



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)



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

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# 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

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.100wccvalleyofthesun.org](http://www.100wccvalleyofthesun.org).



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