



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY

2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open and the Thunderbirds Raise \$5,552,416 for Local Charities



Waste Management Phoenix Open hosts, The Thunderbirds, will distribute \$5,552,416 to local charities through proceeds raised from the 2012 tournament, Thunderbirds Big Chief Alex Clark recently announced.

Since October 2003 when the tournament first brought on a title sponsor, The Thunderbirds and the Open have raised more than \$51.9 million for charities (\$51,952,439). In its history, dating back to 1932, the Phoenix Open has raised more than \$80 million for charities in Arizona.

"This is one of my favorite days each year; the day when a year's worth of hard work truly pays off as the real winners of the Waste Management Phoenix Open are the local charities," said Clark. "The more than \$5.5M we announced will help thousands in need; we can't thank the community and our sponsors enough for their outstanding support of this tournament."

"As North America's environmental solutions leader, Waste Management is proud to be the title sponsor of the greenest show on grass, and we are extremely pleased that more than \$5.5M of golf tournament proceeds are going to charities throughout Arizona," said David Aardsma, Waste Management Chief Sales and Marketing Officer.

"As one of the oldest events on the PGA TOUR, the Waste Management Phoenix Open continues to be a leader among TOUR events," said PGA TOUR commissioner Tim Finchem. "Congratulations to the tournament, and its host organization, The Thunderbirds on the charitable announcement and for continuing to make a tremendous impact on lives in their community."

The 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open, known as "The Greatest Show on Grass," will be held at the TPC Scottsdale from January 28th to February 3rd, 2013. The Waste Management Phoenix Open is the best-attended golf

tournament in the world and has gained legendary status for being the most unique stop on the PGA TOUR. The 2013 edition will mark the 78th playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the third as the Waste Management Phoenix Open.



Meet a few of the charities and programs who benefit from the Waste Management Phoenix Open

GOMPERS

Gompers Habilitation Center has been leading the way in providing innovative opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Arizona for 65 years. This is done through a variety of programs customized to meet the needs of the individuals we serve. With a strong focus on education, community integration, individual empowerment, and employment, Gompers works tirelessly to ensure that our clients are able to achieve their goals.

Gompers provides exceptional services to more than 350 children and adults with disabilities including Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and cognitive disabilities, among others. Our professionally trained staff utilizes an inclusive team approach to provide organized programs of special education, rehabilitative and recreational therapy, vocational training, employment placement, and volunteerism.

Gompers Habilitation Center's top priority has always been empowering those we serve to reach their full potential. With ever-evolving programs and state of the art technology, Gompers has been leading the industry since 1947.

Thunderbirds Charities has supported Gompers for many years and is an important part of our history. In November of 2011, a major gift from Thunderbirds Charities launched our advanced technology initiative innovative Computer Access Now (i-C.A.N.), which allowed Gompers to equip our program rooms with up-to-date computers and SMART Boards. Our Total Care Adult Day Training Room (DTA Room 30-10), a new 3,100 square feet state-of-the-art program room was the first adult program room to receive new technology.

This room was specifically designed so that individuals with even the most severe limitations in speech and mobility would have increased opportunities to learn, grow, and communicate. The individuals in 30-10 work closely with Gompers staff on hand-over-hand interaction using the SMART Boards. It has been beneficial to utilize the large screen for a more interactive experience. Some clients with limited sight have also enjoyed the benefits of the advanced technology. While they were unable to see the computer screens, they are all smiles while using the Smart Boards, as they can more clearly see the screen and bright colors.

With the support of Thunderbirds Charities, every program room will have SMART Board technology and give a voice to many facing the most severe challenges. Gompers is honoring Thunderbirds Charities by naming our Total Care Adult Day Training Room on behalf of the charity.



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CIRCLE THE CITY

Thunderbird Charities has funded a crucial part of our organization's dream to assist homeless people who need a place to recover and heal following discharge from one of our local hospitals. Most people have a home with family and friends to help nurse them back to health following a serious illness or accident. The homeless do not. They are discharged to the streets or overcrowded shelters that are ill-equipped to provide for their needs.

After learning more about this unique and first-ever facility in the Valley, Thunderbird Charities wanted to help us help this most vulnerable population. By providing a social investment of \$85,000 towards the creation of Circle the City's Medical Respite Center for the homeless they will positively impact thousands of individuals in need.

Located in the central Phoenix area at 333 West Indian School Road, the facility will open in late September 2012 and will be conveniently located near referring hospitals. The Center will accommodate 50 patients at capacity and we expect that the average length of stay for patients will be 3-6 weeks.

During their stay, patients will have access to a spacious day room and dining room as a result of Thunderbird Charities' generous donation. The catering kitchen was also part of the gift.

