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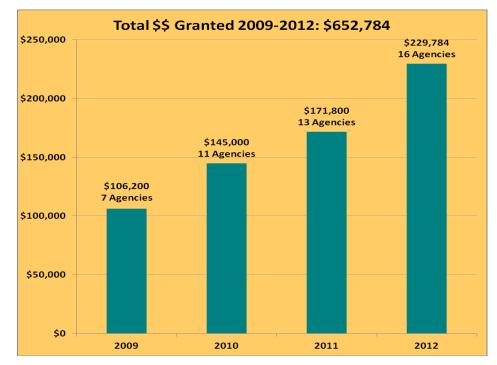
# \$652,784 Donated In Four Years!

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# **Truly Amazing Results!**

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#### Dear Stone Canyon Members and Staff,

Four short years and over a half a million dollars ago, the Stone Canyon Community Foundation didn't exist. It was just an idea. Who knew what shape it would take? Who knew how it would grow? Who knew if Stone Canyon members would embrace it?

But here we are, at the start of our fifth year, reporting success beyond our wildest dreams. When we ask ourselves, "how did this happen?" we need only to look around at our friends and neighbors....at the people we play golf with and have over for dinner. We need only to look at the members and staff of Stone Canyon. YOU are the reason the Stone Canyon Community Foundation has been a success.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We wish we could say that our job is finished...that all the problems are solved and all the children are safe, but we cannot. Our mission is just as real today as it was four years ago. We will continue on this journey and we hope you will continue it with us. Together we can make a real difference in the lives of the children in our community and help to make their future brighter. Who knows what's possible?

The SCCF Board of Directors

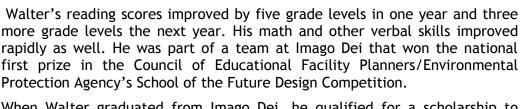


# Spotlight On....

# Imago Dei Middle School

Imago Dei Middle School's mission is to break cycles of poverty in our community through education. Those words can seem abstract, but the story of Walter shows what our mission means in concrete, everyday terms.

Walter came to Imago Dei as a sixth grade student whose family had moved from one place to another all his life. He had never even been enrolled in formal schooling. He could not read before enrolling in Imago Dei, but under our program of intensive, holistic education, Walter received personalized instruction tailored to his needs. Our student-to-teacher ratio never exceeds ten-to-one, and we partner with the University of Arizona's College of Education to provide our students regular one-on-one tutoring. *Combined with our ten-hour school day and six days of classes every week*, students at Imago Dei tend to improve rapidly.



When Walter graduated from Imago Dei, he qualified for a scholarship to study at a private high school in Tucson. Through our graduate mentor program, our staff continued to help Walter throughout high school -- when he needed help with his homework, when he had family problems or when he just needed someone to talk to. Our doors are always open to our graduates, and we are committed to helping every one of our students go to college.

Last fall, Walter graduated high school and is now taking pre-med classes in college. We couldn't be more proud! He is the first member of his family to go to college and his success will help his family break out of the cycle of poverty they were in -- which is the mission of Imago Dei.

Walter is typical of the students at Imago Dei: boys and girls who are living in poverty and struggling to reach their potential in traditional public schools. When they graduate Imago Dei, they have become young men and women on their way to reaching their full potential. Imago Dei is committed to helping at-risk boys and girls achieve through education. With the help of our donors, like the **Stone Canyon Community Foundation** and our community, we never give up on a child.



Walter

#### Want to know more?

Ask Gerry Oguss! Not only is he a member of the SCCF Board of Directors and the Grants Committee, Gerry also volunteers at Imago Dei Middle School. He would be happy to share his experiences with you.

This is the first year the SCCF awarded a grant to Imago Dei. It was in the amount of \$15,000. \$12,000 went toward the purchase of math, history and social studies books and the balance was used to fund a scholarship for a student in need. We'd say that was money well spent!

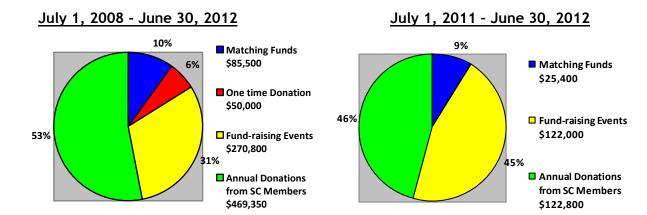
### Junior Achievement Honors the SCCF!

The Stone Canyon Community Foundation was named the 2012 Foundation of the Year by Junior Achievement of Arizona! The SCCF grants have supported the JA program at Doolen Middle School where 69% of their youth have been identified as at-risk of dropping out. The program targets students in 6th & 7th grades as well as initiates life skills programs in the 8th grade group--helping 650 disadvantaged students. The 2012 grant allows the first 6th grade students funded by SCCF in 2010 to experience their third year of JA programs. Over the past three years, SCCF grants have totaled \$35,000.

# Sources of SCCF Funds

In addition to our two fundraisers, the sources of SCCF funds included matching funds from the Diamond Family Fund and the generous Annual Fund Donations made by individual SC members.

Here's a look at our fund-raising for the last four years and how we did in the 2011-12 fiscal year.



# **2012 SCCF Grant Award Recipients**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson Camp Wildcat<sup>2</sup> Child & Family Resources Desert Dove Farm, Inc.<sup>2</sup> Early Childhood Program<sup>3</sup> Easter Seals Blake Foundation<sup>4</sup> Gabriels' Angels Higher Ground Youth Center<sup>2</sup> Imago Dei Middle School
Junior Achievement<sup>3</sup>
Make Way for Books <sup>4</sup>
Our Family Services, Inc.
Parent and Child Abuse Prevention Center<sup>2</sup>
Somali Bantu Association of Tucson
Touch Point Connection<sup>4</sup>
Youth on Their Own<sup>4</sup>
\*indicates 2,3 and 4 year SCCF Grant Recipients

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