



STONE CANYON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

EMPOWERING YOUTH TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

Salsa and Queso Throw Down!

When: May 1, 2021, 4-6 p.m.

Where: The Event Lawn at the Club

Who Should Enter: 8 teams of SC members will compete for Top Chef honors (Sign Up!)

To Benefit: Our Family Services- The Reunion House Teen Shelter

Tasters and Voters: Attendees who donate items for The Reunion House as their "admission" (Checks accepted, too)

Winners: Prizes and Awards will be given!

Chair: Malinda Magel

Questions: CanyonConnections21@gmail.com

Kicking It Up for the Kids!

When: November 13, 2021

Co-Chairs: Karen Peterson Schutz & Tom Longlet
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Dependent on many variables, the SCCF will welcome SC members back in November by hosting its annual fall event, "Kicking It Up for the Kids!" This fun evening celebrates the ongoing generosity of the Stone Canyon Community for the benefit of Tucson's youth in-need. *Volunteers needed! Stay tuned for details!*

AZ Tax Credit Deadline

When: April 15, 2021 for 2020

Who Qualifies: All SCCF Grantees
For more information, [click here](#)

Please send photos and event info to the SCCF NEWS Editor at yvonnegagnon@aol.com



SCCF AWARDS \$250K IN 2020-2021 GRANTS!

The culmination of all of SCCF's fund-raising efforts is the annual awarding of grants to local non-profits. Despite a year of turmoil (pandemic! fires! drought!) and the cancellation of both SCCF's major fund-raising events, the Foundation was able to award grants to 20 of the 31 agencies that applied for financial assistance. SCCF provided the much-needed support for youth-in-need in the greater Tucson area and realized its goals in making a difference in their lives. **You, SCCF donors, made this happen!**

This year's Grant recipients are listed below:

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF)

*Aviva Children's Services

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson

Casa de los Niños

*Children's Museum Tucson

Earn to Learn

El Grupo Youth Cycling

Higher Ground

Imago Dei Middle School

Interfaith Community Services

Junior Achievement

Literacy Connects

Make Way for Books

Our Family Services

San Miguel High School

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired (SAAVI)

Southern AZ Research Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF)

Student Expedition Program (STEP)

Youth on Their Own (YOTO)

* New grantee

STEP DEFIES THE ODDS



Four of the 23 students from Tucson's 2020 STEP class with their college acceptance banners.

Grantee Spotlight

SCCF News initiates a new feature to highlight SCCF's grant recipient agencies and their impact on Tucson's at-risk youth. STEP has been a recipient of SCCF's grant funding since 2018.

Did you know half of Arizona's public high schools have a college completion rate of 5% or less? When founder, Tracy Baynes, a native of Tucson, learned this statistic and discovered the completion gap between Tucson's high and low-income high school students, she couldn't ignore the need for a program supporting students from low-income families. In 2003, she founded STEP (Student Expedition Program) to educate and empower low-income high-school students to enroll in and graduate from college.

Statistics show that if one family member goes to college, the family's education future is forever positively changed. Since many of STEP's participants are first generation college attendees, STEP helps in laying the groundwork for generational change. The program has proved to be phenomenally successful. **One hundred percent of STEP's participants have graduated high school, and 96% are in college or have earned their degree. That's success!**

SCCF's grant supports STEP's ability to provide: monthly college prep workshops to develop self-advocacy, writing, presentation and interview skills; high school and Advanced Placement course selection guidance; application and financial aid assistance; and one-on-one mentoring from high school through college.

THINK OF A THREE-LEGGED STOOL . . .

A number of you are new to Stone Canyon and may not be familiar with the relationship of the **Stone Canyon Club**, the **Stone Canyon Community Foundation (SCCF)**, and the **Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA)**.

SCCF is unique, in that it was created by a group of members in 2008 as a means to give back to the community we live in. SCCF is totally independent of the Stone Canyon Club, although the Club is a very strong partner in all we do to host various events throughout the year. In the beginning, SCCF became a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. This relationship enables donations to the SCCF to be tax deductible and the CFSA's finance team provides tax receipting, IRS reporting and Fund accounting.

Just like a three-legged stool, the relationship between SCCF, CFSA, and the Club allows us to do what we do to serve youth in need throughout the Tucson area. And of course, the generosity of our members makes it all possible, for which we are truly grateful. Thank you all for your support!

Tom Longlet
Anne Jones
SCCF Co-Chairs



GOODBYE...



Jeff and Dianne Grobstein were long-time supporters of SCCF before Jeff joined the SCCF Board in 2018. Jeff is well-known for securing local business sponsors for the *Cats in the Canyon* event and, for several years, personally donating an extremely popular silent auction item – “Boys Night Out Trips” to Phoenix to watch the Coyotes and Cardinals games. Jeff is also the President of the Stone Canyon HOA and, for his day job, is the Regional President of Meritage Homes.

He’s a busy man who always has found time to help the SCCF. Thank you, Jeff, for your amazing contributions!



Connie and Mike Genuardi came to Stone Canyon in 2015. Connie became a member of the SCCF Board in 2019. With much enthusiasm, she designed and led many successful events as the Co-Chair of the Canyon Connections Committee. The most recent was the *Spirit of Giving Drive-Thru* held in December 2020 benefitting two local nonprofits. Connie and Mike are leaving Stone Canyon and moving to Pinehurst, North Carolina to be closer to their children and

grandchildren. Connie’s smile and boundless energy will be missed! All the best for the next exciting chapter!

