

# NEWSLETTER WINTER 2023



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#### 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

## 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.



Learn more about each of our grantees at <u>https://stoneccf.org/news-and-reports/grant-report/</u>

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# **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:** 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 nonjudgmental environment
- Increasing students' confidence and skills through studentcentered, 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.





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#### STONE CANYON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

# Spirit OF GIVING



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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#### MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS HOW ARE WE DOING? In 2022, we launched a new approach to fundraising. Let's check on our progress.



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 lowincome 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-inneed.

With our gratitude, Paul and Cathy



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 28	MARCH 20	MARCH 23
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF GIVING Recognizing 2022 Annual Appeal Donors 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. STONE CANYON CLUBHOUSE *Registration is Closed	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	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

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