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Blenman Elm Neighbors Care Alliance

- by Alice Roe

We started in late 2004 as a group with a vision to care for our aging neighbors who are living in their own homes. We established a goal to become friendly neighbors who help on occasion with the seniors' small tasks that they can no longer do. Carol Ostrander, from Pima Council on Aging (PCOA), linked us with the Neighbors Care Alliance. This organization helps neighborhoods and organizations develop a volunteer caregiver program to serve senior citizens. In January, 2005, we formed the Blenman Elm Neighbors Care Alliance (BENCA) and applied for funding. In March we were awarded a grant from PRO Neighborhoods.



Paula Keyes and Mary Caldwell, Blenman Elm Neighbors Care Alliance

BENCA now has a Steering Committee that has worked hard to cover all the bases. Two wonderful volunteers, Paula Keyes and Mary Caldwell, have taken on many of the coordination tasks. Neighbors Care Alliance helped us get started with recruiting and training volunteers. A number of training workshops have been held. Mary and Paula interview each volunteer to make sure they understand their role in the BENCA program. We are proud to announce we now have thirty trained volunteers helping fourteen client households.

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Alianza de cuidado de vecinos de Blenman Elm

- por Alice Roe (Traducido por Alicia Bates)

Empezamos al final del 2004 como un grupo de vecinos con la visión de cuidar de nuestros vecinos mayores que viven solos en sus casas. Establecimos la meta de que seríamos un vecindario amistoso el cual ayudara en ocasiones con las pequeñas tareas que las personas mayores ya no pueden hacer. Carol Ostrander de Pima Concil on Aging (PCOA) nos conectó con La Alianza para el Cuidado de los Vecinos (Neighbors Care Alliance). Esta organización ayuda a los barrios y a las organizaciones a desarrollar programas para dar cuidado y servir a los ciudadanos mayores. En Enero del 2005 formamos la Alianza para el cuidado de los Vecinos de Blenman Elm (BENCA) y aplicamos para una donación de fondos la cual fué autorizada en Marzo.

Ahora BENCA tiene un Comité de Dirigentes que ha trabajado para cubrir todas las bases. Paula Keyes y Mary Caldwell son dos voluntarias extraordinarias que se han hecho cargo de la mayoría de la tarea de coordinación. La Alianza para Cuidados de los Vecinos ayudó para empezar con el reclutamiento y entrenamiento de voluntarios. Se ha llevado a cabo un gran número de entrenamientos y talleres de trabajo. Paula y Mary entrevistan a cada voluntario para estar seguras de que ellos/as entienden su papel en el programa de BENCA, Estamos orgullosos de anunciar que tenemos treinta voluntarios entrenados para ayudar a catorce clientes en sus casas.

Paula y Mary han sido instrumentales para encontrar algunos vecinos que están desesperados por ayuda,

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PRO Neighborhoods builds community by nurturing grassroots neighborhood groups in Tucson and Pima County. The newsletter is published three times a year by United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, 330 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, AZ 85745.

PRO Neighborhoods envisions a Tucson/Pima County community made up of groups of diverse residents and associations working effectively together and in partnership with existing institutions, businesses and organizations to mobilize resources essential to enhance their neighborhoods. Our ultimate goal is that everywhere you go in Pima County, neighbors are helping neighbors, diversity is celebrated, and people are proud of where they live.

PRO Neighborhoods believes that communities are built upon the assets of individuals, groups and organizations. Based on this belief, PRO Neighborhoods upholds the following values:

People's Abilities

People have the experience, skills and knowledge to make their neighborhoods more liveable.

Associations

Associations composed of volunteer residents magnify and mobilize the gifts of individuals.

Grassroots Change

Action at a grassroots, neighborhood level is critical in bringing about positive community change.

Responsiveness

PRO Neighborhoods is committed to flexibility and creativity in our work so that we are most responsive to our community.

Partnerships

Founded on the private-public partnership that is PRO Neighborhoods, we encourage efforts that bridge gender, racial, cultural, generational and economic boundaries. We also promote collaborations between individuals, groups, organizations and institutions.

