



# \$9,369,873 RAISED FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

The Thunderbirds, hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community, raised a record \$9,369,873 for local charities through proceeds raised from the 2016 tournament. This is the highest single-year charitable donation in tournament history, breaking last year's total of 9,060,731, and marks the second consecutive year that The Thunderbirds have eclipsed \$9 million in charitable dollars raised in a single year.

The Thunderbirds and the Waste Management Phoenix Open have raised more than \$45 million (\$45,742,241) for charities since 2010 when Waste Management became title sponsor. In its history, dating back to 1932, the Phoenix Open has raised more than \$111 million (\$111,788,807) for charities in Arizona.

"We are proud of our history of giving back to the community and excited that once again we were able to break the single-year record for charitable dollars earned through the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community," Dan Mahoney, Big Chief of The Thunderbirds said. "Each year we

receive outstanding support from Waste Management, as well as from corporate sponsors, volunteers and of course the fans, and we can't do this without them."

The 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open was another record-setting event, as three tournament attendance records were broken. For the week, 618,365 fans attended, smashing last year's record of 564,368. Additionally, single-day attendance records were broken on Friday (160,415) and Saturday (201,003).

"Waste Management couldn't be prouder of our role as title sponsor of the 'Greenest Show on Grass' and one of the most charitable tournaments on the PGA TOUR," said Jim Trevathan, Waste Management executive vice president and chief operating officer. "With increasing, and record breaking annual attendance, we're pleased that so many charities benefit and the Waste Management Phoenix Open truly makes an inspiring difference from both a community and environmental standpoint."





THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES

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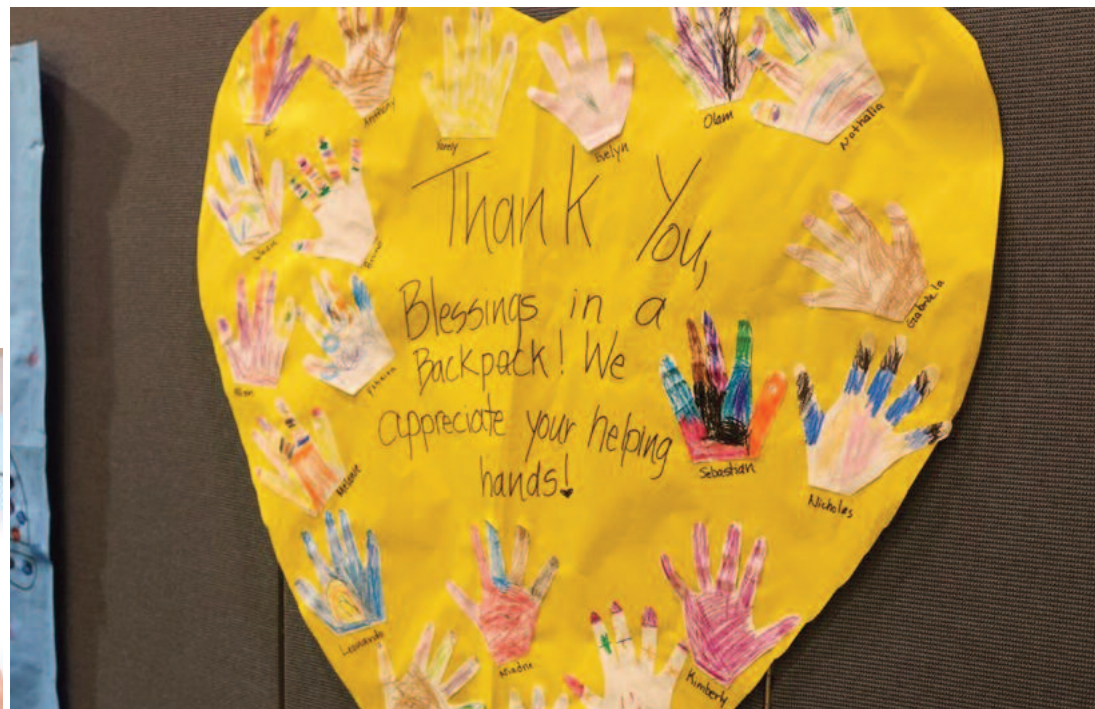
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# Fresh Start

## WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Fresh Start Women's Foundation was recently awarded a \$280,000 grant from Thunderbirds Charities, the charitable giving arm of The Thunderbirds – hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community, to support and enhance Fresh Start's Jewell McFarland Lewis Fresh Start Women's Resource Center. Funds were used to replace the 15-year-old building's roof, update the air conditioning system and replace many windows with those that are energy efficient. These capital improvements make the Women's Resource Center sustainable for the next 15 years.

"Fresh Start has given hope to tens of thousands of women over the decades and it is a unique model of support of women, uniting many resources under one roof," said Dan Mahoney, president of Thunderbirds Charities. "We are honored to assist their cause."

"We are deeply grateful for Thunderbirds Charities' support of our work and the impact it has on women's lives," said Susan Berman, president and CEO of Fresh

Start. "Our Women's Resource Center is the place thousands of women turn each year to get the tools and resources they need, not only to improve their lives, but to thrive, and these improvements to the center make a difference to the experience women have at Fresh Start."

### ABOUT FRESH START WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

Celebrating a quarter century of service, Fresh Start Women's Foundation has been on a mission since 1992 to provide education, resources and support for women to positively transform their lives and strengthen the community. The non-profit organization provides a variety of programs and services focusing on career, education, and life skills and offers supportive services to assist women in reaching their full potential. The Phoenix-based Jewell McFarland Lewis Fresh Start Women's Resource Center offers free and low-cost services to any woman age 18 or older. For more information, visit Fresh Start online at [www.freshstartwomen.org](http://www.freshstartwomen.org).





# Blessings in a Backpack

The Thunderbirds' Big Chief, Dan Mahoney, PGA TOUR's Aaron Oberholser and Angie Oberholser with the PGA TOUR Wives Association and Kids Need To Read all joined forces on National "Blessings in a Backpack Day" to fill backpacks with food and books for Nevitt Elementary School children. Blessings in a Backpack is a national organization that provides food for elementary school children that might otherwise go hungry. The room was lit by the smiles of the children - pretty amazing things being done to feed the elementary school kids of America.



# Boys and Girls Club

The Thunderbirds were on hand to help open the new gym at the Bob and Renee Parsons Branch of the Metro

Phoenix Boys & Girls Club, September 28th, 2016. This is the 13th Boys & Girls Club of Metro Phoenix branch, serving children ages 6 - 18. The club features after-school programs as well as a gym, game room, learning





# Circle the City

Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Thunderbirds Charities, Circle the City has a new van to transport patients experiencing homelessness between its two facilities – the Medical Respite Center and The Parsons Family Health Center – as well as to off-site appointments and to and from Circle the City’s mobile medical clinic. The van is wheelchair-accessible and has seating for up to six patients, including two wheelchairs.

Circle the City works to improve healthcare accessibility for people experiencing homelessness and decrease their reliance on emergency services including 911 calls. Furnishing transportation to this under-served population will assist in establishing integrated primary care, case management, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services. The Ford Transit van is the latest addition to the organization’s transportation program.

Circle the City celebrated the new van with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives from The Thunderbirds, followed by a “Blue Velvet Tunic” inaugural ride-along with a patient utilizing the wheelchair lift.

Circle the City is a rapidly growing 501(c)(3) non-profit community health organization dedicated to providing high quality, holistic healthcare to men, women and children facing homelessness in Maricopa County. The organization’s homeless continuum of care is one-of-a-kind in the state of Arizona and one of the only models of its kind in the nation. For more information, please visit [www.circlethecity.org](http://www.circlethecity.org).



## RAISE THE ROOF AT Phoenix Children’s Hospital

Several Thunderbirds were on hand to help celebrate Phoenix Children’s new emergency department’s “Topping Out” ceremony, a tradition held when the last beam is placed atop a structure during its construction. This was the final steel beam to be hoisted to the top of Phoenix Children’s Hospital’s new Emergency Department, Arizona’s only Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center and the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders – a much needed expansion project that was helped by a \$500,000 donation from Thunderbirds Charities in June of 2015.

