



# IMPACT of Southern Arizona

(Formerly Catalina Community Services)

## News & Notes



### IMPROVING LIVES • INSPIRING FUTURES

Spring 2015  
Volume 8, Issue 3

#### Our Mission

*To make a positive IMPACT by improving lives & inspiring futures in our underserved Southern Arizona communities.*

- Catalina
- NW Tucson
- Oro Valley
- SE Pinal County
- SaddleBrooke
- Greater Vail

Founded in 2000, IMPACT of Southern Arizona is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and recognized as an Arizona organization that assists disadvantaged individuals, families and seniors, allowing donors to use their contributions as a tax credit. IMPACT of Southern Arizona is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

"News and Notes" is published quarterly by IMPACT of Southern Arizona.



### Our Annual Volunteer Luncheon and 15th Birthday Celebration!



(Left to Right) Vail volunteers: Lori Bianchi, Margaret Hale, Ev Campbell, Tom Campbell, Carol Porter, and Deb Hendzel.

IMPACT of Southern Arizona honored volunteers during their annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, on Saturday, March 21. Volunteers had the opportunity to meet and greet other IMPACT SoAZ volunteers, both from the northwest location as well as the newer one in Vail. The event was held at the Viscount Hotel Suites near Broadway and Swan.

The celebration also marked the fifteenth anniversary of IMPACT SoAZ, which began in 2000 as Catalina Community Resource Center, later merging with Helping Hands with a name change to Catalina Community Services. The agency served the immediate

(continued on page 3)

#### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Board , Staff, Locations Page 2

Volunteer News Pages 1. 3-5

Food Banks & Food Drives Page 5

Food Banks & Food Drives Page 6

Loving Threads Clothing Bank Page 7

Education Programs Pages 8-10

Community Outreach Pages 11-12

Fundraising & Events Pages 13-15

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

##### Northwest Location

3535 E. Hawser St.  
Tucson, AZ 85739  
Phone 520-825-0009

##### Southeast Location

13190 E. Colossal Cave Rd. #130  
Vail, AZ 85641  
Phone 520-222-4966

[www.impactsoaz.org](http://www.impactsoaz.org)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****Officers****Arthur Posner** .....President**Edie Crall** ..... Vice President**Patrick Shaffer** ..... Secretary**Peter Godfrey** .....Treasurer**Members****Mary Carter, Steve Liakos, Paul Oelrich, Connie Plummer, Marcia Reinagel, and Rusty Rollins.****Golden Goose Thrift Store Representative****Aaron Franco****Would You Like  
to Serve on The Board?**

We have expanded the size of our Board of Directors, and several seats are available for those who may be interested in serving the community in this way. We are a Policy Governance and Fundraising Board, which meets monthly with a few committees meeting additionally as needed. If you live or work in our service area, enjoy strategic planning, and are interested in becoming part of something IMPACTful, please contact our Catalina office for more details!

**From the Executive Director****Barbara McClure****We Need Your Help!**

As IMPACT of Southern Arizona wraps up its 2014-2015 fiscal year, the staff, Board and volunteers are excited about the many expanded services we now offer through our Senior Programs.

Our new Catalina senior activity center, located in Catalina Pointe Plaza, near Carlota's, is open 9:00AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday and hosts a variety of events designed to address specific aspects of aging well. A collection of stimulating activities is designed to help area seniors get the most out of life, and live independently as long as safely possible, including opportunities to socialize, work on computers, Skype with friends and family who live out of the area, participate in low impact or chair exercises, make crafts, discuss current events, and enjoy live local entertainment and lectures.

The requests for these services has increased and the trend is growing as many continue to live on fixed incomes or are limited by health and physical ability. We are also feeding more seniors than ever before, serving more than 20,000 meals last year! This program area is our most expensive to operate as meals do not typically benefit from in-kind donations of materials, as our other programs do, so individual financial donations are critical. **Would you please consider making a donation to our senior programs this summer?**

A donation of \$35 will provide two seniors with meals for one week and \$150 will supply food for two seniors for an entire month! A monthly pledge of \$12 to our Senior Programs will provide four meals every month for a year. You can make a single donation on our website, click on the new monthly pledge option, mail a check in the enclosed envelope, or drop by our Catalina or Vail offices to donate. These are easy ways to help your neighbors and other struggling seniors in our area. ***We truly appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you to enhance the lives of our senior community members.***

*Barbara*

EIN 501(c)3 #86-0968242

**OFFICE  
INFORMATION****Northwest Location**

3535 E. Hawser St.  
Tucson, AZ 85739  
Phone 520-825-0009  
Fax 520-825-6899  
office@impactsoaz.org

**Southeast Location**

13190 E. Colossal Cave Rd. #130  
(2 blocks down from the Post Office)  
Vail, AZ 85641  
Phone 520-222-4966  
Monday-Wednesday 8:00AM-4:30PM  
Thursday, Friday 9:00AM-6:00PM

You can Follow Us on Twitter  
Like Us on Facebook  
Learn More About Us on Guidestar!