Paula and Mary have been instrumental in finding some neighbors in desperate need, especially for transportation to medical and other services. However, learning to distinguish the fine line between what we as volunteers can and cannot do has been a challenge. Some neighbors have needs which BENCA cannot meet; sometimes our best help is to point them towards City of Tucson services. In some cases we have helped neighbors when they truly did not know where else to turn.

PRO Neighborhoods and the Neighbors Care Alliance reporting requirements allow us to quantify and document our volunteer efforts. Meeting all of the requirements is hard work and takes many hours; however, the joy we feel at knowing we have made a difference in someone's life is sufficient pay for our volunteer efforts.

Our next challenge involves a Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative (SACI) grant which we received this fall. SACI is a partnership of United Way, PRO Neighborhoods, Pima Council on Aging, Interfaith Community Services and Multicultural Leadership Development Program. Some of the funds will allow us to increase our Neighbors Care services by purchasing badly needed office equipment and reimbursing our volunteers for mileage. Other funds will be used to develop a new program called the Ambassador Program. This PCOA program trains volunteers as "Ambassadors" that are connected to a group of seniors in need. The Ambassadors assist seniors by linking them with services, information and assistance they might not know is available. We are excited about the potential of the SACI grant to increase the number of neighbors we can help as well as expanding the ways we can help them.



especialmente por transportación para ir al médico y otros servicios. Sin embargo, ha sido un gran reto el aprender a distinguir la línea fina entre lo que como voluntarios se puede y lo que no se puede hacer. Algunos vecinos tienen necesidades las cuales BENCA no puede satisfacer; muchas veces la mejor ayuda es guiarlos hacia los servicios de la ciudad de Tucson. En algunos casos hemos ayudado a varios vecinos cuando ellos realmente no han tenido a donde ir o a quien recurrir.

Los requisitos de reportar de PRO Neighborhood y Neighbors Care Alliance, nos permite cuantificar y documentar los esfuerzos de nuestros voluntarios. Satisfacer las necesidades es arduo trabajo y lleva muchas horas, sin embargo, el gozo que da el saber que has hecho la diferencia en la vida de alguien es suficiente pago para los esfuerzos de nuestros voluntarios.

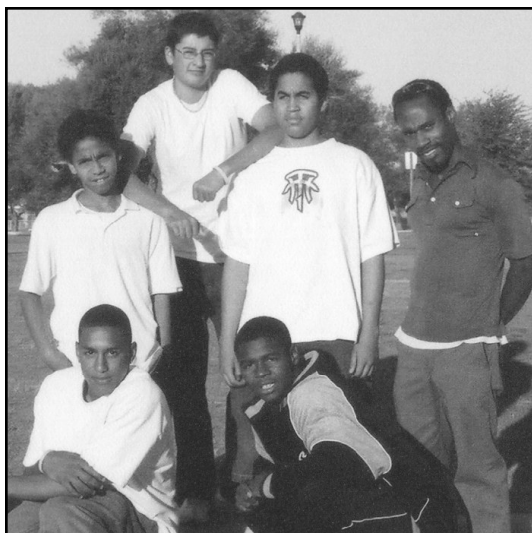
Nuestro siguiente reto envuelve la donación de fondos de Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative (SACI) los cuales recibimos este otoño. SACI es una sociedad de United Way, PRO Neighborhoods, Pima Council on Aging, Interfaith Community Services y Multicultural Leadership Development Program. Algunos de estos fondos nos permitirán incrementar nuestros servicios para los cuidados de los vecinos comprando equipo de oficina al cual necesitamos con urgencia y reembolso de millaje para nuestros voluntarios. Otros fondos serán usados para desarrollar un nuevo programa, el programa de Embajador. Este programa de PCOA entrena a voluntarios como "Embajadores" los cuales son conectados con un grupo de personas mayores con necesidades. Los Embajadores ayudan a las personas mayores conectándolas con los servicios, información y asistencia que quizá no saben que están disponibles. Estamos emocionados por el potencial de la donación de los fondos de SACI para incrementar el número de vecinos a los que podremos ayudar así como la ampliación de las maneras en las que podremos asistirlos.

