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American Cancer Society (\$2,000)

Arizona Camp Sunrise & Sunrise Sidekicks

www.azcampsunrise.org

One of the oldest oncology camps in the country, Arizona Camp Sunrise is a week-long overnight camp for Arizona children (ages 8-16) with cancer. Sunrise Sidekicks gives brothers and sisters of cancer patients a chance to share their experience with their peers.

American Red Cross – Southern Arizona Chapter (\$1,500)

First Aid for Today's Family

www.sazredcross.org

This Red Cross course is designed for families and/or groups of children (ages 6-11), and uses age-appropriate materials and techniques to teach participants how to respond in various emergencies.

American Red Cross – Southern Arizona Chapter (\$6,000)

Real Youth Hero Award

www.sazredcross.org

The American Red Cross holds an annual *Real Heroes Breakfast* – attended by approximately 600 community leaders – to honor 13 local “real heroes” who have shown great courage in saving other people’s lives. Each “real hero” receives an award that has been sponsored by a local company or group. In 2003, seven of the 13 award recipients were children (of various ages). The Foundation sponsored a 2004 Real Youth Hero Award.

Amigos de las Américas – Tucson Chapter (\$1,000)

www.amigostucson.org

Amigos de las Américas provides youth in the United States with the opportunity to perform community development work in Latin American countries. Youth volunteers receive extensive training, and then spend eight weeks participating in, and in some cases leading, a variety of hands-on projects “in the field” geared toward public health, education and community development.

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Arizona's Children Association (\$5,000)

Merger with Las Familias

www.arizonaschildren.org

Arizona's Children Association (ACA) is the State's largest non-profit child welfare and behavioral health organization. They offer more than 100 programs that focus on early intervention in the cycle of abuse as a means of preventing further family distress. Las Familias works to facilitate the healing process of children and adults who experienced childhood sexual abuse. ACA and Las Familias are in the process of completing a merger in which Las Familias will become a program of ACA. The merger will support the long-term viability of each organization and further each organization's ability to fulfill its mission. The grant to ACA is for expenses directly associated with the merger process.

The Art Room (\$16,750)

This grant supported operating expenses for The Art Room from October – December 2003. The Art Room offers hands-on art experiences to children residing in domestic violence shelters and transitional housing programs in Pima County as a means of fostering their self-expression and self-esteem. The Art Room currently operates on-site at The Brewster Center and New Beginnings for Women and Children.

Aviva Children's Services (\$8,000)

In My Shoes

www.avivatucson.org

In My Shoes is a collaborative project of Aviva Children's Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson, Casey Family Programs, Child Protective Services and Pima County Juvenile Court. It is designed to ease the difficult transition faced by youth who are "aging out" of the foster care system. The program will pair 17-year-olds in foster care with foster care alumni who can offer guidance, support and a first-hand understanding of the foster care emancipation process.

Aviva Children's Services (\$5,000)

Life Books Project

www.avivatucson.org

This program helps foster children of all ages resolve their past experiences of neglect and abuse and build a strong foundation for the future by creating Life Books for them. Life Books are similar to family albums and contain pictures, mementos, school records and descriptions of important events in a child's life (including the reason they have come into CPS care). The Life Books, which are compiled by volunteers, help the children gain a better sense of their identity, provides a tangible record of their lives and affirm that they are not to blame for the abuse or neglect they suffered.

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Aztlan Youth Program (\$8,000)

Youth Mentoring

Aztlan Youth Program provides mentoring to high-risk youth, primarily in the South Tucson area. As part of the program, youth participate in boxing as a means to instill self-respect, confidence, commitment and discipline. The mentors are available to the youth 24-hours-a-day, and serve as role models for how to live a healthy life free of violence and substance abuse.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (\$8,000)

One-to-One Mentoring

www.tucsonbig.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters' one-to-one mentoring program matches caring adult mentors with school-age youth to foster meaningful, supportive relationships. The mentoring relationship is strengthened by group outings and activities, in addition to the one-to-one interaction between mentors and mentees.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson (\$5,000)

www.bgctucson.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson (BGCT) provides after-school and weekend programs to nearly 3,500 youth (ages 7-18) annually. Centered in four clubhouses located in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, BGCT offers programs in five core areas: Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, the Arts, Health & Life Skills, and Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

Child & Family Resources (\$50,250)

The Art Room

www.childfamilyresources.org

Child & Family Resources served as The Art Room's fiscal sponsor from February – September 2003. The Art Room offers hands-on art experiences to children residing in domestic violence shelters and transitional housing programs in Pima County as a means of fostering their self-expression and self-esteem. The Art Room currently operates on-site at The Brewster Center and New Beginnings for Women and Children.

