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Gen Justice

HOPE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

On an average day, 55 children disappear from the U.S. foster care system. Thankfully, due to the efforts of Gen Justice, these children have an advocate providing them a voice in the legal system. Founded in 2017, with the purpose of mending the child protection system and bringing a permanent end to innocent children enduring violence, they have been able to directly assist 766 children and their families, to date, through their legal clinic.

Gen Justice opened a one-of-a-kind Children's Law Clinic in Arizona to provide free counsel for abused children in danger. More than 50 pro bono attorneys across Arizona support this

work. The clinic also partners with organizations throughout the state to provide training about the rights of foster care children to relatives, foster families, licensing agencies, and front-line workers. Gen Justice has worked with lawmakers to adopt reforms that help to find children's relatives faster, keep infants and toddlers from being bounced between foster homes, speed up adoptions, improve educational opportunities, and give kids fair and legal representation.

Darcy Olsen, CEO and Founder of Gen Justice, says, "In case after case, I saw how the criminally accused receive more protection under the law than child victims. Criminals have the constitutional right to an attorney and to a speedy and public trial; children have none of those protections." The organization helps kids on a child-by-child basis. Children represented by attorneys exit the system for families 1.5 times faster than kids who aren't.

The East Valley members of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun presented Gen Justice with a donation of \$7,600. The donation will help lawmakers stop sex trafficking in foster care, find families for the thousands of children waiting for adoptive homes, and help them exit the system faster by banning the continuances that plague the child welfare courts.

100+ Women Who Care 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 quarterly gifts of \$100, per member, add up to a significant donation to a local charity. This group of women has learned that giving back is better together.

To learn more about Gen Justice visit GenJustice.org. 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun's next giving circle is on April 22 in the East Valley. Visit them at 100wvcvalleyofthesun.org to register. Guests are welcome.



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