facebook.com/impactsoaz



www.guidestar.org



www.impactsoaz.org

**Barbara McClure** ..... Executive Director  
**Michele Santorelli** ..... Program Director  
**Sandra Darang** ..... Bookkeeper  
**Janet Wood** ..... Marketing Manager  
**Lisa Powell** ..... Volunteer Coordinator  
**Claire Saavedra** ..... Administrative Assistant  
**Imelda Pines** ..... Clothing Bank & Community Education  
**Janet Myren** ..... Senior Center  
**Karen McNinch** ..... Vail Program Coordinator  
**Colleen Johnson** ..... Program Assistant  
**Donna Ybarra** ..... After-School Coordinator

**Building Partners**

**Araceli Parra-Bonner** ..... AZ Youth Partnership Case Manager  
**Rose Tederous** ..... Amphi Family Resource Wellness Coordinator  
**Pima County Health Department**





(continued from page 1)



(Left to Right) Vail volunteers: Ken Morten, Monique and Julia Klinedinst, IMPACT SoAZ Program Director, Michele Santorelli, and Frank Bowles.

for the five major programs: food banks, clothing bank, youth programs, community education and workshops, and senior services. McClure adds, "They help because they believe in our mission of improving lives and inspiring futures. They make all the difference!"

Honored for their longevity of service:

Joel "Stoney" Stonecipher and Judy Loritz from SaddleBrooke; Rose Recio from Rancho Vistoso; May Green and Ina Mapes from Catalina; and, Walle Waltraud, Sybil Stewart, Chris Dame, Pat Pulley, Ann Fall, Helen Affre, Janice Shaughnessy, Mike Ochoa, and Grant Bergeman from Oro Valley.

Joel "Stoney" Stonecipher has volunteered at the food bank in Catalina for nearly 13 years, and served on the Board of Directors. "I love seeing our food bank in action," he declares. "It's a good feeling to know you're assisting families who really need our help."

community of Catalina, expanding to meet the needs of more families in SaddleBrooke, Oro Valley, southeastern Pinal County, over the years. In early 2013 IMPACT SoAZ opened a food bank in Vail, where previously services for families and seniors were very limited.

IMPACT SoAZ Executive Director, Barbara McClure, addressed those in attendance, highlighting special volunteer achievements, and honoring those with ten or more years of service. "Volunteers are integral to everything we do here at IMPACT of Southern Arizona," she stated. Volunteers are heavily relied on to man the 240 shifts each week



(Left to Right) Vail volunteers: Verda Johnson, Pam Gorecki, Sheri Whisler, Vail Program Coordinator, Karen McNinch, Gene McNinch, and Carol Whitaker.



(Right photo, left to right) Northwest volunteers: Pat Samy, Anne Roberts, Adrienne Easley, Pat Wallace, Eileen Finnegan, and Janice Shaughnessy

(Left) Musicians and accordi- onists, Shirley and Jim O'Brien, played popular music for the appreciative crowd, as well as writing an original song, "IMPACT Volunteers."





## Senior Center Volunteers!



Judy Loritz

SaddleBrooke resident Judy Loritz is one of 19 who received an award honoring their longevity of service. Originally from Minnesota, Judy moved to Kansas and then to Tucson in 2001. Judy began volunteering for IMPACT SoAZ in 2004 and has been helping ever since. Every Tuesday during the winter months you will find her preparing meals at the Senior Center at 16701 N. Oracle #145. She is a member of a cadre of cooks and servers who prepare over 100 hot meals every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, with nearly 30 served in the cozy dining room. A total of more than 20,000 meals were provided to seniors last year, including the hot meals at the Center and both hot and frozen meals delivered by volunteer drivers to homebound seniors in Catalina, SaddleBrooke, and Rancho Vistoso/Sun City. "I love the people I work with," says Judy, as she points to her friend Sibyl Stewart, another longtime volunteer in the

Senior Center kitchen. Both women grin. Judy continues, "I also love the wonderful seniors who come to the Center."

The faces may have changed over the years, but the warmth Loritz shares regarding the clients is undeniable. She mentions Mel who years ago began bringing his harmonica to play for other seniors, and still occasionally entertains. Zip, who was recruited by Sibyl as a volunteer, often shares stories from his fascinating background in archaeology.



Sibyl Stewart

Judy recalls a special memory from about ten years ago. A couple came to the Senior Center who, like Judy, were from Minnesota. Judy immediately bonded with them. She felt there was something familiar about the wife, but she just couldn't quite put her finger on it. Time went by, and then one day she realized the woman had been her babysitter when she was a toddler!

Volunteer May Green turned 90 in May! She was recognized for her more than 10 years of service at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. May serves at our Senior Center once a week, but will be leaving us in the fall, feeling it's time to retire!



May Green loves people! She serves as a greeter as well as our record keeper for Bingo Tuesday.