In addition to receiving quality healthcare attention from the medical staff, patients will receive a clean bed, hot shower and three nutritious meals per day. Case managers assigned to the patients will assist with helping them access healthcare coverage through AHCCCS or other systems as well as finding affordable housing options.

What is our end goal? To create a warm, healing environment that is optimal for patient recovery; to connect them with primary health care and discharge as many patients as possible to stable housing scenarios. With Thunderbird Charities help we are confident we will be able to accomplish this and more.



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notMYkid

Everyday, millions of Arizona kids leave their homes headed to school, and the most pressing concern will be the "test" they are about to take. It won't be a traditional test, as in Science, Math, English, History or Geography. This test may have far greater implications. It is a test of resolve, willpower, confidence, self esteem and character with respect to eating disorders, substance abuse, depression, unhealthy relationships, bullying and more. Every teenager is challenged by one or more of these issues on a daily basis, and far too many

will succumb to peer pressure. For some it will cause damage and hardship, for others, it will cost them their lives.

How can notMYkid state this with such confidence? We have seen it first hand. We have heard the cries of adolescents and young adults, seen their raw pain and fear, and, far too often, have been there to advise and console parents of a loss they never saw coming. For decades many of us believed that laws would keep our children safe. The truth is, laws are necessary, but it is education and communication that will protect them the most. This is the reason notMYkid was founded more than a decade ago and why it continues to be in high demand today. With prevention at the forefront of all programming, rather than intervention, the small not-for-profit was designed to reach out to young people ages 12 to 19, male or female and from all walks of life, who fight internal battles about what is "right" and "wrong" and how to handle situations that genuinely baffle them. The programs, educational and supportive by nature, are intended to encourage peer-to-peer and parent-to-parent communication about tough issues – and they have worked.

Today, 12 years later, notMYkid, has provided programs to nearly one million students and 100,000 parents in hundreds of schools – ranging from Title I schools in poverty stricken areas to affluent private schools where students have ample discretionary funds. notMYkid is able to provide this programming due to the contributions and commitment of community individuals, corporations and foundations. Thunderbirds Charities is one organization that has provided notMYkid with significant funding for the past several years. This past year the funding from The Thunderbirds was directed to programming for the 33 Boys and Girls Clubs across the Valley. This donation will provide 231 presentations for the clubs and we are so thankful for the opportunity to bring prevention education to these families.

ICAN

"For the last 21 years, ICAN has been providing programs to youth and their families towards the goal of preventing substance abuse, gang involvement and juvenile delinquency," shared ICAN CEO Becky Jackson.

"Our founder, Henry Salinas, created ICAN to bridge the gap between success and failure for kids who might have fallen through the cracks before the program existed."

Founded in 1991, ICAN has been a staple for youth in the East Valley. Last year they served over 2,500 youth and their families with programs that are targeted specifically to meet the needs of low-income families and kids living in high-risk communities.

These free programs are nationally accredited and focus on the prevention of negative behaviors through skill development in the following five programming areas: education, healthy lifestyles, youth development, job skills training and community education about substance abuse. ICAN also provides parenting programs to extend the critical learning into the home.

Just this year ICAN expanded its program based on continued growth in the demand for services, leading to relocation in June 2012. "Our program was operating in a 6,500 square foot facility with very limited capacity for programs to grow or expand in quality; therefore, we invested in a new facility in order to achieve our mission more completely," Jackson added. "But we never do this work alone; it takes the combined efforts of our community to create change for these youth, which is why our partnership with the Thunderbirds Charities is so important."

Over the years, ICAN and the Thunderbirds Charities have partnered to bring positive change to the youth participating in ICAN's programs. The most recent investment in ICAN's building and relocation campaign has helped ICAN to serve over 55% more youth and has increased ICAN's capacity to meet the healthy lifestyles needs of young children specifically. The partnership between ICAN and the Thunderbirds Charities allowed for the addition of a playground on ICAN's new campus, a critical fitness element that was missing at ICAN's previous facility.

Over the coming year, ICAN projects to serve well over 3,500 youth and families in this new facility!



iCan Playground





AASK

In one corner, Barbie is lounging in the pink bedroom of her third story mansion. In another, a three-foot tall Little Tykes basketball hoop is ready for a slam dunk. In a separate zone, a brightly colored keyboard is hooked up to a computer and ready for tiny fingers to tap away on it. And across from it all is a separate area designed for board games, reading and puzzles.

A \$250,000 grant donated to Aid to Adoption of Special Kids or AASK by Thunderbirds Charities has provided this space for our children to play and learn – and meet new friends – while their relatives and soon-to-be foster or adoptive parents study to become licensed to do so.

AASK's West Valley Family Connections Center, located in Peoria and serving the western suburbs of Phoenix, provides a safe haven for children to use, while professionals in a nearby resource center are recruiting, training and offering support services to potential foster families in the West Valley. Foster care licensure and adoption certification trainings are conducted in both English and Spanish. Monthly information sessions are also provided at the location and are open to anyone with questions or for someone who may be interested in becoming a foster parent, adoptive parent or mentor.

