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Child Crisis Center - East Valley, Inc.

...at the heart of serving children and families

Tuesday Afternoons

I see...

Ice cream smeared on sweet little faces like finger paints on white paper.

Skinny legs teetering on roller blades.
Devotion of a kind staff.
Structure and security.

I hear...

Giggles and twitters like magpies in an elm tree.

“Grandma Jackie, can you come again tomorrow?”

Manners and gratefulness.
The beat of my filled heart.

I feel...

A small hand in mine with a special fit like that of old tennis shoes.

A lump in my throat.
My arms full of love,
My soul enriched.

I volunteer

at the Child Crisis Center



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CHRISTINE SCARPATI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Message from the Director

As we look ahead in a world that is much different from the one we have known in the past, it is easy to forget the positive impact that the staff and volunteers of the Child Crisis Center have on the daily lives of our kids. Everyone here at the Child Crisis Center works very hard to make the lives of the children and families we serve better each and every day. I know that I work at such a hectic pace that I rarely stop and reflect upon all the positive things that we, as an agency, are really accomplishing!

Recently, we had one of our former kids, now 19, apply for a job at our Thrift Store. He is doing well and

studying to be a chef. It is hard to believe that hundreds of the little ones we cared for over the past 20 years are now young adults, hopefully doing well in life. Each time we hear of just one child's success story it helps to remind us that without our services, some of these children would never have the opportunity to become thriving adults.

As times remain tough financially for our agency as well as many others, and as we constantly strive to seek new funding sources, it helps to be able to reflect upon our successes. Each success provides a reason to continue our mission; to prevent child abuse by providing a safe environment for children to heal and grow.



DIANNE BOWERS
BOARD PRESIDENT

Board of Directors Update

Spring. The very word brings a sense of excitement, vitality, and optimism about the future. It's a season of fresh new beginnings, a time of renewal and rebirth. The winter has past, and is behind us. The events of September 11 cast a shadow over our fall and winter as we all watched in horror and disbelief as the tragedies unfolded. Tens of thousands of us then set out to do something, to volunteer, to donate, to try to make a difference. We wanted to get something done in support of those who had suffered.

This same remarkable spirit of giving is touching the lives of children and parents here at the Child Crisis Center every day. Our volunteers give in many different ways to help the families who have been hurt by abuse and neglect. Volunteers are providing one on one attention, rocking a baby, reading to a toddler, bringing cookies, playing basketball, and donating their time and resources.

And so as we look toward spring, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for doing your best to give a child a renewed sense of hope, and a new beginning this spring. One person can make a difference in the life of a child; it happens at the Child Crisis Center every day.



TOM LORIG
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Foundation Report

The Child Crisis Center Foundation has as its exclusive mission "to solicit, receive and manage funds for the benefit of the ...Center." In accordance with the distribution policy, the Foundation provides 6% of its fund balance each fiscal year-end as financial support to the Crisis Center. The board of the Foundation is responsible for overseeing the management of investments, currently handled by Wells Fargo Private Client Services, and for solicitation of contributions from donors who wish to see their financial commitments have lasting impact over an extended number of years.

will be greater, leading to better and more expanded services in the on-going challenge to prevent child abuse and neglect.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to the many groups and individuals that continue to support the Child Crisis Center year after year. The Foundation provides another avenue of support, legacy gifts. Legacy gifts to the foundations are particularly suitable for those considering a charitable donation from their estate. What a terrific way to continue your support of the Center in perpetuity! See the article in this newsletter for more information on legacy gifts.

Having the Foundation in place helps to provide financial security for the Center. Success in meeting our responsibilities enables the fund to increase in value; and as the fund grows, the distributions to the center

Members of the Foundation Development Committee are available to meet with you or your group to discuss the Foundation and its impact on the Center. We welcome the opportunity to join with you in making a difference for those children who depend upon us for a brighter future.

