



Teen Lifeline Donation Meeting (Heidi Clayton & Sunnev Terrell – Ahwatukee members and residents)



Debbie Smith, Sheri Tapia, Sandra Franks & Jill Sears – Ahwatukee residents and members



Staci Charles, Debbie Smith, Cindy Brown – Q4 meeting when Justa Center was announced as recipient



JDRF Donation Meetings – Peggy Schapler (Ahwatukee resident and member) & Paula Boca-Bommarito (Executive Director of JDRF)

community impact

The Power Of Collaborative Giving

By Kim Tarnopolski

THREE YEARS AGO, A GROUP OF WOMEN GATHERED AT THE FOOTHILLS GOLF CLUB TO HEAR ABOUT A UNIQUE CONCEPT IN GIVING. DESPITE EACH OF THEIR PLATES BEING EXTREMELY FULL, THESE LADIES HAD A HEART FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND A DESIRE TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY STRONGER. PUT IT SIMPLY, THEY WERE BUSY WOMEN WHO CARED.

100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun recently wrapped up its third year of existence in Ahwatukee. The organization is best described as a “giving circle” or “leveraged philanthropy.” The model is set up where women learn about pressing needs in their community, vote on a cause to support and pool their money to create a bigger impact on the nonprofit than they could have done individually.

275 women have participated in this giving circle; the majority of the members are from Ahwatukee. Together, they have donated over \$125,000, benefiting 12 local charities. The group strives to donate at least \$10,000 on a quarterly basis. Collectively, with their sister groups in Scottsdale and West Valley, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated over \$225,000 in the last three years.

In 2017, the women voted to support a variety of local causes. Justa Center is on a mission to move homeless seniors over 55 years old into safe, affordable housing. Teen Lifeline’s primary goal is to end teen suicide. Phoenix Rescue Mission provides



Phoenix Rescue Mission Donation Meeting (Carina Burtell – Ahwatukee resident and member)

Christ-centered, life-transforming solutions to persons facing hunger and homelessness. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Desert Southwest Chapter leads the local charge in finding a cure, preventing and treating Type One Diabetes.

“Impact, awareness of local needs and time spent with a lovely group of women are all reasons I look forward to our quarterly meetings,” shared Sheri Tapia, Ahwatukee resident and inaugural member of the group. “We learn about so many different organizations in need; organizations we’ve never heard of before.”

The leaders of 100+ Women Who Care have devoted themselves to creating something special in the community; something that gives people purpose and meaning. If you are looking to fit philanthropy into your 2018 calendar, come as a guest to the next meeting on January 30 at 6:30 p.m., Foothills Golf Club.

To learn more, become a member or register for the next meeting, visit www.100wcvallyofthesun.org.

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