Construction workers, hospital staff members, and partners within the community gathered as the clinking of iron stopped and the ceremony began. Signatures and well wishes covered the

beam, as some very official patients joined the construction team to help guide the very last beam in place. An evergreen tree topped the steel frame, a tradition symbolizing good luck for future occupants and continued growth.

The tradition of a Topping Out commemorates not only the completion of a project, but celebrates the building process. While the grand opening festivities at the end of a building’s construction are meant to introduce the structure to the public, the Topping Out ceremony honors the accomplishment’s of the construction crews. Phoenix Children’s Hospital and all its constituents are grateful to the men and women working to make the hospital a better facility for its patients and their families.





WHAT DOES  
\$111 MILLION  
IN CHARITABLE GIVING  
FEEL LIKE?

# ONE VICTORY AT A TIME. TIME AFTER TIME.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES is just one of the many missions of The Thunderbirds, hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community. Like MentorKids. Fresh Start Women's Foundation. Boys & Girls Clubs. Waste Not. And countless others. More than \$111 million has been gifted to hundreds of deserving charities over 81 years, but the true impact can be expressed one story at a time. The Thunderbirds would like to thank all of our fans and sponsors for your continued support of the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

*Carlos Sugich, Thunderbird*



## Mentor Kids USA

Since 1997, Mentor Kids USA has focused on creating one-to-one mentoring relationships. Seeking to create systemic change in specific areas, Mentor Kids designed a program to offer mentoring opportunities on three levels: youth, family and community. Promise Neighborhoods brings together youth, families, mentors, churches, volunteers, local businesses, and other partners in strategically identified communities with the purpose of creating long-term solutions to the challenges facing our youth.

Kids with mentors have reported elevated feelings of hope in the future, a more positive outlook on school and education, and have displayed an increase in civic engagement.

### KIDS WITH MENTORS ARE:

- 46% less likely to start using illegal drugs,
- 27% less likely to start drinking alcohol,
- 52% less likely to skip a day of school.







# Chicanos Por La Causa

## A PROMISE OF OPPORTUNITY

Chicanos Por La Causa Early Childhood Development (CPLC ECD) program was able to make much-needed improvements to their center serving residents in south central Phoenix thanks to a \$150,000 grant from Thunderbirds Charities – the civic arm of The Thunderbirds, hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The 15-year-old center has now been transformed with new playground equipment, new carpet, parking lot improvements, updates to the building façade, and landscaping and fencing for additional child security.

“We are able to provide future educational success of young children with the collaboration of community partners who share Chicanos Por La Causa’s commitments to all families in need. The Thunderbirds have been longtime supporters in helping us empower families to become self-sufficient and foster a safe and supportive early childhood environment,” said Andres Contreras, CPLC Executive Vice President of Social Services & Education. “We appreciate and value the continued support of Thunderbirds Charities; together we are making a lasting impact in the community.”

“We’re thrilled to see the transformation of the center,” said Dan Mahoney, President of Thunderbirds Charities. “Chicanos Por La Causa makes a real difference in the community, and we’re happy to be a part of it.”

Currently, CPLC ECD serves 112 children and families (pregnant women and children 6 weeks to three years old) in service centers which cover elementary school districts in south Phoenix (Phoenix, Roosevelt, Wilson and Murphy) and Queen Creek (Maricopa County only). By providing full-day, full-year program services to children and families 48 weeks per year – ECD is able to offer children and families optimum early childhood development services and learning environments.

Through both internal and external community partners, CPLC ECD children and families also have access to prenatal care, ongoing well-baby and well-child services, and support for promoting adult and family wellness. By understanding the needs of low-income families and assessing the gaps and resources that are available in local communities where they live, CPLC ECD plans more effective strategies for children’s success in education and family empowerment.



