

# COX Charities 2008 Grant Recipients

## **Arizona Opera**

### **Elixir of Love School Tours**

Students experience a bilingual, interactive, professional opera, and explore the art form as a part of their formal education.

## **Arizona Science Center**

### **Focused Field Trips**

Field-trip program for at risk youth; includes workshops and interactive thematic science discovery experiences and resource materials for teachers.

## **Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association**

### **Physical Disability Youth Symposium**

Supports a symposium for young people with spinal cord injuries comprised of 16 diverse seminars and workshops (also incorporating parents) with a broad range of topics such as mentoring, job opportunities for people with disabilities, nutrition and wellness.

## **Arizona Theatre Company**

### **Summer on Stage**

A summer acting program where high school students learn a variety of acting techniques, including character development, voice, scene and monologue study, movement and dance from theatre professionals.

## **Arizona's Children Association**

### **Golden Gate Community Center Computer Learning Lab**

A community- based technology education program for kids ages seven to 15 years old offering after-school programs and during school intercessions; program includes an English-as-a-Second-Language component.

## **Assistance League of Phoenix**

### **Learn Dictionary Project**

Promotes literacy by distributing more than 4,000 dictionaries/thesauri to 6th grade elementary school children, many of whom are English Language Learners.

## **Association for Supportive Childcare**

### **Phone Friend Program**

After-school phone safety program for kids at home alone after school hours; this program includes an internet safety education component, as well.

## **Best Buddies Arizona**

### **Maricopa County Middle and High School Expansion Project**

A peer to peer mentoring program conducted in the high schools matching kids with physical and mental disabilities with non-disabled peers.

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central AZ**

### **West Valley Community Based Mentoring**

Children realize their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with volunteers who care about them.

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson**

### **STARS Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents**

Because children of prisoners are 7 times more likely to become incarcerated themselves, BBBS collaborates with Pima Prevention Partnership and the KARE Center to provide adult mentors for children with incarcerated family members.

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## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale**

### **America Reads/America Counts**

An after-school academic mentoring and tutoring program for low-income kids. Activities include educational games, special group projects, technology.

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix**

### **The Arts Program**

An after-school and summer arts activities program for youth facilitated by professional artists; artwork done by youth is also entered into national competitions.

## **Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley**

### **Project Learn / Power Hour**

After school and summer activities that encompasses homework assistance, technology programs, physical fitness and life skills.

## **CASA, Center for Prevention of Abuse & Violence**

### **No More Secrets - Kids' Talk**

A sexual-abuse and unwanted touch prevention program for kids grades K-6; program utilizes a personal safety curriculum.

## **Catholic Charities Community Service**

### **Children's Self-Development Classes**

Provides Chandler youth with the tools and skills needed to have safe, healthy relationships and prevent relationship violence.

## **Challenger Space Center**

### **E-Missions for Students**

Distance learning opportunities for schools facing limited field trip resources. Provides students with an interactive science-based experience with the Challenger Space Center.

## **Chandler Education Foundation**

### **Children of Promise**

An extended school-year program that assists at-risk students in retaining skills and improving academic performance over the summer and during intersession breaks during the school year.

## **Child & Family Resources, Inc**

### **Maricopa & Tucson Centers for Adolescent Parents**

A comprehensive program offering GED preparation, parenting and life skills education, and job development, for young mothers ages 16-21.

## **Childsplay, Inc.**

### **School Touring**

A school-based arts program which incorporates theatrical performances by professional, adult actors delivered in underserved schools; program includes educational components for teachers and parents.

## **Communities in Schools**

### **Partner Schools**

A school-based program focused on providing education-enhancing support services to students to improve academic achievement.

## **Cochise Robotics Association**

### **NERDS of Sierra Vista Buena**

Supports the robotics projects and competitions of the Nifty Engineering Robotics Design Squad (or NERDS) at Sierra Vista Buena High School.

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## **Deer Valley Education Foundation**

### **RECESS Tutoring Partnership**

A structured, reading, writing and math tutoring partnership between trained high school students and elementary students at academic risk.

