

2009 Cox Charities Statewide Grant Recipients

A & A Cottages, Inc.

EMPOWER program

\$5,000

The EMPOWER programs provides wrap around services to our communities abused, abandoned, and neglected youth that addresses the issues of Education, Mentoring, Positive Use of Self, Opportunities, Well-being, Employment, and Resiliency.

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK-AZ)

Special Friends

\$10,000

AASK's Special Friends Program serves the hundreds of children who remain living in Arizona's foster care system; helping to connect these children to caring adult mentors who will have a consistent, positive presence in their lives.

American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter

Rebecca Ramsay Scholarship Fund for Disadvantaged Youth

\$1,000

The Rebecca Ramsay Scholarship Fund benefits economically disadvantaged youth ages 18 and younger by paying their enrollment and materials fees for classes in CPR, First Aid, AED training, Lifeguard Training and Babysitter Training.

Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation, Inc.

Shared Reading Program

\$9,500

The Shared Reading Project teaches hearing parents and caregivers of deaf ASDB preschoolers how to read to their children using American Sign Language with proven book-sharing methods. We wish to expand the program to a broader community.

Arizona Heart Foundation

Heart Healthy Lessons for Kids

\$7,000

Heart Healthy Lessons for Kids is a bilingual interactive educational program for K-6 students, using fun exercises focusing on healthy lifestyles, correct diet, and exercise to instill proper habits and prevent cardiovascular disease later in life.

Arizona Science Center

Free School Admissions Program

\$10,000

Arizona Science Center's Free School Admissions program provides free field trips for underserved, disadvantaged school children and offers complimentary, standards-based materials and workshops for their teachers.

Arizona's Children Association (AzCA)

Golden Gate Computer Lab

\$10,000

Golden Gate's Computer Learning Lab serves children ages 7-15 after school, during intercessions and throughout the summer to help them learn computer skills while expanding their core learning knowledge to better prepare them for school success.

Back To School Clothing Drive Assn.

New Clothes New Beginnings

\$6,000

The New Clothes New Beginnings Annual Clothing Distribution provides new school outfits and uniforms, backpacks, and school supplies for up to 5,500 low-income K-6 grade children from throughout the Valley of the Sun.

Banner Health Foundation
School-Based Health Centers **\$10,000**

This program delivers on-site primary health care to school children who lack insurance and access to regular care. The availability of adequate health care to these children creates an environment that is more conducive to learning and development.

Best Buddies Arizona
High School Mentoring Project **\$9,000**

The BBAZ Middle School and High School Friendship Project will match students with intellectual disabilities ("Buddies") in one-to-one friendships with their non-disabled peers ("Peer Buddies") on 36 high school and 8 middle school campuses.

Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Vista
Education & Career Development Program **\$3,000**

The programs within the Education & Career Development Core Area enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, set goals, explore careers, prepare for employment, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale
America Reads **\$5,000**

America Reads provides one-on-one tutoring and homework assistance for at-risk English-language learners struggling to achieve success in school. The program serves 120 youth throughout the school year.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix (BGCMP)
Education Program **\$11,000**

BGCMP's Education Program helps to expand children's learning opportunities by offering homework help, tutoring, educational enrichment programs and access to technology that many youth would not otherwise have.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Project Learn - Power Hour **\$5,000**

Our Clubs mobilize resources to help youth succeed in school using Project Learn: The Educational Enhancement Program which includes: Homework help/tutoring; High-yield learning activities; Parent/adult involvement; Collaboration with schools.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson
Club Tech **\$4,000**

Club Tech is a comprehensive computer education program that provides youth ages 7-17 with access and training in computer and Internet applications through year round age appropriate classes.

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona
Community-Based Academic Preparation Program **\$2,500**

BHGH adopted the Community-Based Program in 2003 to expand our outreach to children in need. The program enrolls economically disadvantaged children into an intensive seven-year program of academic preparation beginning in 6th grade.

Casa Center for Prevention of Abuse and Violence (Casa)
No More Secrets - Kid's Talk **\$2,000**

Casa's No More Secrets - Kid's Talk program is sexual abuse, personal safety education program provided to children Kindergarten - 6th grade in classrooms throughout the Valley to educate children how to recognize, refuse and report sexual abuse.

Catholic Charities Community Services (CCCS)