## St. Mary’s Food Bank

St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance’s mission is to alleviate hunger through the gathering and distribution of food while encouraging self-sufficiency, collaboration, advocacy and education. St. Mary’s is committed to improving the quality of life for Arizonans, building community partnerships, and volunteerism.

# Angels on Patrol

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED

Angels on Patrol (AoP) was founded in 2009 by Phoenix Police Lieutenant, Jacqui McConnell. The mission of AoP is providing resources to families and children in need as identified by police officers. AoP’s vision is to engage law enforcement in community solutions.

Angels on Patrol serves families and children in crisis, diffusing the need for more intensive intervention by government agencies, evictions from homes, and arrests by law enforcement resulting in separation of families. Additionally, Angels on Patrol works to change the negative perception of law enforcement. AoP facilitates two programs: Crisis Response and Youth Enrichment. When officers respond to a crisis their responsibility is to apprehend the suspected criminal, secure victims, and/or stabilize situations. AoP provides officers the opportunity to go beyond the official call and be a part of the ongoing solution. Officers are in positions to recognize the needs of families, but are rarely in positions

to provide basic needs. What differentiates Angels on Patrol from other crisis response or basic needs services is the lack of a waiting list.

Angels on Patrol also supports officers in Title 1 schools to provide programs related to gang and substance abuse prevention, positive decision making, and dropout prevention. Angels on Patrol is the only organization of its kind nationwide. The geographic area served includes the cities of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Glendale, and Avondale, partnering with police departments in those cities to execute services. Expansion to Tolleson, Peoria, Goodyear and Surprise will take place in spring 2017.

In 2016, Angels on Patrol served 4,743 individuals, a 227% increase over 2015. The organization has grown every year since 2009. Individuals served are primarily from low-income neighborhoods and Title 1 schools: 39% Hispanic or Latino, 24% Caucasian, 25% African American, 10% Native American, and 2% Asian.





# Teach For America

Phoenix is working to ensure that all students have access to an excellent education, regardless of race and class. Research shows that providing communities with high-quality teachers is fundamental in closing the opportunity gap between low-income students and their more affluent peers. Teach For America recruits, trains, and supports first- and second-year teachers in low-income schools, while developing pathways for teachers to maximize their leadership potential in the long-term as alumni of the program.

This past year, Thunderbirds Charities helped fuel a pipeline of leaders working toward educational equity though a grant to Teach For America. Our funding makes an impact in the short-term and long-term for Arizona. First, we helped fund the recruitment of 60 new corps members this past year to teach in low-income communities. Seventy-five percent of these individuals were not planning to teach prior to joining the Teach For America corps. Additionally, the grant from Thunderbirds Charities’ supplemented the funding for one-on-one coaching, professional development, and training for all Phoenix corps members. Those 116 corps members are teaching nearly 9,000 students in Maricopa County this school year, of which 85% are eligible for free- and reduced-price lunches.

Beyond the first- and second-year teachers, Teach For America supports a network of 888 alumni in Arizona. One-third of those alumni continue to teach, while 75% continue to work in education, either in schools, policy, advocacy, or at a non-profit level. In total, Teach For America’s network has grown to more than 1,000 strong in Arizona this year. Thunderbirds Charities is pleased to support Teach For America’s leaders, who are ensuring that all students have access to an excellent education.