Kino Area Youth Provide Services to Their Community

The Kino neighborhood, once a hotbed of drug-related crime, left many residents feeling at a loss to initiate changes. The Kino Weed & Seed Coalition helped change that by making residents active members of their community and training them to become more effective community activists. The mission of the Kino Weed & Seed Teen Advisory Committee is to assist people of all ages with their quality of life by empowering teens to get involved in community service, citizenship, critical consciousness, and the recognition of youth achievements. Please contact Eddie Danyfield at 202-1816 for more information.

Juventud del Area de Kino y su Compromiso con la Comunidad

Los barrios del area Kino que una vez fueron el centro de las drogas y crímenes dejó a muchos residentes con el sentimiento de derrota como para iniciar cambios. La organización Kino Weed & Seed Coalition ayudó a hacer cambios involucrando activamente a los residentes de su comunidad y entrenándolos a convertirse en patrón modelo. La misión del Comité Asesor de Adolescentes de Kino Weed & Seed es de asistir a personas de todas las edades con su calidad de vida apoyando a los jóvenes que se involucren en el servicio comunitario, en la ciudadanía, conocimiento crítico y en el reconocimiento del éxito de los jóvenes. Para más información, por favor llame a Eddie Danyfield al teléfono 202-1816.



Kino Weed & Seed Teen Advisory Committee. Standing from left: Joseph Lock, Jossel Ruiz, Isaiah Lock, and Andre Newman, Prevention Specialist. Bottom row: Allen Holmes and Jaqwan Johnson

Invite PRO to Your Next Meeting with Your Neighbors

PRO Neighborhoods can talk with you and your neighbors about resources available for your community enhancement activities. Call 882-5885 to inquire about a staff member attending your next meeting or get-together. We would like to talk with your neighborhood group about how PRO can support your efforts.



PRO Neighborhoods Grant Reviewers Wanted

Do you have an interest in neighborhood issues? Do you believe in residents' abilities to strengthen community through grassroots efforts? If so, you may want to become a PRO Neighborhoods grant reviewer. You will gain knowledge of our grant-making process, feel the satisfaction of supporting efforts to improve neighborhoods, and meet fellow reviewers from diverse backgrounds and interests.

PRO Neighborhoods grant reviewers are responsible for making recommendations on disbursement of \$60,000 per year to neighborhood groups from Tucson and Pima County. As a grant reviewer, you will assess three to four applications per grant round. During the grant review session, you will work with several other grant reviewers to make recommendations regarding funding for those applicants. Grant reviewers are asked to participate in one or two 3-hour review sessions a year, with 2-3 hours of additional preparation per session.

If you would like to be considered for this great volunteer opportunity with PRO Neighborhoods, please call Loretta at 882-5885 by Tuesday, January 24th.



Upcoming Workshops

VOLUNTEERS - DIFFERENT TYPES, DIFFERENT ROLES

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Thursday, January 12, 2006 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Presented by Wendy Ascione of the
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson

There are as many different types of volunteers as there are opportunities and programs. Learn about recruiting, matching and managing volunteers to suit your needs and theirs.

HUMAN RESOURCES FOR SMALL ORGANIZATIONS

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Wednesday, January 18, 2006 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Presented by Diann Belleranti of
Affordable Services for Nonprofits

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson

Learn about recruitment, hiring, personnel policies and procedures, organizational structure, job descriptions, development and administration of employee benefits programs and more.

MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN: SETTING YOUR PROJECT OUTCOMES AND PLANNING TO ACHIEVE THEM

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

January 24, 2006 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Presented by Diann Belleranti of
Affordable Services for Nonprofits

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson

Light dinner served from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Your great project idea is going to really improve things. Now it's time to make those changes happen! Learn how to develop and/or refine your project: plot a step-by-step outline, assess the human and material resources you'll need along the way, and write clear goals and measurable outcomes or objectives. Bring your idea or proposal and get your project underway.