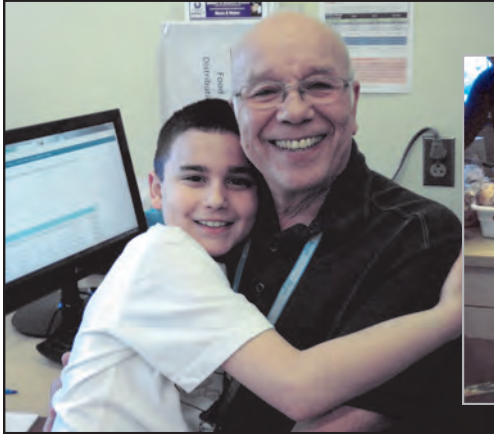






## More About Our Volunteers!

**Volunteerism has a great future!** We had a new volunteer in the food bank on Friday, April 10.



Food Bank volunteer and Board President Arthur Posner with grandson, Max.



Max was here from New York on his spring break visiting his grandfather, Arthur Posner. Max, who will soon be turning 10, loves music and plays the saxophone and recorder, but he has his eye on becoming a biomedical engineer. What does he like best about volunteering in the food bank? Max declares, "There are a lot of people and I like helping!" He adds, "Be kind to everyone no matter what their background or where they come from."

Max is involved with the Center for Talented Youth program at Johns-Hopkins University. He can take online courses in math, science, computer science, and humanities. When he is not busy with academics he hangs out with his best friend playing with their Pokemon card decks and Super Smash Bros on his Wii video game console. Max also has a younger brother. Asked if he had any advice for his brother, he quickly replied, "Be more mature." His brother is not quite six.

## To Our Newest Volunteers -- Welcome!



Tracy Moncure

Charles Armentor	Laurie Foster	Jamie Ostrander
Jeffrey Arest	Valerie Gracyalny	Gorinka Parac
James Arias	Nancie Healy	Dan Plattner
Debbra Barner	Lois Jean	Anne Roberts
Rosann Bass	Pat Kotten	Karen Schultz
Roger Bedard	Deslonde Lamb	Linda Stellwell
Kathy Becker	Willis Loftin	Pat & Glenn Tewksbury
Janice Bourgeois	Kevin & Belma Marshall	Marion Trial
Joyce Brain	Jun & Ivy Millan	Jolene Wilson
Claire Cordon	Dee Mishce	Gayl Woityra
Mary Crawshaw	Steve & Tracy Moncure	Anne Young
Marlene Emerson	Jim O'Brien	



## This Summer -- Become a *Volunteer!*

### Here Are 4 Ways You Can Make A Difference!

- Assist youngsters in fun morning activities/learning projects
- Volunteer in our new Senior Center, assisting with meals/activities
- Volunteer in our Loving Threads Clothing Bank or Food Bank
- Host a food or clothing drive with your neighbors/club/business

**Please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa, at 825-0009 to schedule a tour and to learn more about joining our team of compassionate volunteers!**

**VOLUNTEER TODAY. INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.**



## Our Food Banks -- With Your Help, Feeding Families In Need



### Thank you, Quail Ridge Estates!

Throughout the year, residents of Quail Ridge Estates donate food items and contribute monetarily to our food bank. Through their monthly community meeting, coordinated by Michaela Ann Melton, residents bring their donations to their Food First Food Drive. Last year the donations totaled over 1,000 lbs. Thank you!



(Left) SaddleBrooke resident, David Hydeman, loves to donate grapefruit to our food bank. He just made his fourth trip, because one of his trees yielded 500 lbs. of fruit!

(Right) The Santa Catalina Council Knights of Columbus #12345 hold a monthly pancake breakfast throughout the year, and present one "large" check at the end of the year from the proceeds. Member James Weston presents the check of \$505 to bookkeeper Sandra Darang and Executive Director Barbara McClure.



Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 received a grant from the Grand Lodge for \$2,000. They went shopping so that each of our 400 Northwest client families in May received a dinner meal bag with a package of Craft Skillet Dinners, canned chicken, and green beans. This is a community project coordinated by Jan Trudeau every year. Last year they made bags with breakfast items.



**Thank you to all the individuals who donated thousands of pounds of citrus gleaned from their backyard throughout the winter January to the end of April! Thank you, too, to all of you who have donated canned and packaged food items. Every donation makes a difference!**

To see a list of those organizations who have recently held food drives, please go to our website!





## Loving Threads Community Clothing Bank

**New Client Hours**  
On Tuesdays  
8:30AM - 4:00PM



Sandy Fritz (left) and her twin, Sue Lane, display the outfits made by the Casa Amigas sewing group for our clothing bank. Sandy Fritz also belongs to the Vistoso Tennis Club, which helped raise \$100 from their annual Ladies Doubles tournament, and the entry fees were used for their project, Pillow Talk, and the donation of 10 new pillows.

Sun City Oro Valley residents Sandy Fritz and her twin sister, Sue Lane, are members of the Casa Amigas sewing group. Every December they provide our homebound seniors with colorful handmade placemats. They recently stopped by our Loving Threads Community Clothing Bank in Catalina Pointe Plaza on another mission: to drop off their regular contribution of handmade children's clothing, including dresses, coordinated sets, and the extremely popular fun and flirty skater skirts.

