



The McCracken Family

making a difference

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100 Women Presenting Check to Ryan House



Ryan House

Since 2010, they have provided world-class care to medically fragile children at their beautiful home in the heart of Central Phoenix. The home allows parents to take a much-needed break from caregiving and receive the emotional, spiritual, and social support they desperately need.

Their 12,500 square foot home has eight creatively themed bedrooms for children. Families can unpack and stay in one of three family suites. Everyone has fun in the great room, the family kitchen and dining room, and playing on the colorful and fully accessible playground. Guests can go swimming in their indoor hydrotherapy pool and enjoy sensory, art, music and legacy-building activities in specialized rooms. Many happy memories are created at Ryan House, where kids can be kids and families can be families.

Generous community support permits Ryan House respite services and end-of-life care to be provided at no cost to families. A national leader in pediatric palliative care, Ryan House is the only organization of its kind in the Southwest and one of two in the country.

Supporter, Kristi Hall, recently had the opportunity to share Ryan House with the members of her 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun group. The mission touched the hearts of the women present and Ryan House was awarded donations totaling \$9,050. This donation will provide 10 days of respite care to families.

100+ Women Who Care is a supportive group of women committed to making an impact in our community. They meet four times per year with the goal of donating \$10,000 to a local charity at each quarterly event. “The 100+ Women Who Care model has allowed us to cast a wide net into our community and do something for the common good,” explained Kim Tarnopolski, Executive Team Member. “We’ve donated over \$200,000 in three years. Our goal is to create a legacy of giving that exceeds \$500,000 in five years.”

This Margaret Mead quote resonates with me and is the core philosophy for **100+ Women Who Care**: “Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

If you are looking for a way to fit philanthropy into your 2018 schedule, check out their meeting schedule online. Visit www.ryanhouse.org and www.100wcvallyofthesun.org to learn more about these meaningful organizations.



Do you volunteer for a charity that you would like to feature in *The Life at Windgate Ranch*? Please write to us at marlene.johnson@n2pub.com.

100+ Women Who Care

— VALLEY OF THE SUN CHARITY ORGANIZATION

OUR FAMILY IS YOUR FAMILY AND OUR HOME IS YOUR HOME

I have lived in Windgate Ranch since 2008, and my family and I have adored every single moment of it. Not only is the neighborhood charming, but the people themselves are loving and caring. I appreciate how engaged and involved all the homeowners are with not only the neighbors; but also with local schools and charities.

Like many of the “Windgaters,” I am constantly striving to find meaning and to give back to our community. I worked for 22 years in the corporate world in many human resource managerial positions before having my first child. Since my husband and I were older parents when we had our children, we made the conscious decision that I would become a stay-at-home mom. Though I am gratified and fulfilled by being a mother and a wife; I recognize that I still have a lot of business expertise and talent to extend to not only volunteering with my children’s school but local charities as well. While I value assisting philanthropic organizations; I understand that I must balance this volunteer time with my number one priority; the nurturing and caring for my immediate family. While I am currently committed to supporting the non-profit organization, Nourish Every Child, by sitting on

their board and by being one of their Event Directors; I gravitate to the **100+ Women Who Care**-Scottsdale organization as well because of its simplicity, efficiency and its local impact! That is why a few years ago I became a member and strongly urged other Windgate Ranch women to join as well!

Below is one of many examples of how 100+ Women can help.

Our Family is Your Family and Our Home is Your Home

By **Susan Kricun**

Every year hundreds of children in Arizona are diagnosed with a life-limiting condition. In an instant, life changes dramatically, forever. Instead of play dates and sleepovers, there are doctors’ appointments, surgeries and critical care around the clock. It quickly becomes a frightening, lonely and exhausting routine for everyone.

The Board of Visitors Ryan House is a lifeline for Arizona children and families navigating life-limiting and end-of-life journeys.



HOMES FOR GOOD

Homes for Good is about using my everyday real estate business to highlight and celebrate people and non-profits doing good and making an impact here in our local community. HFG is my approach to finding a better way to do things. It’s about being a **change agent** – creating purposeful relationships that foster a better community.

Homes for Good officially launched January 2018, and to date is responsible for raising over \$3,000 in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (January), The First Tee of Phoenix (February), and Make-A-Wish Arizona (March).




Join me this month as I partner with the **Food for the Hungry - Striking Out Poverty** program which uses the game of Baseball to be a force that lifts families out of poverty. To get involved, please reach out to me directly, or visit my website HomesforGoodaz.com

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