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Arizona Compassion Initiative partners announce grant awards to nonprofit organizations

PHOENIX – The partners of the Arizona Compassion Initiative are pleased to announce that 27 nonprofit organizations around the state have been selected to receive \$200,000 in capacity building grants. Partnering in this effort are the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona (intermediary for the grant), the Arizona State University Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management, the Governor’s Office on Faith and Community Initiatives, the Arizona Community Foundation, the Department of Economic Security and consulting firm LeCroy & Milligan.

About Care, Inc, Agape Community Services, All Faith Community Services, Arizona Refugee Community Center, The Buckeye Outreach for Social Services (BOSS), Choices Interlinking, Coalition for African American Health and Wellness (CAAHW), Elfrida Citizen Alliance, Family Promise – Greater Phoenix, First Church of God, First New Life House, Graham County Interfaith Care Alliance Inc, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), Hospice Family Care Foundation, Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, Matthew’s Crossing (DBA St. Matthew’s Food Bank), Medecons Initiative Inc., Native American Community Health Center, Inc., Rebuilding Together* Santa Cruz County, S H I E L D Foundation, Sierra Vista Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program VICP, Sunnyside Unified School District Foundation, Teen OutReach Academy (TORA), Tohono O’odham Elder Care Consortium, Tohono O’odham Nation Dept. of Health and Human Services (TODHHS), Division of Senior Services, Way of Life World Foundation, Incorporated, World Hunger Ecumenical Arizona Task Force, Inc. (WHEAT)

Three of the organizations selected serve tribes, three define themselves as faith-based, 11 define themselves as community-based and 10 define themselves as both community-based *and* faith-based. Seventeen are located in Maricopa county, 5 in Pima county, two in Cochise County and one each in Yavapai, Cochise, Graham and Santa Cruz counties. Additionally, 16 organizations—over half—have budgets under \$100,000. Only two of the organizations selected have budgets over \$250,000 (excluding the three tribal organizations).

“This is an incredible opportunity to help organizations who wish to serve low income elderly and families transitioning from welfare to work” said Sharon Gartner, director the Seniors Impact area of United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. “As we help build the capacity of these groups, we will increase the effectiveness of these groups throughout Arizona”.

The focus of the Arizona Compassion Initiative is to help grass-roots faith-based and community organizations enhance their ability to provide a wide range of social services to elders in need and families transitioning from welfare to work. Under the grant, ASU’s Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management helped participating organizations by developing individualized plans to build their capacity through leadership development, organizational development, program development, revenue development strategies, and community engagement. The Center will also provide training workshops on these areas of development around the state, in coordination with the other partners.

"It is encouraging to see the collaborative effort of capacity builders working together to realize the promise of the Arizona Compassion Initiative," said Robert F. Ashcraft, director of ASU's Center and professor of nonprofit studies at the university. "The quality of life for citizens across Arizona will

improve as those organizations receiving these grants benefit from the knowledge and tools provided to increase their nonprofits' leadership and management effectiveness,"

The mission of the ASU Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management (CNLM) is to help build the capacity of the social sector by enhancing the effectiveness of those who lead, manage, and support nonprofit organizations. CNLM provides knowledge and tools to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations, professionals, board members, and volunteers by offering research, technical assistance, workshops, conferences, classes, and capacity building programs. The Center is recognized as a national leader in undergraduate and graduate nonprofit education. CNLM is part of the ASU College of Public Programs, a research-intensive urban crucible knowledge-based social and economic advancement. For more information, visit: <http://nonprofit.asu.edu>.

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