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# 100+ Women Who Care Provides Funding for ARIZONA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION

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The Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) plays a crucial role in supporting the state's foster youth by providing opportunities that enrich their lives and empower them to achieve their potential. Founded in 1984, this nonprofit organization is dedicated to enhancing the lives of children in foster care by addressing the gap in resources that many of these children face. With a mission to provide access to activities and experiences that would otherwise be out of reach.

One significant challenge faced by children in foster care is the lack of access to extracurricular activities. Through their Childhood Activities program, AFFCF provides financial assistance for programs, including dance classes, music lessons, sports teams, and summer camps. This funding allows children to participate in activities that

not only foster personal growth but also help them develop social skills and a sense of belonging. For many foster kids, these experiences are invaluable, providing them with memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

AFFCF is also committed to fostering a brighter future for Arizona's foster youth through scholarships for higher education, employment and career development opportunities, and life skills training for youth aging out of foster care.

In October, Lisa Cvijanovich shared the mission of AFFCF with her 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun group in the East Valley. The members selected the charity to receive their quarterly donations totaling \$17,780.

"Thank you to all the incredible women who have placed their trust and support in AFFCF and the critical work we do empowering children and youth in Arizona's foster care system. This

generous gift will be used to provide an array of childhood activities and a much-needed sense of normalcy for children and youth experiencing foster care across our community. Thank you for your partnership in helping create moments of joy and building memories they will cherish for years to come," shared Sophia Campbell, Director of Development & Philanthropy.

Since the chapter's inception in 2015, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated over \$1.4 Million to local charities. To learn more or to register for their upcoming giving circle on January 14, 2025, visit [100wwcvalleyofthesun.org](http://100wwcvalleyofthesun.org). Guests are welcome.

To learn more about AFFCF, visit [affcf.org](http://affcf.org). This organization is a Qualified Foster Care Organization and is accepting Arizona tax credit donations.