ORGANIZATION NAME	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT
A New Leaf	La Mesita Family Emergency Homeless Shelter	\$100,000
ABILITY 360	Breaking Barriers Youth Program	\$80,000
ACCEL	East Campus Facility Upgrades Project	\$70,000
Act One Foundation	Field Trip Program - Bus Transportation	\$50,000
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids	Kinship Foster Care	\$75,000
Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter	Assisting & Caring for Elders Program (A.C.E.)	\$10,000
Angels On Patrol Inc	Crisis Response and Youth Enrichment	\$25,000
Arizona Chapter of the	Medical Services Project	\$20,000
Arizona Council On Economic Education	Economics for Everyday Living	\$30,000
Arizona Helping Hands	Helping Hands for Foster Kids	\$50,000
American Academy of Pediatrics		
Arizona Hemophilia Association Inc	Arizona Bleeding Disorders Pharmacy Project	\$75,000
Arizona Zoological Society	Helping Youth Participate and Excel (HYPE) @ the Phoenix Zoo	\$25,000
Arizonans For Children Inc (AFC)	Mentor/Tutor Program for Foster Children	\$25,000
Arizona's Children Association	Arizona Kinship Support Services	\$25,000
Assistance League of East Valley Arizona	Operation School Bell	\$15,000
Assistance League of Phoenix	Operation School Bell	\$10,000
Barrow Neurological Foundation	Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU)	\$375,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona	Site-Based Mentoring for Minority, At-Risk, and Low-Income Students	\$20,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix	Gymnasium for Parson Branch	\$250,000
Boys & Girls Clubs Of Scottsdale Inc	Paiute Branch expansion	\$75,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley	Academic Success- STEAM & Mentoring	\$40,000
Camp Soaring Eagle Foundation	Soaring Eagle Camp Program	\$15,000
Challenger Learning Center Of Arizona	Challenger Outreach	\$50,000
Chandler Christian Community Center	Chandler Food Bank	\$10,000
Chicanos Por La Causa Inc	Early Head Start Capital Projects	\$150,000
Childhelp, Inc.	Family Assistance Program	\$20,000
Circle the City	Transportation for Homeless Patients	\$50,000
Crisis Nursery Inc	Emergency Shelter - Kitchen Renovation	\$120,000
Desert Voices Oral Learning Center	Playground at Desert Voices	\$35,000
Doves Incorporated	DOVES - program of the Area Agency on Aging	\$35,000
Duet: Partners in Health & Aging	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	\$10,000
Expect More Arizona	Engaging Parents in Student Success	\$50,000
Experience Matters Consortium Inc	Volunteers in Literacy	\$45,000
Family Promise-Greater Phoenix	Whole & Healthy Families Emergency Shelter Program	\$50,000
Florence Crittenton Services Of Arizona Inc	Well Girl: Health and Wellness for At-Risk Girls	\$50,000
Foundation for Blind Children	Braille on Demand	\$50,000
Free Arts For Abused Children Of Arizona	Free Arts Programs for Children	\$5,000
Fresh Start Women's Foundation	Facility Improvement Project	\$280,000

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Gabriel's Angels	Pet Therapy Program	\$17,500
Genesis City	Genesis City Trailblazer Program	\$50,000
Great Arizona Puppet Theater Inc	Reach Out With Puppets	\$5,000
Gompers Habilitation Center	Community Outreach for Assistive Technology	\$35,000
Higher Octave Healing Inc	Resounding Support	\$5,000
Homeless ID Project	Homeless ID Project's Outreach Services	\$25,000
Homeless Youth Connection Inc	Empowering Youth For The Future (EYFTF)	\$15,000
Homeward Bound	Children's Services	\$150,000
Hope & A Future Inc	Life Skills Program for teenage foster children	\$25,000
Hospice of the Valley	Perinatal Palliative Care Program	\$20,000
Human Services Campus L L C	Welcome Center Project	\$100,000
Hunkapi Programs Inc	Caregiver Support and Recreational Therapy Program	\$12,000
i.d.e.a. Museum Board of Directors, Inc.	Access for All No Barriers to Learning Title I School Tours	\$10,000
ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth	Transportation Project	\$60,000
Independence Plus Inc	"Open Sesame"	\$7,100
Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)	Catalina Health Center Medical Wing Expansion	\$163,491
Jobs For Arizonas Graduates Inc	Career and College Success Program	\$10,000
The Joe Foss Institute	Veterans Inspiring Patriotism in Youth (VIP) Program	\$15,000
Kids Need To Read	The Page Coach	\$5,000
Labors Community Service Agency	Family Stabilization Project	\$5,000
Literacy Volunteers Of Maricopa County Inc	College and Career Readiness Program	\$30,000
Maricopa Health Foundation	Interpersonal Violence Training Program: Refugee Women's Health Center and Mariposa – Wings to Safety	\$50,000
Melonhead Foundation Inc	Patient Aid Assistance Program	\$25,000
Mentorkids Usa	South Phoenix Enrichment Program	\$7,500
Miracle League Of Arizona	Field & Stadium Renovation Project	\$44,000
Mission Of Mercy Inc	Access to Care for the Medically Indigent	\$100,000
Mitchell Swaback Charities Inc	Harvest Compassion Center	\$15,000
Musical Instrument Museum	A World of Musical Journeys	\$10,000
MVP Foundation	Leadership Academy	\$50,000
Neighborhood Ministries Inc	Katy's Kids Early Childhood Development Preschool	\$25,000
New Life Center	Family Advocacy	\$50,000
New Pathways for Youth	Transformative Mentoring Program	\$20,000
notMykid	Prevention Education Program for Boys and Girls Clubs of the Valley	\$30,000
O'Connor House	Camp O'Connor: Civics Education and Leadership Program	\$50,000
OCJ Kids	Transition Success Centers Program	\$20,000