April

is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Blue Ribbon Campaign

The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse is sponsoring the 19th annual Blue Ribbon Campaign during April – National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In the East Valley, the crusade is headed by HOPE (Healthy Options for Parents through Education).

The Blue Ribbon Campaign began when Grandmom Bonnie Finney tied a symbolic blue ribbon to the antenna of her van after the death of her grandson. She gained nationwide attention for her efforts to increase awareness and prevention of child abuse.

HOPE Needs Your Help

In state fiscal year 2001 there were 32,908 reports of abuse and neglect involving over 65,000 children. You can help solve the problem and strengthen families in a variety of ways.

You are invited to:

- Wear a blue ribbon.
- Display a blue ribbon on your front door, mailbox, light post, trees and car.
- Volunteer some of your time at a child abuse prevention agency.
- Call a friend who could use your support.
- Use humor to diffuse yours or others stress.
- Spend some special time with your child.
- Make a donation on your Arizona income tax form to the Child Abuse Prevention fund.

Volunteer for the East Valley campaign by calling (480)969-2308

Leave a Legacy Arizona

Leave a Legacy™ Arizona is an initiative of the Planned Giving Round Table that promotes legacy giving through wills and other estate planning methods. Through a cooperative community effort, Leave a Legacy connects people with non-profit organizations and faith groups that reflect their values and passions.

The Child Crisis Center – East Valley is linked to this very important organization.

Leaving a Legacy gift is easy!



Anyone can leave a legacy through their will or trust, designating an amount or percent, specific property, or some assets remaining after providing for their family members. You can also designate a charity as the beneficiary of some or all of an insurance policy or retirement plan. Here is how you can get started:

1. Make the decision to leave a legacy.
2. Next, research the organization that will receive your gift
3. Consult with your professional advisor

More information is available to you from a variety of resources including referral information at [www. LeaveALegacyArizona.org](http://www.LeaveALegacyArizona.org)



Creating Solutions to Prevent Child Abuse

Not enough people know that you can add money to your AZ tax Return that will go straight into the Child Abuse Prevention Fund.

This special fund supports community programs in Arizona, like Healthy Families, that have proven effective in educating parents and keeping children safe.

The rewards are obvious; no child deserves to be physically abused or neglected.

What's more, child abuse prevention pays off in the long-term cost of prison care – because studies show that a vast majority of inmates were abused as children.

Please, make a \$2 donation to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund on your AZ tax return. It's so little to ask and so easy to do.

Child Abuse is
a tough problem.

Helping to prevent
it is easy.

Community INVOLVEMENT

EVENTS

This year's **Family Kite Festival** was held on November 3 at Kleinman Park in Mesa. Sponsored by the **East Valley Family Resource Center**, the kite festival was a huge success. All of the families and children who participated had a fabulous time. The children designed and colored their own kites from pre-made kite kits. The event was enhanced by the attendance of **Route 66 Kite Club** from Glendale offering tips on flying kites, and music was provided by **Bart from Event Centrale**. Many thanks also to our **Parent Advisory Committee** for the baked treats, to **PAC members Debbie and Judy** and the water donated by the **Cities of Mesa and Tempe**. While taking a break from kite flying, families enjoyed picnic lunches, kids jumped in the bounce house and made use of the sporting equipment provided. This great event was made possible by a donation made in honor of **Glena Kratzer**.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Robinsons May Day was held in October at Chandler Fashion Center. The Crisis Center was one of the many charities involved and raised \$ 915 in ticket sales.

On October 18th, the **Dana Buchman Benefit Fashion Show** was held at Fashion Square in Scottsdale. Hors d'oeuvres were provided by **Simply Delicious** and **The Aaron Nelson Project** provided entertainment. **Mary Manross**, Mayor of Scottsdale, was emcee for the evening. Thank you to all who participated, and helped make it a night to remember.

Also in October, **Outback Steakhouse** held their second annual **Ridin' For A Reason Poker Run** for the Crisis Center. By the end of the run, **Mike Olsen**, proprietor at the **Mesa Outback**, raised \$7,400 for our kids.