## **Desert Botanical Garden**

### **Sonoran Desert Adventure Field Trip Program**

Educates K-8 students and teachers about desert plants, animals and environmental ecology through tours that provide highly interactive and hands-on experience on outdoor trails.

## **Epilepsy Foundation**

### **Camp Candlelight**

A one-week summer camp for children ages eight to 15 years old with epilepsy; program educates youth regarding their disorder and explores a life full of possibilities for young people with disabilities.

## **Florence Crittenton**

### **Summer Youth Academy Literacy Program**

Two four-week sessions designed to improve literacy and math skills for students facing barriers such as domestic violence, unstable living environments, truancy and fear.

## **Foundation for Blind Children**

### **Sports, Habilitation, Arts, and Recreation Program (SHARP)**

A summer and weekend program for visually impaired and/or multi-disabled youth ages six to 18 years old; program incorporates adapted sports, arts, assistive technology and independent living skills building.

## **Free Arts of Arizona**

### **20-Week Mentor Program**

Designed to bring the healing effects of the arts to abused, homeless and at-risk children and youth living in more than 100 different facilities (residential treatment centers, group homes, child crisis centers and homeless shelters) throughout Maricopa County.

## **Funhouse Movement Theatre**

### **Youth Outreach Program**

Providing highly acclaimed modern dance concerts and enriching youth arts education.

## **Gabriel's Angels**

### **Pet Therapy**

Provides pet therapy for abused, neglected and at-risk children and youth.

## **Great Arizona Puppet Theatre**

### **English with Puppets**

A comprehensive curriculum that improves the English literacy skills of English language learners through the art of puppetry.

## **Homeward Bound**

### **Children's Services**

A comprehensive youth development after-school (including weekends, summer and holiday) program for youth challenged by homelessness and domestic violence; includes a mental health component.

## **Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods (ICAN)**

### **Prevention Programming**

A community-based youth leadership and substance abuse prevention after-school and summertime program for youth ages five to 18 years old in low-income and underserved communities.

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## **Jewish Family & Children's Service**

### **Creating Peaceful Families**

A school and community-based prevention/intervention program for children and their families challenged by divorce, family conflict, child abuse, domestic violence, bullying and substance abuse; program is facilitated through support groups, classroom presentations, parent workshops and family support services.

## **Jobs for Arizona's Graduates (JAG)**

### **JAG Student Leadership Academy**

An extension of the school-based Jobs for Arizona's Graduates program, the Leadership Academy gives high school youth the opportunities to participate in three leadership conferences providing education and training focused on academic success, higher educational attainment and career planning.

## **Junior Achievement of Arizona**

### **JA Biztown**

A business, economic and financial literacy education program for at-risk youth grades K-12. Teaches concepts such as supply and demand, scarcity and abundance, markets and marketing principles and utilizes classroom curriculum and hands-on learning in a child-run "mini-city".

## **Make A Difference**

### **Youth in Service**

Provides exclusive offerings for youth volunteers and engages them on a deeper level in service learning and leadership.

## **Maricopa Colleges Foundation**

### **Achieving a College Education**

High school juniors and seniors are successfully guided through community college and the first two years of university by providing a multi-level support system comprised of committed faculty, advisors, professional staff and parents.

## **Mercy Housing**

### **After-School Programs**

A site-based after-school program offered in a low-income housing community designed to teach social skills, increase academic success, provide nutritious snacks and offer positive alternatives to at-risk youth.

## **New Life Center**

### **New Life Center's Children's Program**

Benefits children affected by domestic violence by providing individual child advocacy, art & music therapy, and incorporating children's needs into their mother's treatment plan to overcome domestic violence.

## **Not My Kid**

### **Clear Choices**

Provides peer speakers who dialogue with middle school and high school students about the consequences of their behavioral health issues, including substance abuse, depression, eating disorders, alcohol abuse, safe dating, bullying and internet safety.

## **Pediatric Foundation of Arizona**

### **Reach Out & Read Southern Arizona**

Reach Out and Read makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care, so that children grow up with books and a love of reading.

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## **Peer Solutions**

### **Stand & Serve**

A school-based student-driven violence prevention program for high school youth with and without intellectual disabilities which teaches positive social skills, tolerance & leadership.

