

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE DONATES OVER \$1 MILLION TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

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Andy – Emergency Medical Animal Technician



Trenna Farrell, Ruthie Jesus, Crissy Haidos, Kim Tarnopolski and Piglet

One hundred dollars at a time is how 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun exceeded their goal of donating \$1 Million to local nonprofits. Eight years ago, Kim Tarnopolski, Jacqueline Destremps, Stephanie Millner, and Jenn Kaye launched a people-centered form of philanthropy called a giving circle in The Valley.

A giving circle brings a group of people with shared values together to collectively discuss and decide where to make a pooled gift. Giving circles support with their dollars, but also build awareness and educate members about the great work being done by local charities. Individuals multiply their impact and knowledge, have fun and connect with their local community.

“Over the last eight years, we’ve facilitated 91 giving circles in The Valley. That is 91 times our members were given the opportunity to donate \$100 to a deserving nonprofit,” shared Stephanie Millner, Chief Charity Officer. “When you add all those donations together, it quickly multiplies to tens of thousands of dollars each year.”

In November, the chapter’s East Valley group delivered \$7,100 to the Arizona Humane Society. Trenna Farrell, the nominating member, has a huge heart for animals. She educated the group about the Emergency Animal Medical Technicians (EAMTs) who are on the streets of The Valley saving animals every day.

This dedicated team responds to over 9,000 animal rescues and investigations annually. The EAMTs provide in-the-field lifesaving care to sick, injured and abused animals and transport them to their trauma hospital for veterinary care. They also investigate cases of animal cruelty within certain cities. The most common animal cruelty investigations are for abandonment, welfare checks and lack of water.

“We are so grateful to receive a donation of this size directed at our team. When we get direct funding to our team, it goes to purchase gear and equipment that is necessary for the rescue of animals,” shared Ruthie Jesus, Manager of the Emergency Animal Medical Technicians team. “Some of the funds will be used to buy a Halligan for each truck. This tool is used to open street drains. With this tool, we will be able to rescue animals as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

To learn more about this team at the Arizona Humane Society, visit azhumane.org/stop-animal-cruelty.

To learn more, register, and attend 100+ Women Who Care’s next giving circle in the East Valley on Feb. 2, visit 100wcvvalleyofthesun.org.



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