Casa Amigas, which has been active for the past 20 years, meets twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year at a venue provided by the home owner's association. The HOA provides a sewing room and equipment, including Pfaff sewing machines, a six-needle embroidery machine, and Baby Lock sergers (which sew, trim and finish seams in one step). If you would like to support Casa Amigas' efforts to help our seniors

and families, the group is always looking for donations of fabric as well as yarn for knitting and crocheting. Just drop off your fabric in Vail or our main office.



The Hawks, from Copper Creek Elementary K-5 arrived on February 10 with more than 1000 books for the children we serve! Organized by PTO President Kendra Ritchey, the goal of the collection drive was not only to help kids in need but to help instill a love of reading!



(Above) Kim and Susan from Santa Catalina Catholic Church. Members held a large clothing drive for us in early February!



Clothing Bank Manager Imelda Pines (center) surrounded by teacher Mandy Rhodes' 8th grade core class at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy in Northwest Tucson. This is the second year they have held a classroom drive for us!

### Additional Recent Clothing Drives

- Catalina Ranch House (now offering consignment) • Cathey's Sew & Vac
- H.O.T.T. (Helping Others Thrive Together) Crafting lap quilts for our homebound seniors
- Project Linus handmade blankets created by volunteer "blanketeers" • United Methodist Church, handmade children's clothes • Oro Valley Hospital • Platinum Fitness/NW Oracle Rd.
- SaddleBrooke Community Outreach – Teens Sew Cool – donates their talent, time and materials by working with students in our after-school and summer programs
- State Farm Insurance - Frank Raney, Agent, Rancho Vistoso



Thank you to The Golden Goose Thrift Shop for donating their excess inventory!



Your donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM behind the store, door #150. **Thank you!**



## Education Programs -- ESL/Citizenship

### **IMPACT of Southern Arizona ESL/Citizenship Classes Offer Many the Opportunity to Change Their Futures**

IMPACT SoAZ has 13 English as a Second Language volunteers. Each week from October 1 through May 22, they teach and mentor adult students on Wednesday mornings from 9:00AM-10:00AM at Mt. Shadows Presbyterian Church and at the IMPACT SoAZ office at 3535 E. Hawser Street Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM-8:00PM. The ESL Program began last fall with twenty-two students attending, five at Mt. Shadows Presbyterian Church and seventeen at the IMPACT SoAZ office. This year they added a conversation class, as well as new books and materials. The goals of the students are improving their English skills and to prepare to become U.S. citizens. The program provides assessment of students' skill levels to help insure success as they are led by the volunteer instructors.

Before beginning this year's classes, three of the volunteers, Mark Goodrich, Diana Magness, and Peggy Lombard spent time at Literacy Connects training on proven techniques for teaching non-English speakers. They then shared their new skills with our other ESL volunteers Cindy Bieger, Dennis Hester, Pat Leveque, Karen Lingelbach, Shirley Morris, Carol Osgood, Kathie Schroeder, John Turner, Nile Vernon, and Joanne Winner.

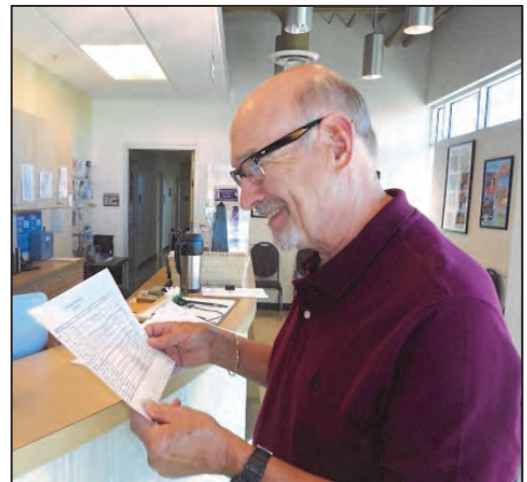
Shirley Morris is from Colorado and a former 1-2 grade teacher. Shirley fills in when they need an instructor. Karen Lingelbach is a former school librarian and has been an ESL teacher for fifteen years. Karen teaches the beginning level class.

Diana Magness loves teaching the beginning class. Her focus is learning practical everyday phrases, related to activities such as health, shopping, how to ask for directions. One of her students Trinidad has been in the program two years. Av and Ann from Vietnam who have been married for four years, are very happy to be learning English. They go back to Vietnam about once a year.

Diana's students like the way she explains and they have a good time learning. The group had been meeting for one hour each week and have increased the lesson to 90 minutes two times a week, which Diana says has helped tremendously in her students' learning.



(Left to right) Pat Leveque just finished her third year teaching ESL. Her student Margarita wants to learn more about writing, especially spelling and verb tenses.



Spanish language and citizenship teacher, Nile Vernon, looks over paperwork just before class.