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One Step Beyond Inc	Technology Needs	\$50,000
Phoenix Art Museum	Teen Engagement Initiative	\$58,000
Phoenix Center Arts Association	Free Arts Classes for Youth	\$15,000
Phoenix Children's Chorus	Transforming Children's Lives Through Choral Music	\$10,000
Phoenix Rescue Mission	The Changing Lives Center	\$50,000
Phoenix Symphony Association	STE[+a]M learning, Mind Over Music	\$5,000
Rebuilding Together Valley Of The Sun Inc	Safe@Home Program	\$5,000
Rosie's House – A Music Academy For Children Inc	Free Afterschool Piano Program for Underserved Youth	\$5,000
Sojourner Center	Supportive Services for Children and Youth	\$50,000
Southwest Center For HIV/AIDS	Logan's Playground Childcare for Children Impacted by HIV/AIDS	\$10,000
Southwest Human Development	The ADAPT Shop Building Current and Future Capacity	\$100,000
Special Olympics Arizona	State Competitions	\$150,000
Summer Youth Program Fund SYPF	Summer Youth Programs	\$50,000
Stardust Non-Profit Building Supplies Inc	Gifts In Kind Program	\$10,000
St. Joseph the Worker	Employment Heals Communities	\$100,000
St Mary's Food Bank Alliance	Kids Cafe Truck and Equipment	\$166,500
Stand For Children Leadership Center	Stand Arizona Family Engagement	\$10,000
Step-Student Expedition Program Inc	College-Prep Program	\$23,000
The Society of St Vincent De Paul	Feeding the Hungry: Congregate Dining Room Program	\$50,000
Teach For America Inc	Fueling a leadership pipeline	\$50,000
Theater Works	Adaptive Theater Program	\$5,000
Teen Lifeline Inc	Crisis Hotline/Text Line	\$10,000
TigerMountain Foundation	Growing People at a Community Garden in South Phoenix	\$20,000
Treasures 4 Teachers Inc	T4T on Wheels	\$20,000
Tumbleweed Center For Youth Development	Emergency Housing Program for Homeless Youth	\$100,000
UMOM New Day Centers Inc	Shelter Program	\$100,000
United States Veterans Initiative	Grand Veterans Village Long Term Supportive Housing	\$100,000
Unlimited Potential Inc	Promoting Latino Educational Attainment	\$25,000
VALLEYLIFE	Equipment for Persons with Disabilities	\$15,000
Valley of the Sun United Way	Project Connect	\$25,000
Valley Youth Theatre	Literacy and the Arts	\$10,000
Visionquest 20 20	EyeSpy 20/20	\$20,000
VOS YMCA	Reinvest in the Y	\$300,000
Waste Not Inc	Feed the Hungry	\$20,000
West Valley Arts Council	Arts Education Partnership	\$5,000
Young Arts Arizona Ltd	The Art of Healing - Creation and Exhibition of Art by Hospitalized Children	\$10,000