for the placement of children of all ages and backgrounds," says Torrie A. Taj, CEO of Child Crisis Arizona. "We serve single and two-parent families of all religious beliefs, ethnicities and sexual orientations. We hold family events throughout the year including holiday-themed parties, family zoo day, summer camp and off-site events in an effort to encourage our families to build supportive relationships with one another. In addition, we provide children with new clothes, toys, school supplies and other basic items throughout the year," continues Taj.

If you are considering adoption, please call us at 480.834.9424.

Two brothers, Tommy & Jared, arrived at our Shelter when they were taken from their home due to violence and abuse.

It took them a while to be comfortable with staff but slowly they stopped crying and started smiling. Beyond their dire medical and dental needs, both boys also received immunizations. They celebrated birthdays and holidays here and experienced many positive things.

Part of our role is preparing the boys for foster care and finding the right home for them. Fortunately, they were placed into one of Child Crisis Arizona's foster homes for a seamless transition. For continuity, our staff was able to stay involved in their care plans and advocate for the specialized services.

In their time with us, the boys made great strides. We couldn't change the circumstances that brought Tommy & Jared to us, but we were able to change their future because of you and our agency supporters.
Giving Tuesday - November 29

JOIN THE MOVEMENT & GIVE BACK

Make a difference by donating and receive a Tax Credit on your state taxes. Step Up for Safe Kids and Strong Families! Donate on Giving Tuesday to the Foster Care Tax Credit. It’s your opportunity to give has increased. Contribute today for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to $1,000 (filing jointly) and $500 (individuals). Please consult with your tax advisor for specific tax questions. For more information regarding the Foster Care Tax Credit, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue.

DONATE NOW AT childcrisisaz.org/how-you-can-help/donate/tax-credits/.

Erik Olsson

Erik Olsson and his family foundation, Olsson Family Foundation, have supported Child Crisis Arizona since 2012 through annual contributions, advocating for children, and recommending our agency to others as a local charity of choice.

“The agency has a huge impact on the community. The needs are so great and as the largest agency of its kind it is so important that Child Crisis Arizona can help, assist and represent these children the way it does, says Olsson. “It is hard to think of a worthier cause than assisting these most vulnerable children. The motivation is always to do more,” Olsson continues.

“Anytime we call upon him, he is there to help, no hesitation. His personal and corporate commitment to the agency has been impactful and we are grateful,” says Jodi Stoken, Chief Development Officer.

Erik also serves on the board of St Mary’s Food Bank, works with and supports Chrysalis, Playworks, Teen Lifeline and UMOM.

LUKAS & AMANDA FLAX

Lukas and Amanda have been Child Crisis Arizona volunteers for more than two years. The Flax’s were looking into foster care training and there were also opportunities with the agency to volunteer, and they did just that. “We hope we have a positive impact on the kids’ lives but, to be honest, a big part of what keeps us coming back is their impact on our’s. We’re so grateful for the chance to come in and be a playmate, someone to listen, or a lap to sit in during movie time. Our world is re-balanced on a weekly basis and we’re reminded of what’s truly important,” says Lukas.

“We volunteer to see first-hand the impact on the kids when they are provided with a safe and caring environment. One impact that we can personally speak to is on the lives of volunteers. You have certainly impacted our lives for the better and we believe that by allowing committed and consistent volunteers to come in and share these experiences, you are making people aware of things they simply weren’t aware of before and changing perceptions,” continues Lukas.

The Flax’s are also involved with foster dogs from Lucky Dog Rescue and volunteer occasionally for a children’s group home.
Christmas at the Princess

Season of Giving Package
Benefiting Cox Charities/Child Crisis Arizona

The Season of Giving package includes overnight accommodations with a $50 daily resort credit and express VIP access to the rides. The best part is $10 from each package will benefit the Child Crisis Arizona through Cox Charities. Prices start from $199 per room, per night, plus taxes and a $30 resort fee. Other popular holiday vacation packages include the Sip, Savor & Celebrate with a $100 daily resort credit starting from $219 per room, per night and the Family Celebration package, starts from $229 with 50 percent off a second room. All packages are subject to availability and Child Crisis Arizona is the beneficiary of partial proceeds.

Visit scottsdaleprincess.com to book today.

Mac & Gaydos Caring for Kids Drive was created to help provide to Child Crisis Arizona’s needs. This giving season, KTAR will be encouraging their audience to help by donating the most essential items needed for Child Crisis Arizona. For a complete list, visit ktar.com/kids.

Listeners can drop off donations at any Canyon State Credit Union location or they can stop by the Mac & Gaydos’ Caring for Kids Drive at Kohl’s at 5408 W. Bell Road, Glendale, Arizona 85308, on December 9 between 2-6 p.m. with their donation.
IRA Rollover

Making a charitable contribution to Child Crisis Arizona on IRA income with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Are you required to take a minimum IRA distribution this year? If so, there is a simple, tax-friendly option for your charitable giving. For donors who are 70 1/2, the new law provides an opportunity to make a charitable gift using IRA account funds and can be directed to Child Crisis Arizona.

It’s Very Simple …
Contact your IRA custodian and tell them you want to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. Complete their application, including amount and designate your IRA rollover to Child Crisis Arizona.

To learn more or to donate, contact Liz Toth at liz.toth@childcrisisaz.org or 480.834.9424 ext.4550.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are multiple ways to support Child Crisis Arizona:

- Take a shelter tour
- Volunteer
- Donate

To give a gift, please contact Justin Duran, Development Manager at 480.834.9424 or justin.duran@childcrisisaz.org.

Check out our…

WISH LIST

- New clothes and shoes, grocery, entertainment, gasoline and oil change
gift cards

To donate items, please drop off or mail to 817 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201.

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