Dennis Hester

Dennis Hester, who moved from Montana and now lives in Sun City, has taught ESL students for the more than ten years. He first began with America Reads and has been learning Spanish nearly his entire life. Dennis declares, "The best thing about teaching is the students. They are motivated, friendly and so appreciative." This is Dennis' first year teaching citizenship at IMPACT SoAZ and is excited about being a volunteer mentor.

Sun City resident Peggy Lombard is also from Montana, having moved here a little over three years ago. She has been teaching ESL students for the past two years, currently as an intermediate English instructor. Peggy really enjoys interacting with her students, who she says are really enthusiastic committed to learning.



Joanne Winner (right) with civics and American history advanced students, Narda and Nery.

Joanne Winner lives in SaddleBrooke and teaches advanced students in civics and American history. They are working toward taking the test to become naturalized citizens, which is given in English.

When adult learner Teresa first attended classes three years ago, she knew no English at all. This year she is working independently using the language-learning software program, Rosetta Stone. Teresa says she needed more practice

with word pronunciation and the program really helps with this. When asked what she felt was her biggest accomplishment so far, she responded with a shy smile, "Speaking English and having other people understand me."



Teresa, working with computer-based Rosetta



Kathy Schroeder (not pictured) lives in Catalina and has been sharing her love of teaching a little over three years. Kathy's very proud and happy students are (back to front) Marinela, Grasiela and Ana.

All the adult learners come to the classes offered by IMPACT of Southern Arizona for various reasons, but they do have several things in common: they have come to improve their English, work diligently to accomplish their goals, and really love working with their mentors and other students. Two of the students will see those goals completed this summer as they get ready to interview and take their naturalization test.

If you would like to be a mentor and directly help change someone's future, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Powell at 825-0009.



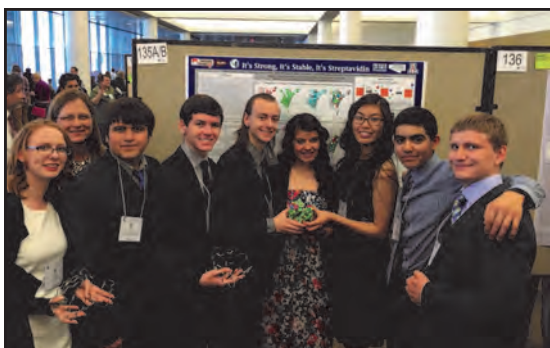
## IMPACTING AREA SCHOOLS



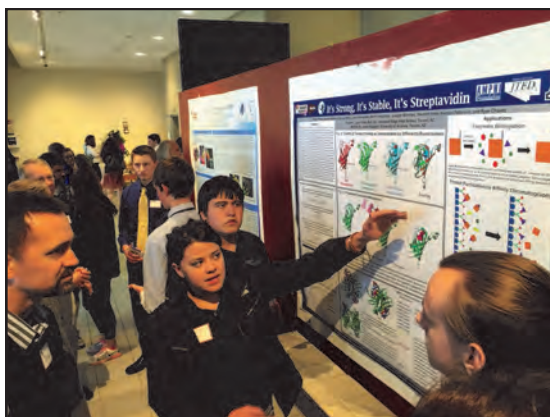
IMPACT SoAZ recently made a donation of \$1800 to the Ironwood Ridge High School SMART Science Team/HOSA. The purpose of the HOSA – a future health professionals organization, is to develop leadership and technical skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition.

The students are guided by Liane Futch who has more than 30 years teaching, the past seven of which have been at IRHS, in anatomy/physiology and biotechnology. IRHS incorporates a significant amount of introductory biotechnology into the freshman biology curriculum and students with

A's and strong B's in biology (or a later science course) are encouraged to enroll in Biotechnology I. Throughout the year some of the students have the opportunity to travel to Grand Canyon University for Health Science and Nursing Day, HOSA Fall and Spring conferences and competitions, and UofA College of Medicine Library bioinformatics research training. Guest speakers from local industry and academia also enrich the students' experience.



Students participated in the AzHOSA 2015 Spring Leadership Conference and Competitions held at the Westin La Paloma on April 6-8. The conference included keynote speakers, competitions, exhibitors, educational sessions, and networking. IRHS's Emily Laughlin placed third at the AzHOSA Spring Leadership Conference in Transcultural Healthcare and qualifies for the 2015 National HOSA Leadership Conference this month in Anaheim, California. Chase Santua placed fifth in Extemporaneous Writing, having only one hour to write an essay on a surprise topic related to AzHOSA's relationship with community partners. IRHS had an additional 21 competitors who recently learned how they placed, including Ross Shipley (who is not in the group picture as he was competing in Medical Math at the time of the photo!). There were nearly 2000 competitors!



The monies were used for students to attend a competition in Boston for their 3D printed model depiction of a complicated protein. The money helped families cover travel expenses and to purchase hoodies with their team

logo. The balance will also be used to send one of their national-qualifying students to the competition in Anaheim.





