



## community impact

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# a Pledge to Combat Childhood Hunger

Corbin's Legacy was established to eliminate hunger and medical insecurities for children. Corbin Leafman was a dedicated teacher who died from cancer at the young age of 31. Corbin insisted her legacy be about WHO she was and how she LIVED. With this in mind, a charity was formed to honor her life as a compassionate, caring, and creative Title 1 kindergarten teacher who made sure her students had what they needed to be successful in school.

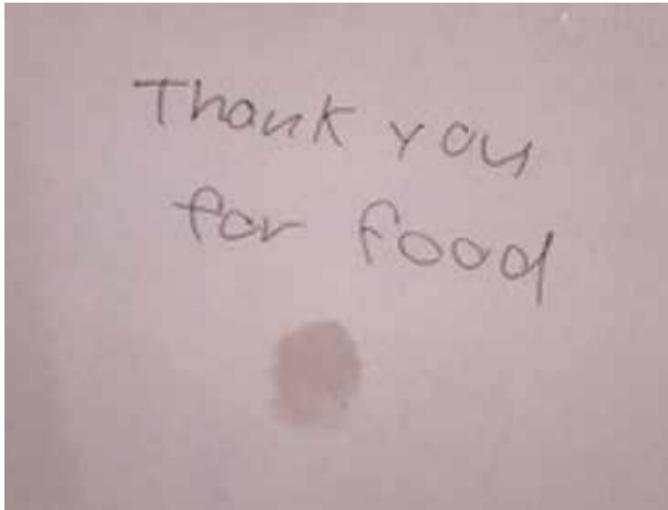
Did you know that 1 in 4 children are hungry and 1 in 6 do not receive needed medical services? Corbin understood this, and her mission was to make a change for good. The mission of Corbin's Legacy is to help elementary children in need with food and medical insecurities.

This nonprofit has three programs that address hunger. They deliver food through backpack distributions so students can take home food over the weekend with Weekend Food Warriors, over break via Feed A Hungry Child Over Break, and during the school day with Food for Thought.

Their Pediatric Screening Program and Back to School Day Health Fair help combat medical insecurities that include medical screenings and treatment.

Remarkably, Corbin's Legacy serves more than 300 Maricopa County children weekly and another 3,000+ with their single-event campaigns, which totals, conservatively, 16,000 children each year. Executive Director Joan Leafman is as adamant today as Corbin was in life: "The impact we seek is that without measure – no child in Maricopa, or anywhere, should go hungry or without access to quality healthcare."

With consideration of all the good being done by Corbin's Legacy, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun selected Corbin's



Legacy as their charity to support this quarter. Kim Tarnopolski, an Ahwatukee resident and Chief Community Officer, shared her thoughts, "Our circle of giving is thrilled to donate \$11,000 to be used specifically to feed children three meals a day, for two weeks over winter break. We are excited to honor Corbin and support the health and well-being of children."

If you want to support Corbin's Legacy, monetary donations and volunteering make the biggest change for good. Please visit [www.CorbinsLegacy.org](http://www.CorbinsLegacy.org).

To learn more about 100+ Women Who Care's next giving circle, join us on February 4 at 6:30 pm at the Foothills Golf Club or visit [www.100WCVValleyOfTheSun.org](http://www.100WCVValleyOfTheSun.org).

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