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Arizona's Children Association (\$10,000)

Las Familias

www.arizonaschildren.org

City High School Youth Philanthropy students chose Las Familias as one of two grant recipients during their Sexual Abuse and Assault grant round. Las Familias serves children, adolescents, and adults molested as children as well as non-offending parents, siblings, and other family members of caretakers affected by the abuse. Services include individual, family, group and play therapy, and music therapy. Individual treatment plans are developed with all victims and family members that focus and build on individual strengths, and goals are determined based upon the most appropriate intervention. Las Familias also provides services including case management, advocacy, and support, particularly in the court system. (See Attachment #1). This grant is to be designated as follows: \$7,000 will go towards expenses associated with counseling services, and \$3,000 will go towards expenses associated with case management and support in the court system.

Compass Health Care (\$10,000)

Clean and Sober Theatre (CAST)

www.compasshc.org

The CAST (Clean and Sober Theatre) provides youth substance abuse prevention and peer education through the vehicle of a live theatre production, conveying the real-life experiences of local teens and young adults whose lives have been impacted by drug and alcohol addiction. CAST members share their personal experiences with young audiences in middle schools, high schools, and other youth organizations throughout Southern Arizona. In the performances, the CAST re-enacts the discovery of drugs, the pattern of destruction that follows, and then the success of recovery. Peer education follows the performance, stimulated by questions submitted anonymously by the audience. CAST members candidly address audience concerns, encourage them to seek help for themselves or for others, and provide strategies for dealing with peer pressure. This grant will go towards the creation of an interactive, youth-run website which will extend the impact of their performances as well as encourage and empower other youth to add their voice to the discussion of substance abuse and other related youth issues.

El Rio Community Health Center (\$10,000)

Sunnyside Teen-Age Parent Program

www.elrio.org

Every Voice in Action Youth Crew members chose the Sunnyside TeenAge Parent Program (TAPP) as one of five grant recipients through their Teen Pregnancy and Parenting grant round. The Sunnyside TAPP is a school-based program of support services for pregnant and parenting teens in the Sunnyside Unified School District (SUSD). The program helps pregnant and parenting teens learn parenting skills, obtain needed healthcare, avoid additional unwanted pregnancies and stay in, and ultimately graduate from, high school. Sunnyside's TAPP is a collaboration between El Rio Community Health Center and SUSD, and El Rio is responsible for the health services component of the program. Prenatal and parenting classes are offered as electives at Sunnyside High School, where a DES-certified day care center is available to all students. In addition to direct health care from an on-site nurse-midwife, students get help

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accessing and navigating the health care system so that they can obtain proper prenatal care, well-baby care and immunizations, birth control, and other health services. Every Voice's funds support El Rio's general operating expenses at the Sunnyside TAPP.

Friends of the Tucson/Pima Public Library (\$10,000)

Project LIFT

www.tppl.org

Every Voice in Action Youth Crew members chose Project LIFT as one of five grant recipients through their Teen Pregnancy and Parenting grant round. Project LIFT is a family literacy program promoting reading and teaching of reading readiness to teen parents at local high school and community programs. The program is a 10-session course on early childhood development, particularly the importance of reading aloud, touch, sound, asking questions, early childhood problem-solving, developing pre-academic and social skills, and parent-child bonding. During the program, parents create a book for their child using the knowledge they have gained about how to prepare their child for strong literacy skills. Parents learn that they are their babies' first teachers, and this education has positive results for the parent as well as the child – they learn new ways to bond with their child, develop their own reading and writing skills, and increase their self-esteem and confidence in their parenting skills. Every Voice's funds support general operating expenses of Project LIFT, including the purchase of new baby books for participants.

Jewish Family and Children's Service (\$10,000)

Project Safe Place

www.jfcstucson.org

City High School Youth Philanthropy students chose Project Safe Place as one of two grant recipients during their Sexual Abuse and Assault grant round. Project Safe Place works with girls and young women, ages 8-18, who have been sexually, physically, and/or emotionally abused, and their families. The majority of girls and young women in the program are referred from Pima County Juvenile Court Center as a result of juvenile delinquent behavior. Girls and their families participate in intensive counseling, parent education, and mentoring for an average of four hours per week for six months. They learn how to develop positive, healthy ways to manage their feelings and behaviors through individual, family, and group counseling.