## IMPACT SoAZ 9th Annual Youth Day!

Our annual Youth Day, a family-friendly event, was held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, on the soccer fields of Coronado K-8. The event ran from 10:00AM to 2:00PM with more than 400 in attendance! Youngsters participated in carnival games, inflatables, train rides, and the Turbo Rush Obstacle Course. While the children were enjoying the entertainment, many of the adults browsed the numerous community informational booths, chatting with the nonprofits and organizations about their services. Families were also treated to free BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs, served up by IMPACT SoAZ Board members, all while enjoying the music provided by a local DJ.

## IMPACT SoAZ Children's Dental Program

IMPACT of Southern Arizona has created a dental program for low-income area children. All expenses are paid for by IMPACT of Southern Arizona and our partners also provide discounted services. Before starting the program, IMPACT of Southern Arizona surveyed 133 of our client households and learned:

- 10% of the children have never seen a dentist.
- 52% said their children were not insured.

With these statistics in mind, the new program has established several goals:

- ◇ To improve access to annual dental check-ups and cleanings for low-income children in the Greater Catalina area. For many of the youngsters, it is their first visit to the dentist.
- ◇ Increase the number of children who receive dental care, especially focusing on youngsters who have not received dental care in recent years.
- ◇ To educate families on the importance of dental care and its relationship to overall health and wellness.

Funding assistance comes from the MountainView/The Preserve Lady Niners Golf League. In November 2013 the league hosted Tee Up for Teeth Golf Tournament and held an on-going Checks for Check-Ups fundraiser. Both events raised \$7,043 for the dental program.

Services have also been generously discounted by Hiremath Family Dentistry in Oro Valley. To participate, families enrolled their children at the IMPACT SoAZ office, 3535 E. Hawser Street, made an appointment for a check-up with Dr. Katz, and followed up for dental services. Dr. Elizabeth Katz is a Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, who specializes in the dental care of infants, children, teens, and those with special medical needs. Dr. Katz declares, "It is a honor for me to partner with Impact of Southern Arizona and provide dental services to the children in need. My whole life has been committed to helping children with the hopes of impacting their lives in a positive manner and that is why I chose the profession of Pediatric Dentistry."



Dr. Elizabeth Katz

To date, IMPACT SoAZ has been able to provide 19 children with dental care, with more planned in the future. Thank you so much to our community partners for making this program possible!



## IMPACT SoAZ Collaborates with Other Nonprofits & Faith-Based Groups to Assist Families and Seniors



Two local families recently came to IMPACT SoAZ to receive services. With our building partner Arizona Youth Partnership (AZYP) who in partnership with communities, cultivates healthy foundations for youth and promotes strong families. Headquartered in Marana, **Arizona Youth Partnership (AZYP)**, was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Pima County citizens who sought to provide rural communities in the county access to the services available in the Tucson metro area. They have an office located at our main offices on Hawser Street. Araceli Parra-Bonner is the case manager. In 2006, AzYP expanded to serve rural communities across Arizona and employs a root cause approach to fighting poverty builds healthy, self-sufficient youth and families through evidence-based prevention programs and community involvement.

The first family was a homeless woman with two teenage daughters. They were previously living in a shelter for several months. AZYP helped the woman find employment as well as suitable housing for her and her children. Through their Rapid Rehousing Program AZYP pays the first month and deposit so that the family could move. IMPACT SoAZ provided some furniture as well as also paying partial rent. In the second family, both parents were out of work. AZYP found them housing and jobs. IMPACT SoAZ provided a much-needed toddler bed, stroller and couch.

Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene wanted to do something for the seniors we serve. The church is divided into small groups that meet every week for fellowship and to engage in community outreach. The group decided on a magazine project for our homebound seniors and SaddleBrooke residents Gail Bohlman and her husband, David, organized the venture. Other participants included Frank and Marsha Cristi, Charles and Sophia Coldock, Dana and Sally Keller, Carl and Lois Tavor, and Hank and Linda Wolowicz. They collected extra magazines from the HOA#1 clubhouse and, in addition, group members purchased Sudoku puzzles and word search booklets. These items will be delivered in special fabric bags along with toothpaste and toothbrushes to our seniors.

Another area church recently coordinated a hands-on project. On February 22, the first Sunday in Lent, members of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church in Catalina reached out to help our homebound seniors in lieu of their regular Sunday Service. Karen Kuehlwein organized the approximately 15 members and activities.



To develop a plan, Jayne Raffety, Elder of Missions and Health Ministry, met with IMPACT SoAZ Program Director Michele Santorelli. They initially visited some of the clients, evaluating the minor yardwork needed and matching it with resources and volunteers.

On February 22, from 9:00AM-11:00AM, some of the team members met at the church, packing weekend snack packs for students at Coronado K-8 school and planting flower pots as prizes for Tuesday Bingo at our Senior Center. Others met at several of the seniors' homes for the yard clean-up activities.

At the end of the morning, all participants shared individual experiences followed by a "Shared Sandwich" lunch.