## **Phoenix Art Museum**

### **Phoenix Art Museum Curriculum**

A visual arts web-based curriculum based upon the Museum's permanent collection to support classroom educators through increased access to museum resources such as; collaborative lesson plans.

## **Phoenix Day**

### **Reaching for Readiness**

Provides a richly enhanced early education curriculum to 150 youth, resulting in multi-sensory age appropriate brain development and successful transition to a Kindergarten environment.

## **Phoenix Public Library**

### **Teen Summer Reading Program**

A nine-week summer reading program for youth ages 12 - 18, that provides rewards and incentives for achieving specific reading goals.

## **Phoenix Symphony**

### **One Nation**

Provides music instruction and mentoring for youth in grades 5 -12 in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Scottsdale; part of a consortium project of education programs for the local Native American community.

## **Phoenix Theatre**

### **Partners That Heal**

A program using drama techniques to create an outlet to ease the tension, nervousness and fear of children receiving medical care in a hospital setting.

## **Recording for the Blind**

### **Adopt-a-Text**

Provides highly navigable, audio textbooks for blind and dyslexic students, recorded by volunteers.

## **Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts**

### **Celebration of the Arts for Children with Disabilities**

Provides a day of creative arts activities and outdoor fun for special needs children from schools across the Valley and serves as one of the few field trip opportunities available to students with mild to severe disabilities.

## **SharMoore Children's Productions**

### **Stories that Soar Website**

SharMoore provides programs and services that bring children's original stories to life through a variety of dynamic artistic mediums.

## **Sojourner Center**

### **Family Enrichment Program**

Comprehensive, integrated services for mothers fleeing from domestic violence situations that support them in creating a safe and nurturing environment for children.

## **Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center**

### **The Friend Playground Initiative**

Enhances social interaction between children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their typical peers, resulting in increased tolerance, acceptance and understanding of those who are "different."

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### **Southwest Human Development**

#### **Supporting Children with Autism**

A program that enhances, expands and coordinates services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, with a specific focus on the use of assistive technology.

### **Special Olympics**

#### **Young Athletes Program**

An innovative sports/play program designed to introduce children ages 2 1/2 to 8 with intellectual disabilities to the world of Special Olympics sports and increased socialization at an early age.

### **Teach for America**

#### **Support of Professional Development**

Professional development for teachers working with low-income students with a focus on effectively moving their students forward academically.

### **Teen Lifeline, Inc.**

#### **Suicide Prevention**

Teaches at-risk youth ages 15 to 18 years old to become Peer Counselors and staff a teen hotline; the 70-hour training covers listening skills, communication skills, self esteem, problem solving & relevant teen issues.

### **Tempe Community Council**

#### **Tempe Elementary District #3 Family Resource Centers**

A school and community collaboration connecting students and families with mentoring opportunities, literacy programs and community workshops.

### **Tucson Girls Chorus**

#### **Music Expansion**

Encourages diverse young women to be confident leaders through participation in a well-constructed educational program that emphasizes music, performance, leadership training and community service.

### **Valley of the Sun YMCA**

#### **i-Learn High School Drop-out Recovery Program**

A partnership with local school districts enabling youth who are at risk of or have dropped out of the school system to earn their diplomas via technology-based curriculum; addresses the social, educational, and emotional barriers to educational success among high school students.

### **Valley Youth Theatre**

#### **Literacy & the Arts**

A school-based arts program using theater to promote literacy for kids in grades K-12; students read works prior to attending theatrical performances.

### **West Valley Child Crisis Center, Inc.**

#### **Children's Enrichment Center's Activity Program**

A childcare program for children living in an emergency shelter; services include enrichment and educational activities for kids appropriate to their age and developmental stage.

### **West Valley Fine Arts Center**

#### **Gallery 37**

A school-to-work student apprenticeship program that results in the creation and permanent placement of a professional art display.

### **Youth on their Own**

#### **Monthly Stipend Program**

Provides financial assistance, basic human needs, and guidance to homeless and unaccompanied youth so each has the opportunity to graduate high school and lead a productive adult life.