



Child Crisis Arizona
Safe kids. Strong families.

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2018

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 15-21

In *Appreciation & Celebration* of Our Volunteers

Heroes come in all forms. For Child Crisis Arizona, our volunteers are the heroes who support the agency each day in a myriad of ways. This past year we received over 9,200 hours of support from our volunteers. Thank you to all who donated your time for our children and families.

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HIGHLIGHTS...

Black Gould & Associates | *20-year fundraising heroes*

Twenty years ago, Bill Gould and Ruth Ann Laswick, committed to making a positive impact on children. They created The Black Gould & Associates' Children's Charity Golf Tournament. The first tournament raised \$5,000. Fast forward to 2017, the tournament has doubled in size with over 100 golfers. They now raise over \$15,000 annually with a 20-year total of more than \$110,000! Billy Gould, Bill's son, has carried this tournament tradition forward.



TD Industries | *heroes with hearts & hammers*

TD Industries has been supporting Child Crisis Arizona for five years, providing hands on maintenance and renovation projects to the Emergency Children's shelter. This year, 20 volunteers, including TD Industries employees and family members, each spent seven hours revitalizing the shelter's Big Kids House. Their team did a deep clean, installed wainscoting, and addressed plumbing issues. Their contributions over the years have been meaningful in providing a safe and happy home to the children in our shelter.



The Friends of Child Crisis Arizona | *friends & heroes for decades*

The Friends of Child Crisis Arizona held their 38th annual fundraising gala. This group of dedicated women has volunteered both in our shelter and by planning and executing the annual fundraising Gala. The Masquerade Ball brought 450 guests together to unmask child abuse and neglect. Their combined efforts have raised millions of philanthropic dollars over the years and their dedication to a successful outcome is the secret to the ongoing success.



Amanda Malcolm | *a hero with a heart for children & families*

Amanda has been a dedicated volunteer for Child Crisis Arizona for the last three years. She has donated her time, treasure and other crucial resources for our children and families. Not only does she serve as an Agency Ambassador, but she also serves on our new Cakes, Cocktails & Kendra planning committee. This past year, Amanda provided home cooked meals for families on Thanksgiving and presents for families on Christmas. Amanda is such a selfless individual who wants to do all she can to help others in need.



mission

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

LETTER from the CEO



Photo courtesy of FrontdoorsNews.com

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and May is Foster Care Awareness month.

In a recently published article, it was cited Arizona is the worst in the nation for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) 30.6% of Arizona children will have more than two ACEs, the national average is 21.7%. I am committed to leading us to turn these sad statistics and stories into hope and strong futures for children because every single child matters. Our professional staff will continue to address and meet the needs of vulnerable children and families in our community through our prevention, intervention and early education services. I truly thank you for putting your trust in Child Crisis Arizona to keep children safe and free from abuse and neglect.

Torrie A. Taj
Torrie A. Taj, CEO

SUCCESS STORY

Hank & Lucas... KINSHIP in FOSTER CARE

In 2013, Child Crisis Arizona specialists began working with a grandfather, Hank, who had received placement of his 10-year-old grandson, Lucas. Lucas' mother had been arrested. The two had been living in a car together and Lucas was in danger of expulsion from school due to his spotty attendance. Though he was very street savvy, he had huge gaps in his educational history. Lucas' life had been anything but consistent.

Hank, a retiree, knew he needed resources and began the foster care licensing process with Child Crisis Arizona. Hank was committed to providing Lucas a better life. He drove Lucas 20 miles round trip, twice a day, to keep him in school with the same friends and teachers. He hired tutors to help his education and enrolled him in basketball camps. Most importantly, Hank provided a safe, stable environment in which Lucas knew he would be taken care of. For the first time in his life, Lucas could focus on just being a kid. Now in high school, Lucas acknowledged that he would be forever with his grandpa, stating, "He takes care of me like no one else could." Lucas has his sights set on a future playing in the NBA. It is amazing to see a child whose biggest worry had been wondering where he would be living tomorrow, become a confident, outgoing young man with dreams for his future.

Hank reports, "The best part is that he now has stability – something he didn't have before. I can't imagine what would have happened if he had stayed with his mom."

It is people like Hank, who step up to help children by providing them with a safe and loving home, who are the heroes amongst us. **Thank you, Hank, for giving Lucas the opportunity to dream and give him the love he truly needs.**

To learn more about how you can become a hero to a child in need, please visit us at childcrisisaz.org to learn about our no-commitment orientations.

donor spotlight



Thanks to The OPUS Foundation for providing a grant for the establishment of a special literacy & technology center where our preschool children can increase their skills in ways we have not had the opportunity to stretch them. Testing indicated that children attending the Child Crisis Arizona Early Education Program - Phoenix campus struggle with language acquisition. To provide an additional intervention and improve children's readiness for kindergarten, Child Crisis Arizona utilized funding from The OPUS Foundation to develop a technology-based language and literacy learning area. Under the direction of a literacy specialist, children have the opportunity to experience language in a variety of learning methodologies which will help further improve children's language scores.

The program launched under the direction of a part time teacher who has developed the curriculum and teaching strategies with the sole focus being on literacy acquisition. This is an exciting addition to our Early Education programming and truly addresses the needs of bi-lingual children.

SUSTAINING THE FUTURE

Building Stronger Futures

2018 GIVING SOCIETY

With an eye towards the future, we continue to grow our giving society with donors who are vital to Child Crisis Arizona's ongoing efforts to provide a safety net for children and families.

Giving commitments begin at \$1,000 a year for five years.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Justin.Duran@childcrisisaz.org.

We take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and businesses who are currently a part of this important initiative.

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WE ARE GROWING
to
serve *more*
families!

Child Crisis Arizona is pleased to announce on June 1st we are launching a **NEW home visitation program** called **Family Preservation**. We thank the Arizona Department of Child Safety for this new contract and for partnering with us to advance our vision of Safe Kids...Strong Families.

Watch for more details coming soon!



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

Child Crisis Arizona Annual Fundraising Luncheon

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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Calling All Heroes

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