Kore Press (\$10,000)

Grrrls Literary Activism Project

www.korepress.org

The Grrrls Literary Activism Project is a new program of Kore Press, a local publisher of literature by women writers, to train young women to use writing as an outlet for public expression. During this semester-long program, high school students will read and discuss the work of women writers as a way to identify issues important to their own lives. They will then develop their own voices by creating original poetry and prose in response to these issues. Central to the project is the idea that girls and young women be encouraged to examine for themselves the issues of concern to them; the social conditions that affect their lives. Participants will learn the principles, techniques and history of literary activism, and using these

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skills will develop their own unique strategies—inspired in part by their activist foremothers The Guerilla Girls—to make their voices heard in the community.

La Paloma Family Services (\$10,000)

Amparo de los Angeles

www.lapalomakids.org

Every Voice in Action Youth Crew members chose the Amparo de los Angeles program as one of five grant recipients through their Teen Pregnancy and Parenting grant round. La Paloma Family Services' *Amparo de los Angeles* is a group home that serves teenage girls who are pregnant and/or parenting, and allows these young women to live in the home with their children. Amparo's services include support with pre- and post-natal care, family development activities, parenting groups, on-site child care and regular assessments from medical personnel. Residents are also exposed to a number of learning opportunities in the areas of job training, parenting education, life skills and the development of positive relationships. A strong emphasis is placed on developing the teen mother's independent living skills. Every Voice's funds support general operating expenses for Amparo de los Angeles.

Our Family Services (\$10,000)

The CommonUnity Program

www.ourfamilyservices.org

Every Voice in Action Youth Crew members chose the CommonUnity Program as one of five grant recipients through their Teen Pregnancy and Parenting grant round. The CommonUnity Program (CUP) is a living community for homeless young parents, ages 18-21, where they can enjoy a secure environment and work toward attaining the necessary skills and education to create a bright future for themselves and their children. During their two years at CUP, the residents must work and attend school or vocational training programs. They receive an array of supportive services and participate in programs aimed at creating positive change for their families. The ultimate goals are to foster self-sufficiency, teach youth to become effective parents, help the young families avoid a lifetime of poverty and give them the tools to build new lives for themselves and their children. Every Voice's funds support general operating expenses for the CommonUnity Program.

Pima Prevention Partnership (\$8,000)

Pima County Teen Court

www.pcteencourt.com

Pima County Teen Court (PCTC) is a juvenile crime diversion program founded on the principles of restorative justice, youth development, positive peer pressure and service learning opportunities. Teens arrested for a misdemeanor crime (or felony crime if approved for diversion) are referred to PCTC, participate in a court hearing, in which trained youth volunteers serve as attorneys, jurors, clerks, and bailiffs. The referred minor is "sentenced" to complete a set of constructive consequences (skill-building workshops, serving as a PCTC juror, letters of apology, etc.) by a jury of his or her peers. The youth who serve as Teen Attorneys go through the PCTC Volunteer Leadership Program, and receive 29 hours of training in courtroom demeanor, creating case theories, questioning defendants, etc. With this grant, PCTC will

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enhance its Volunteer Leadership Program by working to increase volunteer recognition and professional development opportunities, as well as implementing some peer-to-peer prevention practices.

Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona (\$10,000)

Protection Connection/Teen Advisory Group

www.ppsaz.org

Protection Connection is a social marketing program that positively impacts health outcomes for already sexually active youth by decreasing risks of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a group of six youth staff members who drive this effort through teen-driven media, peer-to-peer facilitation, and offering a wider availability of condoms for sexually active youth. TAG oversees over 100 youth volunteers who assist in multiple campaigns and events throughout the year, including disbursing information at outreach events, facilitating workshops, designing and participating in rallies and other activism efforts, and holding concerts at which peer-to-peer sexual health education is conducted.

Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (\$2,000)

Tucson Youth Take Back the Night

www.sacasa.org

Take Back the Night events are annual affairs in which the community comes together and proclaims that they will no longer live in fear of sexual predators, rapists, and abusers, and that they will work together for a world where it is safe to walk to streets alone at night. These events take place throughout the U.S., and are typically organized and run by adults. For the Tucson Youth Take Back the Night event, over ninety teenagers come together and work with the Center Against Sexual Assault to organize a youth-run, youth-focused Take Back the Night. At the event, attended by over 250 youth, teens provide education materials and resource lists, hold participatory activities, and give presentations including visual art, dance, skits, and spoken word compositions.

Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (\$10,000)

www.teenoutreachaz.org

Every Voice in Action Youth Crew members chose Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services as one of five grant recipients through their Teen Pregnancy and Parenting grant round. Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS) provides teen pregnancy and parenting education to strengthen the teens' ability to have a healthy pregnancy, produce a healthy baby, and parent responsibly. Early Pregnancy Education is received through engaging classes on healthy choices, lifestyle changes, healthy nutrition, discomforts, signs of problems with their pregnancy and how to avoid them, infant CPR, and more. Childbirth Education classes discuss normal delivery and complications, relaxation and breathing techniques, postpartum care, and infant care techniques. Parenting education includes positive parenting skills, discipline, home safety, healthy nutrition for their child, positive relationships, and fun and safe activities that can be done with their child. TOPS also has weekly support groups and individual and group

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counseling available for teen mothers and fathers. Every Voice's funds support general operating expenses for Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services.

University of Arizona Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology (\$25,000)

Social Justice Education Project

The 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). Students learn about U.S. history from a Latino perspective, conduct research related to an educational issue of their choosing, and develop proposed solutions to identified problems. They then share their findings and recommendations with educational and political officials at the local and national level. The project aims to empower students, particularly Latina/o youth, by giving them a voice in educational policy and practice, as well as to help them to clarify their self-identity and improve their self-appreciation as individuals and students.

Voices, Inc. (\$10,000)

110° Magazine Project

www.voicesinc.org

The 110° After School Magazine Project hires and trains low-income youth to become community storytellers. Mentored by Voices staff and volunteers, the youth create stories about their lives and their communities. Their published stories – which take the form of personal essays, photo essays, feature stories and poetry – are published each June as a supplement in The Arizona Daily Star. In addition to training in the documentary arts, youth are mentored in developing their integrity, interpersonal communication skills, cultural competence, personal power and self-discovery. This grant is intended to support the program's general operating expenses.

Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona (\$5,000)

Youth on Boards Initiative

www.volunteersoaz.org

The Youth Voice on Boards Program focuses on adult Board members who will be placing youth on their Boards for the first time. The Volunteer Center works with non-profit Boards of Directors who wish to add youth members, providing training and support so that the Board can operate successfully with both youth and adult members. The program includes orientation and support workshops for adult Board members, a two-day, condensed boardsmanship training for youth, a youth-placement process, a Board Mentor feature to provide further support to new youth Board members, and one-on-one agency visits from Volunteer Center staff.

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Wingspan (\$10,000)

Eon Youth Program

www.eonyouth.org

Wingspan provides a diverse array of opportunities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in its collaborative youth program, Eon. During the past year, 636 unduplicated LGBTQ youth and allied youth have found opportunities at Eon to build community within a safe and friendly environment. At Eon, youth design and participate in programs tailored specifically to their strengths, interests, and needs. Many Eon activities provide youth with an opportunity to have their voices heard.

Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona (\$15,000)

Unidas

www.womengiving.org

The Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona is a social change organization committed to helping women and girls overcome economic, political, gender and social barriers. The Unidas program is a young women's philanthropy program in which participants will research and analyze the issues facing girls in their communities, create and document grant criteria and processes, request proposals, and allocate funds according to their identified priorities.

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 four years. These events 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. This grant supports the program's general operating expenses and provides funds for the small implementation grants awarded by the youth committee.