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Protecting Our Children Within Our Community

Despite being a part of an outstanding East Valley community, human sex trafficking and other abusive environments are a danger that children and young adults in our area must confront. Fortunately, Starbright Foundation is making an impact through education and awareness to prevent these horrific crimes while also supporting those who have already been victimized.

Starbright Foundation is a local non-profit with a mission to rescue survivors of sexual, cultic, ritual, clergy, sex trafficking, incest, physical and mental abuse. Their goal is to build safe houses that give security to endangered children in a family environment. They provide crisis counseling, trauma recovery programs and education for survivors. Through their community education



and training programs, Starbright Foundation promotes awareness of the crimes against children from human sex trafficking, pornography, exploitation, and child abuse. These programs are offered for free to the community and service groups.

Starbright Foundation was the recipient of a \$6,400 donation from the 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun – East Valley group. With the help of 100+ Women Who Care, Starbright will use the donation to fund the training and education programs they offer.

Together, we have the power to protect our children. Starbright urges everyone – including our children, parents, schools, teachers, churches and law enforcement – to be educated and trained on issues for children and young adults surrounding sex trafficking prevention, dangers of social media, cell phone use, video games and chat rooms. To schedule a training, please email mystarbright77@yahoo.com.

If you or a loved one needs to be rescued or healed from one of these crimes, please visit StarbrightFoundation.org. Please also visit their website to learn more about the Starbright Foundation, their volunteer opportunities, and other ways you can be a part of the solution.

100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun is a group of like-minded, passionate women who want to connect to one another and to their communities. The ladies are leveraging their resources so their small quarterly gifts of \$100 per member add up to a significant donation to a local charity.

Since the chapter's inception in 2015, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated over \$443,000 to local nonprofits. The chapter is comprised of three sister groups in the East Valley, Ahwatukee, and Scottsdale. We would love to have you join us as a guest at our next giving circle on Thursday, November 7 at JC's Steakhouse located at 25 E. Ray Road, Gilbert, AZ 85296. Social hour is from 5:30–6:30, and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Additional information can be found at www.100wwcValleyOfTheSun.org.

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