The 9th Annual **For The Love of Kids Golf Classic** was held at SunRidge Canyon Golf Club. Thanks to our title sponsor, **Tom Lewis**, of **T.W. Lewis Homes**, and the many other sponsors who helped the Center raise nearly \$60,000.



Thanks to **Dan Saban** and all the **Kops and Kowboys** for their annual charity team roping to benefit the Center. \$5,000 was given to the Center from this event.

Our annual **In The Spirit of Giving Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser** at **Fiesta Mall** raised nearly \$4,900. Thanks to all the hard working volunteers!

Under the direction of **Ron Cates**, the students at **Kyrene Pueblo Middle School** held a huge holiday drive and auction that raised nearly \$2000.

A beautiful Christmas dinner complete with Santa was held on December 6th at the **Hilton Phoenix East in Mesa**. Christmas gifts were provided for all the children who attended. After dinner **Congressman Matt Salmon** helped Santa light the Christmas tree in the hotel's Atrium Lounge.

In the **Spirit of Dance Christian Dance Company** held their annual holiday event, with proceeds benefiting the Child Crisis Center. \$500 was raised.

Thanks to **Hells Angels** for bringing toys for the kids at Christmas and a check for \$1,145. With 800 motorcycles it took nearly 20 minutes to park all the bikes!

Almost 500 motorcycles from **Chandler Custom Cycles** roared into the Center parking lot under the leadership of **Harold Fischer**. The group brought in a lot of toys for Christmas for the children. Afterward they all attended a holiday party, and raised \$8,300.

During the holidays, the **Casa Paloma Shopping Center** collected more than two truckloads of toys for our kids. They also held a sidewalk sale in February selling cotton candy and popcorn with the proceeds coming to the Center. Thanks to **Mary Walker** for organizing these events!

Thank you to **Georgia Meyer** and **Carol Osby** for their efforts in raising \$1400 through an auction at **Viewpoint RV Resort**.

The crafty ladies from **Hacienda de Valencia** and **Catherine Grimes** have continually raised several thousand dollars each year from their auctions, homemade quilts, bake sales, and yard sales. We hear Catherine Grimes' lemon pies are the hottest items at the bake sales.

Mark and Beverly LeResche, owners of **Chosa's Motorcycles**, worked all year long raising money for local charities. The Center benefited greatly by their efforts and presented Jackie Bink with a check for \$11,000 on January 30th. They have become great friends of the Center.



During the holiday season, employees of **Spectrum Astro** in Gilbert raised \$3,966 by holding an auction.

Mahnah Club "All That Glitters" Gala was a beautiful event held at the Sheraton Convention Center. There was a silent auction and entertainment by **The Tony Frank Five**. The proceeds from the auction will help support the Center, Save The Family Foundation and Mahnah Scholarships.

GRANTS

All-State Foundation \$1,500

All-State Foundation's \$1,500 grant offered financial support to our Emergency Shelter's Personal Safety class. Under the direction of master-level counselors, the children worked toward an awareness of potentially dangerous situations and learned problem-solving skills to help keep them safe.

Discover Financial Services \$1,500

Thanks to Aaron Nelson, an employee of Discover Financial Services, for recommending the Center to his employer's Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) funded by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Foundation. Through this program, our Emergency Shelter received \$1,500 in financial support for the children's character-building class. Each week the children learn about the "Six Pillars of Character":

trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Boeing \$4,950

The Employees Community Fund of Boeing Mesa donated \$4,950 in funds to provide parenting educational opportunities to families in the East Valley. With the support of Boeing, parents have been able to attend the following classes at the East Valley Family Resource Center: Parenting of Teens, Parenting of Children with ADHD, English & Spanish Parenting Skills, Blended Families, and Anger Management Skills.