The Thunderbirds Charities Children's Play Area provides foster children with a safe, fun and kid-friendly space designed just for them. Many foster children are removed from the only homes they've ever known and they can often be frightened upon entering new environments and circumstances. The colorful, hands-on play center provided by Thunderbirds Charities gives children a happy environment filled with puzzles, puppets, toys, books and games to enjoy alone or with another child or adult.

The Thunderbirds Charities Children's Play Area presents children with a place to meet and play with other kids who share similar experiences. It is a safe place where they are not judged based on their circumstances and are allowed to be kids.

AASK thanks Thunderbird Charities for their contribution toward the success of thousands of Arizona children seeking a forever family.



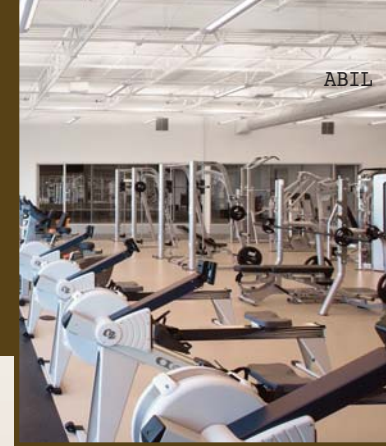
Boy Scouts of America

The Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America serves 48,718 youth and 20,844 adult volunteers in Arizona. Scouting has provided young people with positive life changing programs in Arizona since 1921. The Boy Scouts of America's program of Character Development, Citizenship Training and Physical Fitness Activities are conducted with the mission of preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.

Scouting is not a recreational program but a moral development that teaches critical life lessons in an outdoor setting. The Grand Canyon Council's Heard Scout Pueblo located at the base of South Mountain in Phoenix is one of the locations where Scouting's program comes alive.

The Heard Scout Pueblo facility is home to the Thunderbird Charities Challenge Course. This facility hosts thousands of young people each year. The Grand Canyon Council also invites the young women of the Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, Girl Scouts of America to participate in camp programs.

The Thunderbird Charities Challenge Course conducts Scouting Challenging Outdoor Personal Encounter (C.O.P.E.) program. Project C.O.P.E., as the boy Scouts calls this program asks participants to focus on 8 major goals: 1) Communication 2) Planning 3) Teamwork 4) Trust 5) Leadership Development 6) Decision Making 7) Problem Solving 8) Self-esteem. The directors of this program challenge the participants to attain the 8 major goals. Following several of the activities a time for personal reflection is initiated so that the lessons learned can be carried forward.



Florence Crittenton

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Turning 18 is a rite of passage most of us celebrate. For those girls who have aged out of the state's foster care system, turning 18 is the end of the road. Many of these girls have been exposed to domestic violence, substance abuse and exploitation, and family reunification is not an option. Florence Crittenton is there to help.

Florence Crittenton's Transitional Living Program (TLP) prevents at-risk girls, ages 17 ½ to 21, from becoming homeless and starting on the downward spiral of poverty. The goal of TLP is to offer safe and stable housing for young women, many of whom are pregnant or already parenting, while teaching them the necessary skills to become fully self-sufficient. Through intensive case management and group education, these young women are empowered to take ownership of their lives and transition successfully into independent adults.

Participants must be willing to attend school or be employed and be drug and alcohol free for at least six months before entering the program. Each participant learns money management skills and is expected to pay a nominal fee towards room and board to remain in the program. This provides a platform on which they learn fiscal responsibility.

Because of the generous support from Thunderbird Charities, Florence Crittenton can continue to give these young women a place to call home and the skills needed to become self-sufficient and a contributing member of our community. One TLP participant wrote, "Florence Crittenton cares about us and wants us to find our home...not just a physical home, but a feeling of safety, comfort and a sense of knowing that we'll have a place to sleep, eat, learn and grow into adults. You can't have hope without these basic components of life."

Since 1896, Florence Crittenton has served Arizona's youth and their families. Today, the agency offers a comprehensive continuum of care designed to help at-risk girls overcome issues of abuse, neglect, poverty, homelessness, teen pregnancy and parenting, and behavioral and/or mental health problems. Florence Crittenton creates safe environments where girls, young women and families discover the support of a caring community and the possibility of a bright new future. Programs promote responsibility, accountability, education, job readiness, parenting skills and financial literacy. The mission is to provide safety, hope, and opportunity to every girl whose life they touch.