P.A.V.E. - Preventing Abuse And Violence through Education	\$2,500
The P.A.V.E. program was created to go beyond the basic relationship education offered in schools and to provide Chandler youth with tools and skills needed for safe, healthy relationships and to prevent teen relationship violence.	
Challenger Space Center Arizona	
e-Missions for Students	\$5,000
The Challenger Space Center's "e-Mission: Operation Montserrat" utilizes the internet and video conferencing to bring a unique and challenging interactive educational program into grades 6-12 classrooms throughout the state.	
Chandler Education Foundation	
Destination College	\$3,500
The Children of Promise /Destination College program offers extended educational opportunities to students attending six Title 1 schools in Chandler.	
Child Crisis Center (CCC)	
Emergency Shelter Program	\$5,500
We are requesting support for the Emergency Shelter - Education and Preschool Program. We believe that the support provided while children stay at the Shelter helps them feel more secure and their self-esteem improves.	
Childsplay, Inc.	
School Touring Program	\$3,500
Childsplay's School Tour brings professional, adult actors into schools to perform quality theatrical works and interact with student audiences. Each visit includes an educational component to help teachers integrate the arts into their classrooms.	
Cochise Robotics Association	
Robotics Education Program	\$5,000
To provide funding in promoting science and technology education for the K-12 students of Cochise County using the FIRST Robotics FLL, FTC, and FRC programs. Also, support summer camps for Elementary students and NURC underwater robotics.	
Communities in Schools of Tempe and Kyrene	
No Less Than Success	\$2,000
No Less Than Success is the name for our two programs for middle school students that target youth who are at risk for becoming high school dropouts. The two programs help students learn to be emotionally, socially, and academically successful.	
Crisis Nursery, Inc.	
After School Academic Program (ASAP)	\$7,000
The After School Academic Program, a unique and one-of-a-kind educational support initiative, provides 360 hours of tutoring for 120 children each year, fulfilling the individual educational needs of the school-aged children residing at the Shelter.	
Deer Valley Education Foundation	
Music Rocks! Summer Camp	\$1,000
Music Rocks Summer Camp is for students entering grades 4-9 and offers instruction in both vocal and instrumental, regardless of musical ability. Students will work and prepare appropriate sheet music during the course of the two week music camp.	
Desert Botanical Garden	
Sonoran Desert Adventure (SDA) Field Trip Program	\$5,000

Sonoran Desert Adventure Program serves K-8th grade by educating students and teachers about desert plants, animals and environmental ecology through docent guided tours providing highly interactive and hands-on experiences on our outdoor trails.

East Valley Children's Theatre

Bringing Smiles to Children **\$4,500**

Bringing Smiles to Children provides kids who might not otherwise have the opportunity, the experience of attending a live professional quality theatrical production especially for kids, performed by kids.

Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona

Summer Academy Literacy Program for At-Risk Youth **\$10,000**

Florence Crittenton's Summer Youth Academy provides a structured educational environment for at-risk teenage girls residing in our Therapeutic Group Home and Transitional Living Program and Crittenton Youth Academy students from the community.

Foundation for Blind Children

SHARP (Sports, Habilitation, Art and Recreation) Program **\$7,000**

The SHARP program teaches adaptive sports, recreation, technology, and independent living skills to blind, visually impaired and multi-handicapped children ages 6-20 to promote independence and help each child master the world around them.

Free Arts of Arizona

20-Week Mentor Program **\$3,000**

The program provides quality screened /trained volunteers to work with groups of children living in residential treatment centers, group homes, and shelters . Volunteers conduct weekly, creative arts activities with children for 20-week sessions.

Gabriel's Angels

Pet Therapy Program **\$2,000**

Gabriel's Angels delivers healing pet therapy to abused, neglected and at-risk children. Our goal is to improve the emotional health and well-being of children and help them develop the skills necessary to prevent the cycle of violence.

Girl Scouts - Arizona Cactus-Pine Council

We Believe in Girls Program **\$3,500**

We Believe in Girls brings the traditional Girl Scout program to girls who are unable to participate in Girl Scouting as a result of a lack of community volunteers, transportation barriers, and/or financial restraint.

The Giving Tree Outreach Program

Summer Feeding Program for Children **\$4,000**

During summer our volunteers distribute breakfast, snacks and lunches at YMCAs, Boys & Girls Club and throughout the community to feed children who normally receive free meals at school and otherwise would go without meals while school is closed.

Greater Phoenix Youth at Risk Foundation, Inc.

PALS Mentoring Program **\$2,000**

PALS (Positive Adult Leaders in Society) Mentoring Program offers individual mentoring for homeless children ages 5-15 living with their families in longer-term shelter programs. It is the only mentoring program in the area for homeless children.

HandsOn Greater Phoenix

YouthWorks **\$5,500**

YouthWorks engages 10 to 17 year-old youth in bi-weekly hands on service and service learning opportunities that build youth's leadership skills and leave a positive imprint on the community.

Homeward Bound
Children's Services **\$2,000**

Children's Services helps children overcome issues stemming from homelessness and domestic violence by offering educational and recreational activities that improve their social development, decision-making skills, and builds their self-confidence.

JFCS (Jewish Family and Children's Service)
Creating Peaceful Families **\$7,000**

JFCS' Creating Peaceful Families program provides school- and community-based services to children, families and school personnel focused on violence prevention, anger management, conflict resolution, healthy communication and emotional health.

Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc.
BizTown **\$15,000**

JA BizTown combines 19 hours of classroom lessons with a day-long simulation. Students study Community, Careers, Business Management, Work Readiness and Financial Literacy prior to coming to and operating JA's mini-town, which includes a Cox Studio.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes Program **\$2,000**

Raises awareness of type 1 & 2 diabetes and type 2 prevention practices for elementary students. Includes diabetes warning signs, facts, & healthy lifestyle practices. Philanthropy education for diabetes research, and a Walk on school grounds.

