

## NEWSLETTER FALL 2021



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## FUND RAISING EXCEEDS 2021 GOAL

Between our 2021 Annual Appeal (July - October 2021) & Kicking It Up for the Kids! (November 13, 2021),

\$298,711

was raised to provide critical support for youth-in-need in Oro Valley and greater Tucson area.



### Kicking It Up for the Kids!

Stone Canyon members enjoying a lovely fall evening including dinner, dancing and silent auction. Proceeds will help fund our Stone Canyon Community Foundation's grant giving.





### Thanks to our event sponsors:

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## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

They say, "It takes a village..."

It all began when someone said, "We're so thankful we found Stone Canyon, made such amazing friends, and enjoy this beautiful place every day. How can we give back?"

In that moment, the Stone Canyon Community Foundation was born.

Research quickly revealed the poverty, homelessness and overwhelming challenges facing Tucson's youth living just a few miles down the road. What could be done?

Individually, almost impossible; but together, maybe there was a way to make a difference. Conversations began, word soon spread throughout Stone Canyon, and before long, the first fundraiser was held. That was in 2008 and the SCCF continues its work to this day.

They say, "It takes a village..." and they're right. Let's give thanks for each and every one of you who choose to give back and help make the world a better place for Tucson's most vulnerable population – its at-risk youth.

A heartfelt thanks for all you do! Be well!

Tom Longlet
Cathy Earnest
SCCF Co-Chairs





## UPCOMING EVENTS

CATS IN THE CANYON
Annual golf event with U of A
Men's and Women's golf teams

May 2022, to be determined pending CDC recommendations

#### **AZ TAX CREDIT DEADLINE**

**When:** April 15, 2022 for 2021 **Who Qualifies:** All SCCF Grantees. For more information, visit stoneccf.org and go to Ways to Give>AZ Tax Credit

### 2021 SPIRIT OF GIVING DRIVE

Elves hard at work at the 2nd Annual Spirit of Giving drive-thru donation event- December 2, 2021.



## NEWSLETTER



### **GRANT RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT**

A reoccurring article, highlighting Stone Canyon Community Foundation's grant recipients, their purpose and impact on Tucson's at-risk youth.

**Organization:** Make Way for Books

**Purpose:** Create a culture of literacy in southern Arizona, by providing comprehensive programs that give children opportunities to learn and succeed.

Each year, Make Way for Books impacts over 30,000 southern Arizona families. In 2021, over 1,000 children in the greater Tucson area will benefit from Make Way for Books' Virtual Story School program. This program engages parents and children by using books and stories to improve literacy and language skills. Here's how the program works:

- Families enroll in an eleven-week program
- Children receive a fully stocked backpack with school supplies and books to begin building an at home library
- Parents and children participate together in weekly live Zoom learning experiences
- In between weekly Zoom sessions, families connect by accessing Make Way for Books digital Family Learning Space platform and complete homework by using the Make Way for Books App.

Here's what one participating parent had to say about their Make Way for Books experience:

"You gave us a framework to change how we're reading in our house – it's more than reading a story, it's about how we build connections, what the faces of the people in the story are expressing, what they're feeling."

Another participant commented:

"We were provided with many ways of learning for our child – from books, to an app, to teachers.

My child looked forward to learning and was so excited to get his backpack. His love of books grew greatly."

To learn more about the many services provided by Make Way for Books, check out their website: <a href="https://makewayforbooks.org">https://makewayforbooks.org</a>



## **NEWSLETTER**

# SCCF MOVIE NIGHT WINNERS ENJOY AN EVENING AT THE THEATER



Attendees: Steve and Carol Childress, Craig Stuart, Pam Cappy, Sue and Leon Handley, Marcia Stuart, Caroline Lunger, Lana Conerly, Sandi Smith, Edye and Dave Bassett, Brook and Laura Asbell, Will Conerly, Mike Smith, Steve Cappy, David Ahmad, Kris Hornback and Eric Asbell











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