Target \$5,000

Target Corporation granted financial support to the East Valley Family Resource Center to fund our Parenting Service Information Line, which helps provide information and resources to the community regarding parenting classes and other family support services.

The following companies' generous financial support is being used to cover the cost for a parent/guardian to place their child in a community bed free of charge when they are overwhelmed by personal crisis and are not able to provide proper care for them. While the children are in our care, they attend local public school, receive daily tutoring and educational enrichment, and are active in many recreational programs.

Cox Communication Charities	\$5,000
Gannett Foundation	\$1,500
In-N-Out Burger Foundation	\$6,000
Masonic Charities of Arizona	\$1,000
PacifiCare Foundation	\$5,000
Pacific Life Foundation	\$5,000
Phoenix Suns Charities	\$5,000
Sundt Foundation	\$2,000
Whiteman Foundation	\$12,500

SPECIAL GIFTS

Victoria and Peter Nelson, longtime friends of the Center donated \$6,000 to replace the grassy area of the toddler playground with astro turf. Now the children can play on comfortable ground all year long.



Kreston Hatch generously donated \$10,000 to the Child Crisis Center in December. A special tile honoring his contribution will be displayed in one of the babies' bedrooms entitled "**Kreston's Krib**".

Thanks to the multitudes of individuals and groups who donated Christmas gifts to the children here at the Center. There were so many it would be impossible to include them all in this format, but we want them to know how much we appreciate their generosity.

Did you know you can donate online?

Visit our secured website at www.childcrisis.org and click on the "How you Can Help" bar.

VOLUNTEER Highlights

Our volunteers provide loving care and assistance to the children at the Center. In addition to sharing their talents, skills and hobbies they brighten the faces of our kids each and every day. We thank you all for the countless hours of your time that you provide to our kids. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Artistic Expression

Penny Donovan and her son **Patrick** come to us from **Free Arts of Arizona**. Every Sunday afternoon they visit our Big Kids Unit bringing a craft or art project. Penny and Patrick believe that creative arts provide children a way to identify their emotions and share them through a positive medium.

Watch our Garden Grow

Thanks to **Ashley Trask**, our volunteer who teaches the children about gardening. Ashley brings seeds and soil and the children plant vegetables and water them, watching them begin to grow! Ashley has also planned gardening related field trips for the children, recently visiting a local arboretum.



Great Stories, Great Teachers

Every Sunday, volunteer teachers **Nadia Crosser** and **Lyle Hawk** come to tell Bible stories to our kids and to teach them about being kind and caring towards one another. Many times they plan activities that go along with the stories. On Wednesday evenings, **Brian Hawk**, is the storyteller. The children have the option to attend either one of these sessions each week.

Reading, Math and More

Many other volunteers serve as educational tutors at the Center. They assist the children with their homework, help them learn spelling words, read with them and supervise special science projects. They help our kids to be more successful in school and bestow the value of learning.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents at the Child Crisis Center, feel free to contact Donna at 480-969-2308 for more information on our volunteer opportunities.

A Dog is to Love

Our thanks to **Lisa and Steve Depies**, **Jackie Dueck** and **Gail Waltuch** of **Gabriel's Angels** and to **Loralee Washburn** for sharing their wonderful therapy dogs with our kids. These trained therapy dogs are friendly and loving and will play games with the children, helping the children to relax and laugh. These volunteers understand the needs of our kids and provide this very unique service for us.



Did you know that Volunteers Live Longer?

Recent studies at the University of Michigan have led to the discovery that volunteering your time can add 8 years onto your life! In a study of over 1,000 people, those who volunteered up to 40 hours a year lived an average of 8 years longer. Scientists aren't exactly sure why, but speculate that "the friendships, new experiences and rush of good feelings associated with volunteering keep you healthy by lowering your blood pressure and heart rate.

What a win-win combination volunteering at the Child Crisis Center can be – helping kids and living a longer life!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

We have an exciting number of new events coming up this spring. Please join us for nay or all of these.

