



COMMUNITY IMPACT I

New Charitable Organization Launching in Foothills & Scottsdale

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Have you ever wanted to help a charity that's near and dear to your heart -- made a \$100.00 donation -- and hoped that it would make a least a small difference?

If you're like most people, the answer is yes. It's something Foothills resident and community organizer Kim Tarnopolski has thought about every time she makes a donation. Until now.

While researching ways that busy women like her could make a bigger philanthropic impact in their local communities, Tarnopolski, along with friends Jenn Kaye, Stephanie Millner, Jaqueline Destremps and Kristen Souza (pictured above right) learned of an amazing organization that began in Michigan but is rapidly spreading across the country.

That organization is called 100+ Women Who Care and its concept is so simple, so brilliant and so powerful, Tarnopolski and her friends decided to launch a Valley of the Sun chapter. The chapter has two groups that meet quarterly for one hour

at a time: one right here in the Ahwatukee Foothills and one in Scottsdale.

Each group is made up of 100 or more women (members) from the surrounding community (like the Foothills) and they meet for one hour, four times a year. Members have the opportunity to nominate a local charity that touches their heart. "At each meeting, three charities are selected at random and the nominating members are given the opportunity to present brief explanations about why those three local 501(c)(3) organizations need the group's support. After a brief question and answer session, each member in attendance votes on the organization they believe is most deserving of the group's support," explains Tarnopolski.

The charity with the most votes is immediately announced and the 100+ women in attendance each write a \$100 tax-deductible check to that selected charity. That means that in just one hour, \$10,000 is raised for the selected charity. \$10,000 -- just like that!

"We've heard from so many women that they want to do something and be involved in some way in giving back to their community, yet their time and funds are limited," says Tarnopolski. "With 100+ Women Who Care, we now have a simple way to make a big impact that requires very little in terms of time and dollar commitment."

The first meeting of the Ahwatukee group will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the Foothills Golf Club, 2201 E. Clubhouse Drive. There will be an optional social starting at 6:00 pm and the meeting immediately following from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Ahwatukee women interested in joining are encouraged to attend this first meeting. Women may also join in teams of two or four in order to split up the donation amount with friends.

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