New Life Center
Children's Program **\$6,000**

The program provides targeted interventions for children who are witness to, or victims of, domestic violence. Group and individual advocacy, art and music therapy, and connections with counseling teach coping and healthy emotional expression.

Opening Minds through the Arts Foundation
OMA Institute Training Program **\$10,000**

OMAF will sponsor two OMA Institutes to train classroom teachers, teaching artists, administrators, and arts specialists with OMA's dissemination package, assessment processes, and protocol to improve student understanding in tested content areas.

Phoenix Day Child and Family Learning Center
Early Childhood Education Program **\$3,500**

Phoenix Day serves a diverse population of low-income children from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Our early childhood education program provides a full pre-literacy curriculum based on Arizona's State Standards for Early Childhood Education.

The Phoenix Symphony
Education Programs **\$3,000**

Armonía is a year-long residency program that serves the students and families of Western Valley Middle School in Phoenix and includes instrument instruction, community concerts and music workshops for students in grades 6-8.

Phoenix Theatre
Partners That Heal **\$5,500**

PARTNERS THAT HEAL helps create an environment that enables hospitalized children to express and cope with the debilitating fears of prolonged stays--creating an outlet to ease the tension, nervousness, and anxieties that many children experience.

Release the Fear, Inc.

Inside Out, The Bridging of Possibilities	\$4,500
Thru creative, sensory perception exercises, participants explore healthy lifestyles, conquer their disabilities thru leadership & social skills development, exposing them to creative problem solving, creating opportunity to shift a life of crime.	
Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children Music Education Program	\$3,500
Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children provides tuition-free music instruction program by dedicated professionals and instruments on loan to low-income, high-risk youth in the Phoenix metropolitan area in a safe, supervised environment.	
San Miguel High School College Prepared is College Bound	\$6,000
Most San Miguel students will be the first in their families to finish high school, so there is little first-hand knowledge of what it takes to get to college. San Miguel will prepare each student academically and emotionally for college success.	
Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center Keeping Kids Safe Abuse Prevention Education Program	\$5,500
Keeping Kids Safe is a primary prevention education effort, to provide school-age children with tools and information they need to help keep themselves safe from sexual assault and physical abuse. 3 R's = recognize abuse, resist abuse, report abuse.	
Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center FRIEND Program	\$5,000
FRIEND is a peer mentoring and tolerance training program that promotes acceptance within the schools of children with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) by providing sensitivity training of students, and teachers and school staff.	
String Sounds The Whatzit That Came to School	\$2,000
This is a 30 minute in-school inter-disciplinary program using a classical string quartet, 4 professional dancers using costumes and props, a storytelling prologue to each scene and a school "chorus" at each site. Teacher materials are included.	
Teach for America Teacher Development Program	\$3,500
In order to affect immediate and long term benefits for the students we serve, Teach For America executes the following program activities: recruitment; selection; teacher preparation; induction and placement; support and professional development.	
Teen Lifeline Inc. Life Skills Development	\$3,000
Every year we select 40 at-risk students to undergo the rigorous 3-phase, 70-hour training program. The Life Skills program is designed to build communication, problem-solving, and decision-making skills and enhance self-esteem.	
Tucson Symphony Orchestra Music in the Schools / Young People's Concerts	\$5,000
The award-winning Music in the Schools/Young People's Concerts (MIS/YPC) program brings innovative music education and live symphonic music to more than 17,000 3rd-8th grade students and 650 teachers throughout southern Arizona.	
UMOM New Day Centers, Inc. Kids Den	\$5,000

Kids Den is an after school program and part of UMOM's licensed and accredited childcare center. Kids Den provides stability and normalcy for children of homeless families while also helping improve their academic skills.

Valle del Sol, Inc.

Community Power **\$11,000**

Leadership and transitional life skill building for youth, which comprise approximately 40% of the agency's total consumer population, as a means for preparing them for adulthood.

Valley Leadership

Valley Teen Leadership Program **\$5,500**

Valley Teen Leadership is designed to help meet the need for strong leaders by providing high school students with education, skills and inspiration to effectively serve the community in current times and well into the future.

Valley of the Sun YMCA

i-Learn High School Dropout Recovery Program **\$13,000**

The i-Learn program allows high school students through age 21 complete diploma requirements in YMCA computer labs under the direction of YMCA staff instructors. Instruction is delivered via school approved digitally based curriculum.

Valley Youth Theatre

Literacy and the Arts **\$3,500**

Literacy and the Arts utilizes theatre performances to motivate school children(95% minority)within the Roosevelt and Phoenix Elementary School districts to increase time spent reading, literacy skills, and provide increased exposure to the arts.

Wickenburg Children's cultural Organization

Music Matters, Especially to Children **\$2,000**

The program is a 3 day musical residency with the Southwest String Quartet. In addition they will provide classes in caring for instruments to students who are eligible to participate in our programs, as well as supplies for this and camp activities.

Youth On Their Own

Student Stipend Program **\$11,500**

The Monthly Stipend Program is a dropout prevention program for homeless youth enrolled in Youth On Their Own. The youth must attend school on a regular basis and receive passing grades.

Total **\$335,000**