CASA PALOMA FASHION SHOW

- Saturday, May 4th, 2:00 p.m.
- Tomaso's Restaurant at 56th Street and Ray Road (block east of I10)
- Wine and cheese tasting with hor d'oeuvres by Tomaso's
- Fashion show presenting clothing from Center's stores with professional models
- Tickets \$35 each or two for \$50
- All proceeds to benefit Child Crisis Center

For more information contact Mary Walker
602-242-2521

10TH ANNUAL FOR THE LOVE OF KIDS GOLF CLASSIC



- T.W. Lewis is the title sponsor
- SunRidge Canyon Golf Club in Fountain Hills.
- September 2002



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Invite you to
"An Evening in the Tropics"
Saturday, April 27, 2002
6:30 p.m.

A fundraising evening to benefit the Child Crisis Center – East Valley

Join us for an enchanting evening
at the lush tropical locale of the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch.

Enjoy an extravagant outdoor buffet served poolside.
While mingling in the Palm Grove, listen to
the tropical beat of the Desert Winds Elementary
School Steel Drum Band,
followed by dancing to the smooth sounds of jazz performed
by Turning Point.

Don't Lei Around –
Island Passes will go quickly
Island Fare: \$125 per person
Attire: Tropical Evening Wear

Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch
7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale
No host cocktails

For Reservations call Von Bullard 480-969-2308



Raffle tickets are three for \$60 or \$25 each

Grand Prize Raffle includes:

- Ladies 14k gold necklace with pendant of South Sea pearl and pave diamonds from Jewelry by Gauthier
- Trip for two to live taping of Tonight Show with Jay Leno including airfare and hotel accommodations at the Burbank Airport Hilton
 - Miracle morning spa package with lunch at Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa – Biltmore Fashion Park

Child Crisis Center Donor List Moves to Web Site

Beginning with this issue of our newsletter, we have decided to place our donor list on our web site at www.childcrisis.org.

As we look for every way to save funds for our agency's programming needs, cutting back on the size of our newsletter, thus saving printing and mailing costs was one way to help us achieve this goal. We will update the list quarterly, and plan to keep it as accurate as possible. We know we may sometimes make an error or omission and we count on you to let us know so that we can rectify it immediately. This is one advantage of having an electronic list over a printed list!

We want to thank all of the donors who made contributions to the Child Crisis Center from the months of July 2001 through December 2001. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Child Crisis Center – East Valley is to prevent child abuse by providing a safe environment for children to heal and grow; supporting and strengthening families through education and intervention; raising community awareness; and taking the lead in setting the standard for others to follow.

The Child Crisis Center – East Valley, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charity and all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Founded by the Mahnah Club of Mesa, in 1981.



Wish List

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| Arts & Crafts Activities | Ethnically Diverse Dolls (non-Barbie) |
| Gift Certificates (McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Pizza Hut, Grocery Stores, Target, etc) | Scooter |
| Baby Food | Gatorade/Fruit Juices |
| Models (car, truck, airplane) | Scrapbooks & Scrapbook Materials |
| Bicycle Helmets | Hobby Items |
| Movie Theatre Passes | Shoes - Boys and Girls (all sizes) |
| Bicycle Supplies/Oil | Jeeppers Gift Certificates |
| Nix Shampoo | Shower Curtains & Rings (Primary Colors) |
| Children's Large Hard Back Books | Knee Pads |
| Paper Towels | Stickers |
| Children's Paint Smocks | Laptop Computer |
| Plastic Mattress Covers (twin & crib size) | Sun Screen |
| Clothing (all sizes, seasonal) | Large Plastic Storage Bins |
| Polaroid Film | Super Nintendo Games |
| Diapers (Extra Large, Large; no generic, please) | Mattress Pads (twin & crib size) |
| Polaroid Camera | Teaching Tools |
| Disposable Cameras | Pull-Ups |
| | Gift Certificates |

* Please no stuffed animals as they may be an allergy issue.



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