## Our First Annual Golf Tournament a Huge Success!



IMPACT SoAZ, working tirelessly on behalf of our organization, and always supportive of our staff, volunteers and clients. His interests included golf and

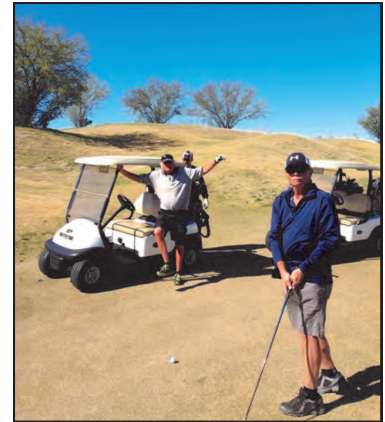
The IMPACT of Southern Arizona Golf Classic was scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2015, but because of bad weather was moved to February 13. The rain did not dampen the spirit of the golfers! The event held at the beautiful del Lago Golf Club in Vail, was dedicated in memory of Bob Richards, past Board member and president. Bob truly had a passion for

travel and volunteering his time. Bob

served on the board beginning in January 2011, becoming president in April 2012.

The tournament was a 4-person scramble with a shot-gun start and auction/lunch following tournament play. The ball drop event raised nearly \$10,000 and the event brought in nearly \$30,000! Plans are underway for next year's event!

A huge thank you to **event coordinators, Bob and Linda Long!**



Thank You to Our  
**Platinum Event Sponsor**



### Long Realty Cares Foundation and Long Realty Company

With the history of Long Realty Company from its beginning in 1926 including a long standing and proven commitment to support charitable organizations, Long Realty Cares Foundation was established in 2002 to expand philanthropic activities, providing a venue for individuals and our company to collectively enhance the quality of life in Arizona. Long Realty Cares Foundation's mission is to offer the promise of hope to those who need shelter, sustenance and comfort, and the commitment to serve the needs of the communities in which we work and live.

To date more than 2 million dollars in support has been donated to over 180 different non-profit organizations in the communities where we live and work.

The true spirit of generosity comes from the many sales associates who voluntarily donate a portion of their commission from each real estate transaction and Long Companies employees who personally contribute to the Foundation. Many of their sales associates and employees go even further in their efforts to effect positive change by serving local charitable organizations in a volunteer capacity. This level of dedication adds a unique dimension for all of us associated with the Long Companies as we treasure our connection to community.

*Save the Date*

**Friday, April 1, 2016**  
La Paloma Country Club



This event offers you the opportunity to have a great time at a private club venue, and also bring hope and help to the people we serve! Come to part or all of the events!

*Event Details*

Mid-Day Tee-Off  
Dinner, Auction  
Discounted Overnight Stay Available



## AZ Gives Day Raises \$2,850!

**APRIL 07, 2015  
ARIZONA  
GIVES DAY**



**BE A PART OF OUR GIVING CHALLENGE!**

Be one of 500 champions to give at least **\$20 to IMPACT of Southern Arizona** and **raise more than \$10,000** to fund services for families and seniors in our local community.

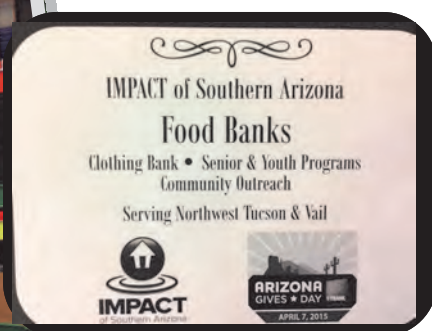


By donating to IMPACT of Southern Arizona on Arizona Gives Day, you can help create immediate and enduring change in our community and throughout our state! Your generosity may help us receive cash bonuses!

On Arizona Gives Day you can help IMPACT of Southern Arizona reach their financial goal of 500 community members giving at least \$10 each and the chance to win monetary prizes based on donor participation. You will be joining other Arizonans in making a donation and a difference in the lives of local families. Arizona Gives Day is a statewide, 24-hour, online giving campaign to raise more than one million dollars this year for Arizona nonprofits.

### Our 5 Major Programs

With the vision of IMPROVING LIVES - INSPIRING FUTURES, IMPACT of Southern Arizona offers five key programs: food and nutrition, clothing, senior center and meal delivery to homebound residents, youth programs, and community education.



Stopping by on Arizona Gives Day was Mike Brenny of the SaddleBrooke Cyclemasters, the official bicycling club at SaddleBrooke. He presented Program Director Michele Santorelli with a check for \$600 for our food bank! With over 200 members, the donation was collected over four meetings. A big thank you to Mike, club president Joanne Marmon, and all the cyclists! They have lots of activities with various riding levels as well as a monthly newspaper to raise money for their charitable and bicycle outreach activities!