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Child & Family Resources (\$5,000)

Girl Talk/Guy Talk

www.childfamilyresources.org

This school-based prevention program is designed to help early adolescent youth build the skills they need to make good life choices and resist risky behaviors. Tools are taught in areas such as assertiveness, problem solving, conflict resolution, goal setting and how to access resources.

Community Shares of Southern Arizona (In-Kind)

www.communitysharessaz.org

Community Shares is a coalition of non-profit organizations that serve Southern Arizona and work at the heart of our community to enhance the quality of life for all. Shares conducts a workplace payroll deduction program to raise funds for its member organizations, offering employees a wide range of new choices for charitable giving. The Foundation provides Community Shares with office space.

Easter Seals Arizona (\$878)

Adaptive Respite & Recreation (ARR) Camp – Tucson

www.eastersealsarizona.org

Easter Seals' ARR Camp provides a respite for parents of children with disabilities or other special needs, while providing their children with recreation and adventures not readily available to them.

NOTE: This grant was made as matching funds for the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Sierra Middle School's Youth in Philanthropy program. The Youth in Philanthropy program exposes the school's students to both the fundraising and grant making aspects of philanthropy.

Family Counseling Agency (\$5,000)

Children of Changing Families

www.fcaonline.org

www.divorcerecovery.net

This program provides support groups for children whose parents are experiencing or have experienced divorce/separation. As part of a broader Divorce Recovery program that support adults going through a divorce, an emphasis is placed on improving the family's communication, understanding the changes that come with divorce, and processing the feelings that arise from this transition.

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Flowing Wells Extension Programs (\$7,000)

Mentor for Success Program

Flowing Wells Extension Programs partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters to operate the *Mentor for Success* program, which serves students in grades K-6 at Walter Douglas and Laguna Elementary Schools in the Flowing Wells School District. Mentors have one-on-one interaction with students during the schools' Skills for Success after-school program.

Las Familias (\$5,000)

Project New Start

www.lasfamilias.org

Project New Start is a collaborative of Las Familias and Compass Health Care. The program provides treatment for teens struggling with dual issues of childhood sexual abuse and substance abuse. Individual, group and family counseling are provided to help teens learn healthy coping skills, develop trusting relationships and end their substance abuse.

Mansfeld Middle School (\$1,600)

Project Citizen

<http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Mansfeld>

Eighth graders at Mansfeld Middle School (Tucson Unified School District) researched and drafted anti-bullying policies as part of Project Citizen, a national competition that promotes student involvement in government and public policy. The students developed an anti-bullying policy for their school and drafted legislation requiring all Arizona schools to adopt anti-bullying policies, which they will submit to state lawmakers during the next legislative session. For their efforts, the students have won at regional, state and national Project Citizen competitions.

National Network of Grantmakers (\$500)

Building Power for Social Justice Conference

www.nng.org

The National Network of Grantmakers (NNG) is comprised of organizations and individuals involved in funding social and economic justice efforts around the country. NNG works primarily with organized philanthropy to increase financial and other resources distributed to groups working toward social change. NNG's annual conference brings these philanthropists together to share ideas and support growth in the funding of social justice programs.

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Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona (\$5,000)

Protection Connection's Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

www.ppsaz.org

Protection Connection is a social marketing campaign focused on promoting healthier sexual behavior and attitudes amongst already sexually active young people. The TAG is the peer-to-peer component of the program, and is comprised of young people who conduct outreach to other youth regarding safe sex.

Sahuaro Girl Scouts Council (\$1,000)

www.sahuarogsc.org

The Girl Scouts offers recreation and personal development opportunities for girls ages 5-17. Small groups, supervised by adult role models, participate in a variety of activities with an emphasis on leadership, decision-making, contemporary issues and community service.

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired (SAAVI) (\$8,000)

SAAVI Teen Empowerment Project (STEP)

www.saavi.us

SAAVI's new mentoring program matches visually impaired youth (protégés) with a visually impaired mentor who is an older youth or an adult. Mentors assist their protégés in emotionally and physically adapting to their visual impairment, serve as role models for successful assimilation into the mainstream community, and provide general support and guidance related to the universal issues faced by all youth.

Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center (SACAC) (\$5,000)

Forensic Interviews

SACAC offers a multi-disciplinary response to child abuse by providing centralized medical evaluations, forensic interviews of victims and client advocacy. These services are coordinated with those of law enforcement officers, social workers and prosecutors to reduce the trauma to child victims of abuse or neglect.

Southside Community School (\$500)

Real World Peace Theater

Twelve middle school students at Southside Community School (a charter school located in the Pueblo Gardens neighborhood) created a play about peace, based on their own life experiences. Their goal was to demonstrate how each person can make a difference in building peace in schools and the community in general. These students were invited to perform their play, entitled *I Know Who I Am*, at an international peace conference in April 2003. This grant helped to cover their travel costs.

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Tu Nidito Children & Family Services (\$5,000)

Children to Children

www.tunidito.org

This program provides age-appropriate support groups for children 3-18 who are grieving the death of someone they care about. By creating a safe environment for children to begin healing from their loss, the program seeks to reduce the behavioral disturbances that might occur later in life due to unresolved childhood grief.

Tu Nidito Children & Family Services (\$4,000)

One-on-One Mentoring

www.tunidito.org

Tu Nidito's one-on-one mentoring serves seriously ill children and their siblings. Seriously ill children are afforded a vital outlet to express their feelings, and are often matched with a mentor who has direct, personal experience with the difficult situation the youth is facing. Siblings of ill children are given support in coping with their grief, and provided with the individual attention that their parents may have a difficult time providing while attending to the ill child's needs.

University of Arizona (\$45,000)

Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology (BARA) and Mexican American Studies & Research Center (MASRC)

Social Justice Education Project

<http://instech.tusd.k12.az.us/raza/index.asp>

The BARA/MASRC's Social Justice Education Project is a two-year (four semester) student-led and mentor-facilitated critical research project. Students are provided with the skills necessary to conduct research and analysis, document and disseminate findings, and take action related to social justice and issues of inequality (particularly in relation to the educational system). The program, through a partnership with the Tucson Unified School District, is currently being implemented at Cholla and Pueblo high schools.

University of Arizona (\$7,000)

College of Education

Project SOAR

www.ed.arizona.edu/soar

Project SOAR pairs University of Arizona students (primarily education majors) with middle and high school students who have exhibited at-risk behaviors. The mentors provide extensive one-on-one mentoring and academic tutoring. While the mentors act as positive, real-life role models, they also encourage parent involvement in order to more fully develop the youth's support system.

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Voices (\$5,000)

110° Magazine

www.voicesinc.org

110° Magazine is an annual publication written entirely by youth through Voices' after-school program. Professional writers and photographers' mentor and train youth to research, interview, write and photograph material for the magazine. The magazine's content and article topics are chosen by the youth based on their own experiences and passions.

Wingspan (\$5,000)

Eon – Youth Speak Out Program

www.wingspan.org

www.eonyouth.org

A collaborative of Wingspan, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and the Pima County Health Department, Eon is a program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth. The Youth Speak *Out* program helps them: 1) advocate for LGBT people's rights and well being, 2) develop leadership skills, 3) increase their self-esteem, 4) take representations of LGBT people into their own hands through a performance called *Queer Monologues*, 5) and share their ideas with other LGBT youth nationwide by attending a national LGBT conference.

Youth On Their Own (YOTO) (\$3,000)

www.yoto.org

YOTO specializes in school dropout prevention with young people (ages 8-22) who, for various reasons, are living on their own without their parents. The agency places these homeless or near-homeless youth with host families or provides rent subsidies that help the young people complete their education.

YWCA of Tucson (\$23,000)

It's Time to Talk Youth Program

www.ywcatucson.org

As part of the YWCA's Racial Justice Program, It's Time to Talk offers youth opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues and cross-cultural exchanges (led by the trained facilitators) around the issues of racism and prejudice. The program includes an annual Youth Forum, which has been attended by more than 500 young people each of its first three years. These day-long events (planned and implemented in large part by a youth planning committee) are designed to raise awareness, promote self-reflection and motivate youth to initiate on-going diversity discussions and activities at their schools and in the community. Following the Forums, the YWCA conducts a small grant round through which a youth committee awards grants to youth-led anti-racism/prejudice projects. The grant supports the program's general operating expenses and provides funds for the small implementation grants awarded by the youth committee.