ABIL

Thunderbirds Charities made a commitment in August of 2007 to help fund a project - a dream, really - the goal of which was to build a sports and fitness center for people with disabilities in Phoenix. It would be one of only two facilities of its kind in the United States, and the only universally-designed, accessible facility in the Western United States. On October 31st, 2011, this "dream" project became a reality, as the Virginia G. Piper Sports & Fitness Center for Persons with Disabilities (SpoFit) opened its doors. The 45,000-square-foot facility boasts two sport courts, a suspended indoor track, 35-foot rock climbing wall, a 7,000-square-foot fitness center, a group fitness room and an accessible aquatic center with lap pool, therapy pool and spa.

The SpoFit is a program of Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which provides programs that allow people with disabilities to live independently. Thunderbirds Charities recognized the importance of this facility and the impact it would have on the quality of life for people with disabilities early on during the capital campaign, and contributed \$100,000 towards the facility. All funds were used towards the purchase of the specialized, accessible equipment that graces the fitness center, or workout area of the facility.

The accessible fitness equipment allows chair users to simply pull up to the machines in order to utilize their benefits. Moveable seats that easily swing in and out allow chair users and non chair users alike to use the same machines. Wrist cuffs and hooks eliminate the necessity of using a hand grip to exercise. Many gyms are inaccessible or lack the appropriate machines needed by people with disabilities. One SpoFit member with quadriplegia can finally obtain a great workout for the entire upper body without having to transfer from his chair, which is very difficult for him to do.

This world-class facility provides an optimum workout and training experience for both fitness enthusiasts and athletes, young and old.

ABIL and the SpoFit are extremely grateful for the generous donation made by Thunderbirds Charities. This partnership directly impacts the health and well being of people with disabilities and their families in our community, and we are proud to display the Thunderbirds Charities name in the state-of-the-art fitness center.

Just a few of the charities and programs who recently benefited from the Waste Management Phoenix Open

All Sports Foundation	\$7,500	Arizonans For Children Inc (AFC)	\$15,000
American Cancer Society	\$10,000	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona	\$10,000
Arizona Recreation Center For The Handicapped	\$15,000	Catholic Charities Community Services	\$20,284
Arizona Science Center	\$5,000	Childhelp, Inc.	\$5,000
Assistance League of Phoenix	\$5,000	Childsplay Inc	\$15,000
Audubon Arizona	\$10,000	Chrysalis Shelter	\$150,000
Boys Hope Girls Hope Arizona	\$100,000	Circle the City	\$85,000
Camp Soaring Eagle Foundation	\$45,760	Craniofacial Foundation Of Arizona	\$26,400
Cortney's Foundation Inc	\$15,300	Creciendo Unidos Growing Together	\$10,000
Crossroads Inc	\$10,000	Desert Botanical Garden	\$3,000
Desert Sounds Performing Arts Inc	\$5,000	The Society of St Vincent De Paul	\$20,000
Fresh Start Women's Foundation	\$10,000	Duet: Partners in Health & Aging	\$5,000
Homeward Bound	\$100,000	Dysart Community Center	\$5,000
Keen Phoenix	\$5,000	Ear Candy Productions Inc	\$10,000
Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Arizona	\$15,000	Florence Crittenton Services Of Arizona Inc	\$35,000
National Advocacy & Training Network	\$15,000	Gabriel's Angels	\$5,000
Partners For Paiute Neighborhood Center	\$25,000	Gompers Habilitation Center	\$75,000
Phoenix Childrens Hospital Foundation	\$200,000	Goodwill Industries Of Central Arizona Inc	\$20,000
Phoenix Symphony Association	\$5,000	Hope And A Future Inc	\$15,000
Rebuilding Together Valley Of The Sun Inc	\$2,500	Hospice of the Valley	\$5,000
Release The Fear	\$5,000	Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM)	\$20,000
Rosie's House	\$5,000	Junior Golf Association Of Arizona Inc	\$100,000
Shoebox Ministry Inc	\$7,500	Keogh Health Foundation	\$10,000
Sojourner Center	\$7,500	Kitchen On The Street Inc	\$3,500
Solid Rock Foundation	\$36,000	National Council On Alcoholism	\$10,000
Special Olympics of Arizona	\$150,000	Navigator Supporters Inc	\$2,000
Stardust Non-Profit Building Supplies Inc	\$7,500	Neighborhood Ministries Inc	\$20,000
Teach For America Inc	\$100,000	A New Leaf	\$20,000
United States Veterans Initiative	\$100,000	notMYkid	\$60,000
Upward Foundation	\$10,000	Phoenix Rescue Mission	\$50,000
Valley Youth Theatre	\$5,000	Southwest Center For HIV/AIDS	\$115,000
VOS YMCA	\$100,000	Teen Lifeline Inc	\$5,000
West Valley Child Crisis Center Inc	\$5,000	Valle Del Sol Incorporated	\$10,000
Arizona Friends Of Foster Children Foundation	\$10,000	Young Arts Arizona Ltd	\$5,100