### How Your Donations and Volunteering

## IMPROVES LIVES • INSPIRES FUTURES

### From our clients:

*Being rather independent most of my life, becoming dependent on other people was strange and difficult, to say the least. However your people have made the transition easy! I can never thank you enough!*

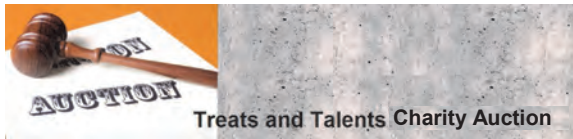
*It's wonderful to have all these volunteers around this Catalina area. . . . Hooray for volunteers!" -- Alicia*

*The Vail Food Bank has been great. When I lost my job and was out of work, if it wasn't for the food bank my family wouldn't have had dinner every night. . . ."*





## SaddleBrooke Treats & Talents Charity Auction



Treats and Talents Charity Auction

### Making an IMPACT

By Ann Vernon, Treats and Talents Charity Auction Chairperson

Making an impact has been the goal of the Treats and Talents Charity Auction committee for eight years...and there is no doubt that we achieved that goal, having raised well over \$200,000. Money is still coming in from this year's auction as we sell tickets to fixed price events (dinners, parties, "classes," and so forth) that still remain open, but we anticipate generating over \$32,000. Once again Impact of Southern Arizona was the recipient of a generous donation that auction co-chair Arthur Posner recently presented to Barbara McClure of Impact. In addition to the money designated for IMPACT SoAZ. Arthur also gave Barbara a check to support science in the schools programs, one of Impact's programs. This auction came to fruition as a result of the persistence and dedication of a wonderful group of volunteers: Pat Andrea, Ann Coziahr, Edie Crall, Marsha Liakos, Benith MacPherson, Karen Moore, Barbara Posner, Cathy Scott, Jennifer Stephens, Victoria Wareing, and Dorothy Wood. They did an amazing job soliciting donations from community donors, as well as SaddleBrooke residents. Special thanks also to Gary Shaw who generously donated his talent as auctioneer for each auction, to Steve Liakos who served as master of ceremonies for the past several years, and to all the volunteers who helped at the events to make these auctions run so smoothly. Thanks to the committee, all volunteers and donors, we have positively impacted the lives of children and families in need.



Arthur Posner and Barbara McClure

The Treats and Talents Charity Auction gave us \$3,000 to fund science support in our local schools and another \$6,000 for the general budget to be used as needed. IMPACT SoAZ donated \$1,800 to the Ironwood Ridge High School SMART Science team who went to Boston at the end of April for a competition for their 3D printed model depiction of a complicated protein. The money was used to help families cover the travel expenses, registration fees, and to purchase team hoodies with their team logo. Additional funds will be given to senior students at IRHS to attend biotechnical classes at the University of Arizona.



The Explorer newspaper recently held its annual Best of the Northwest contest, with their readers turning out to vote for their favorite restaurants, the community's best services, and to pay tribute to some of the community's best police officers, firefighters and teachers throughout Oro Valley, Marana and the Catalina Foothills.

**We won 2ND PLACE for  
BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE!**



A special thank you to all our staff for their superior efforts and professionalism!  
IMPACT SoAZ has a great crew of program organizers and volunteers!



**IMPACT** of Southern Arizona  
3535 E Hawser Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85739  
520-825-0009



We have raffle tickets for the  
Jim Click 50th anniversary edition  
Ford Mustang! *They're going f-a-s-t!*  
Just call 825-0009 for more info!

**Hunger in our community  
doesn't take  
a summer break!**

Please consider donating  
peanut butter and cereal over  
the summer when youngsters  
are out of school!



**Would you like to receive our  
newspaper by email? Just send  
us a note at [cc@impactsoaz.org](mailto:cc@impactsoaz.org)  
or call our office at 825-0009!**

**NON-PROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
TUCSON AZ  
PERMIT #541**

## Upcoming Events

**JUNE/JULY SUMMER PROGRAM** -- Here are just a few of the activities youngsters from our client families will be doing this summer. They'll be learning about electricity with Pima County's Mad Science program, building an ecosystem, going on a bird study/nature walk, sewing memory quilts, and taking a field trip to the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa. And, that's just this month! If you would like to be part of this summer fun as a volunteer program assistant in June or July, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa, at 825-0009! It only takes a few hours a week!

**JUNE 11 VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE** -- Thursdays, 1:00PM-2:00PM.

**JULY 9 - AUGUST 27 "Healing Journeys"** -- You or a friend are welcome to join this Summer Bereavement Group led by Casa de la Luz grief counselors. Santa Catalina Roman Catholic Church, 14380 N. Oracle Road. Thursday mornings 10:00AM.-11:30AM. Please contact Judy Rossman, 825-9611, ext. 104.



[www.impactsoaz.org](http://www.impactsoaz.org)



[facebook.com/impactsoaz](https://facebook.com/impactsoaz)



[@impactsoaz](https://twitter.com/impactsoaz)



IMPACT of Southern Arizona was nominated in 2012 by Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce as the Nonprofit of the Year. We were very honored to be nominated again in 2013 and 2014!



Our Building Partners



Arizona Youth  
Partnership

