SCCF HAS WONDERFUL NEWS!

Thanks to the generosity of existing donors, and 46 new donors, SCCF has exceeded its Annual Appeal fundraising goal. With the success of the Annual Appeal, we’ll be able to increase our 2023 grant awards.

SCCF’s Grants Committee is hard at work reviewing 2023 grant requests and will share the list of recipients in April.

Meet our Directors

Cathy Earnest*  Co-Chair
Paul Snyder*  Co-Chair
Joel Chansky*  Secretary & Endowment Committee Chair
Teri Button*  Treasurer
Dave Button  Member-at-Large
Rosemary Chansky  Grants Committee Chair
Paula Juffer*  Communications Committee Chair
Malinda Magel  Events Chair
Frances Calcutt  Member-at-Large
Michelle Martin  Member-at-Large
Will Martin  Member-at-Large
Kay Reeves  Virtual Coordinator
Tom Longlet*  Immediate Past Chair
Greg Griffin  Stone Canyon General Manager

Thank You, Jim!

Jim Davlin has served as SCCF’s Co-Treasurer since 2020, and completed his time on the Board the end of 2022. Many thanks to you, Jim, for sharing your time and expertise.

*Executive Committee Members

Learn more about each of our grantees at https://stoneccf.org/news-and-reports/grant-report/
Organization:
Literacy Connects

Grant Focus:
Reading Seed Children Literacy Program

Reading Seed supports public elementary schools and students by:

- Partnering with Title I schools (schools serving a high percentage of students from low-income families), to support students in developing healthy relationships with books and reading
- Selecting and training volunteers to provide one-to-one reading coaching in kindergarten – third grade
- Emphasizing reading as a positive experience in a non-judgmental environment
- Increasing students’ confidence and skills through student-centered, strengths-based approach to literacy
- Providing free books based on a student’s specific interests to encourage independent reading

Reading Seed supports public elementary schools and students by:

- Volunteer reading coaches work one-on-one with students at high need schools who are reading below grade level
- Reading Seed offers virtual coaching for students who prefer online coaching

Measurable Outcomes:

- Reading Seed students typically begin a school year 0.5-2.5 grade levels behind their peers
- Reading Seed students consistently demonstrate an average of 30% greater gains in assessed literacy skills than the general student population

Here’s what Reading Seed volunteers are saying about Literacy Connects:

“I believe literacy is the key for student confidence and development. It’s so foundational that I can’t think of anything else I could do that could make more of an impact on students.” – Coach Dana O.

“I so enjoy sharing my love of reading and spending time with the same children every week - seeing them open up and become confident and joyful.”- Coach Hope G.

“If I can help change the future of a child through making reading fun for them, my time is very well spent! – Coach Debbie C.
Thanks to all of you who donated to our 2022 drive-thru event. We had another highly successful drive benefiting Casa de los Ninos, a grant recipient providing behavioral health services for youth in the Tucson area.

Special thanks to Malinda Magel and her team of volunteers (Pam Cappy, Ann Garland, Sue Keeney, Barb Parker and Gretchen Byrd) who organized, collected and delivered three carloads of clothing, hygiene items and books & supplies to Casa de los Ninos.

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- Add info@stonecanyoncf.com to your contact list or address book.
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MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

HOW ARE WE DOING?

In 2022, we launched a new approach to fundraising. Let’s check on our progress.

- Conduct only one fundraiser annually
  - The 2022 Annual Appeal ended on December 31, 2022. We exceeded our goal of $250,000 with the participation of 46 new donors.

- Increase awareness of SCCF’s Mission
  - Four neighborhood gatherings were held.
  - 2 complimentary Speaker Series events are scheduled for March 20 and March 23, 2023.

- Enhance donor knowledge of the impact of their donations
  - Donors made onsite visits to Make Way for Books and El Grupo.
  - The first Coffee with SCCF session was held in February.

- Recognize SCCF’s generous donors
  - “Celebrating 15 years of Giving” is scheduled for February 28 to recognize and show our appreciation of the generous 2022 Annual Appeal donors.

- Pursue support from local businesses
  - The feasibility of hosting a golf tournament in May 2024 for local business sponsors is being explored.

- Continue the SCCF grant review and selection process
  - 20-25 new grants supporting youth-in-need will be announced in April 2023. The Appeal’s success resulted in SCCF’s Board authorizing the Grants Committee to increase its grant budget up to $300,000.

Yes, it’s been a busy few months, but we’ve only just begun. COVID is not an “equal opportunity” virus; it had a disparate impact on low-income youth. The effects of the pandemic will be felt for years to come. Although we’ve made a good start, there is still much to do. With your help, the SCCF will continue to provide critical support to Tucson’s youth-in-need.

With our gratitude,
Paul and Cathy

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **FEBRUARY 28**
  - CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF GIVING
    - Recognizing 2022 Annual Appeal Donors
      - 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
      - STONE CANYON CLUBHOUSE
    - *Registration is Closed

- **MARCH 20**
  - SCCF SPEAKER SERIES
    - NORA TYSON
      - Retired United States Navy Vice Admiral & Deputy Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command
      - 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.
      - STONE CANYON CLUBHOUSE PATIO

- **MARCH 23**
  - SCCF SPEAKER SERIES
    - MELODY EDMONDSON
      - Women’s Fashion Author & Talk Show Host
      - 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.
      - PROSECCO BY THE POOL – STONE CANYON FITNESS CENTER
    - *Registration Required, opens 2/23