...HELLO



Moving to Tucson from Denver, **Malinda and Bob Magel** joined Stone Canyon in 2015. Right from the start, Malinda was active in Club events participating in Book Club, Mahjong, Golf

and supporting the SCCF. Malinda has been most generous with her time and talents and quickly became a member of both the SCCF Communications Committee and SCCF Canyon Connections Committee. She is well-prepared to succeed Connie Genuardi as the Chair of Canyon Connections and is already planning a fun event for April. Welcome, Malinda!



MATCH III RAFFLE GENERATES \$15,000 FOR THE SCCF!

On November 27, 2020, Stone Canyon proudly hosted the Match III Champions for Change golf tournament featuring Phil Mickelson, Charles Barkley, Peyton Manning, and Steph Curry. Following the big day, the Stone Canyon Club donated signed memorabilia to the Stone Canyon Community Foundation to assist the SCCF's effort to raise money for grants to local non-profits.

An online raffle was held in January 2021 raising more than \$15,000 for the SCCF! Five SC Members were also big winners: **Steve Kleine** (pin Flag), **Rob Matteucci** (pin flag), **Charlie Horn** (pin flag), **Gary Rothbart*** (pin flag), and **Jeff Tagsold*** (golf bag). *not pictured

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and **THANK YOU** to all the SC members whose support made the Match III Raffle a great success!



(L) Steve Kleine (and Kim), Rob Matteucci (C-R), Charlie Horn (R) accepted their prizes. Anne Jones (C-L) and Cathy Earnest (C-C) presented.

KEEPING UP WITH THE CATS



Yu-Sang Hou



Vivian Hou



Ya Chun Chang



Brad Reeves



Trevor Werbylo

Many SC members have asked, "What's happening with the UA Golf Teams?" Because of COVID-19, the popular *Cats in the Canyon* event has been cancelled for the past two years. Members have missed playing with the talented UA golfers who have had a major role in fundraising for the SCCF. **In 2019 alone, the CATS event raised more than \$82,000!**

Here are some highlights of this season, compliments of the UA Athletics Department:

Arizona Women's Golf welcomed its trio of decorated returners to the lineup after playing in a January event in their home country of Taiwan. In their first tournament with the All-American duo of Yu-Sang and Vivian Hou, the Wildcats finished third at the Sun Devil Winter Classic. Arizona then posted a fifth-place finish, out of 16 teams, at the Wildcat Invitational before welcoming back

their third upperclassman from Taiwan, Ya Chun Chang, for the Clover Classic. The team, now at full strength, will push for a strong finish in the Pac-12.

Arizona Men's Golf is off to an historic start in the 2021 Spring Season. The Wildcats won their first two team tournaments of the year, beginning with its fourth consecutive championship at its home Arizona Intercollegiate Tournament. Senior Brad Reeves recorded his first collegiate win at the Arizona Intercollegiate, capturing the individual title by two strokes. Arizona won The Prestige Tournament in Palm Springs two weeks later as fellow senior Trevor Werbylo also picked up his first collegiate win. For the first time since 2006, Arizona has won multiple team championships in a season when the majority of the season still remains.

Way to go, CATS!

QUICK THINKING, FAST ACTING

Jim Davlin, SCCF's new Co-Treasurer, was asked to dinner by Sue Keeney and Gretchen Byrd because his wife, Jane, was out of town visiting their daughter. To reciprocate, rather than subject them to his cooking, he offered to take them to dinner at the Stone Canyon Club one Saturday night in February. They ordered dinner, and soon after, Sue cut a piece of the filet mignon she had ordered and put it in her mouth. Somehow, it slipped into her throat. She tried to swallow, but couldn't. Then she experienced a loss of breath. She knew immediately what was happening to her, and that if she didn't get help right away, it would be a big problem.

How big a problem? In the United States, the odds of a person dying from choking on food is around 1 in 2,696. These odds are greater than the odds of dying from an accidental gun discharge or as a passenger on an airplane. In 2018, there were around 1.6 deaths from choking per 100,000 population.

She put both hands to her throat as a sign she was in trouble, got up, walked over to Jim, and turned, with her back to him. Jim responded to the emergency by putting his arms around Sue from the back, making a fist with his right hand and holding it with his left hand, and placing it below her sternum. The first time he compressed, it wasn't hard because he was afraid he would hurt her, and the food wasn't dislodged. The second time, he applied more pressure, nothing came up. The third time he applied pressure more forcefully and the offending morsel was dislodged. Only 10 seconds had elapsed. From the time she put the food in her mouth to its dislodging, only a minute had passed.



Jim Davlin, SCCF's Co-Treasurer and Heimlich Maneuver expert, (Center) with Sue Keeney (L) and her wife, Gretchen Byrd(R)

Sue cautions: "People are often concerned about what might create a scene and don't respond to their own needs soon enough. They think: "Don't let my choking [to death] interrupt your dinner." Not Sue! She knew what to do and how to get help. After that harrowing experience, they sat back down, continued to eat their dinners, and had an enjoyable evening—and quite a story to tell!



<https://youtu.be/wVnGWqge-6M>

GiveSmart
by communitybrands

**GiveSmart
is coming!**

Watch your inbox this
summer for details!

As the 2020-2021 season draws to a close, the SCCF proudly reports receiving donations from SC members of over \$300,000. COVID-19 curtailed many things this year -- but not the generosity of the SC members!

**Hope to see you at Kicking It Up for the Kids in November!
HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!**