BASICS OF BUDGETS FOR SMALL ORGANIZATIONS

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Wednesday, February 2, 2006 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Presented by Diann Belleranti of
Affordable Services for Nonprofits

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson

Review the skills and knowledge essential to producing a budget for a small nonprofit organization or a program within a larger agency. Topics will include:

- Before the process begins: how to prepare
- Accurately forecasting your biggest expense: payroll
- Budgeting by program and department
- How to control the administrative budget
- Cost allocation
- The budget narrative
- Marketing your budget to board and funders
- Q & A: Bring along your own budget

YOUR STORY: HOW TO TELL IT, HOW TO SELL IT — PUBLICITY THROUGH MEDIA

Co-Sponsored by PRO Neighborhoods and the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Presented by Michael Carson of the City of Tucson and
Debbie Kornmiller of the Arizona Daily Star

Arizona Daily Star Community Rm., 4850 S. Park Ave., Tucson

Light dinner served from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

Neighborhood groups often do great things, and this workshop will present useful and effective tips to "get the word out" to the local media about your group's projects and events. Learn ideas for making your story newsworthy and strategies for writing press releases. In addition, a panel of local media representatives will be available to talk about what they look for and to answer your questions.

SUPPORTING SENIORS — CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Thursday, February 16, 2006 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Presented by John Evans of the Arizona Attorney General's
Office and Donna Wagner

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson

Learn how to work effectively with people of different cultures and how seniors can be understood as a cultural group. Participants will understand issues about elder abuse and resources to help prevent or intervene in abusive situations.

All workshops are FREE.

Space is limited. You must register to reserve your spot.

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www.proneighborhoods.org

BEYOND THE BAKE SALE: EVENT PLANNING FOR YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION

Co-sponsored by Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative and Tucson Pima Public Library Grants & Nonprofit Information Center

Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Presented by Jenny Carrillo of Beyond Fundraising
Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson
(Lower level meeting room)

Special Events can be a fun way to raise funds for your project, but can be time-consuming, labor-intensive and expensive. Learn to identify a good fundraising event (or make an existing event better), incorporate your mission, secure sponsorship and plan for success. Session will also include:

- Why (or why not) do a Special Event
- Creating an Event Plan - budget, timeline, job descriptions
- Creating sponsorship packages that sell
- Evaluating the success of your event

LEAP-FROG YOUR ORGANIZATION AHEAD: UNDERSTAND THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Wednesday, March 15, 2006 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Presented by Beth Walkup, Business Consultant
Quincie Douglas Branch Library, 1585 E. 36th Street, Tucson
Learn to identify and address critical issues holding your organization back. Is it funding? Board development? Marketing? Image? Program? Expansion? Government contracts? Facilities? Strategic Planning can be used as an effective tool to meet your mission. Grassroots groups as well as more established organizations are welcome.

MAKING "THEM" A PART OF "US": DEVELOPING TOOLS TO INCLUDE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Sponsored by PRO Neighborhoods

Presented by Mike Green, ABCD Training Group (Denver, CO)

Saturday, April 8, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson
Suggested donation - \$20 accepted to cover workshop costs.

In strong communities, all members are needed and all can contribute in some manner. Often we do not know how to benefit from diversity. "Them" may be people from a different ethnic or language background, age, socio-economic level, or may be from the margins of society: the homeless, mentally ill or otherwise disabled, undocumented immigrants, or at-risk youth. Learn to explore how EVERY person has gifts, talents, and skills to share. Develop strategies to include all members of the community to create strong neighborhoods.

CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED: SKILLS TO INCLUDE EVERYONE IN CREATING A STRONG COMMUNITY

Sponsored by PRO Neighborhoods

Presented by Mike Green, ABCD Training Group (Denver, CO)

Saturday, April 8, 2006 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building), Tucson

This workshop is a follow-up to the morning session. Attendance in morning session is a pre-requisite to participation.

Valuing every community member and tapping into their gifts is important, but how do you do it? A "connector" is a community leader who opens doors for people and can pave the way for their participation to be successful. Connectors seek to weave different motivations in the community into a common interest. If you're committed to the inclusion of all, this workshop will help you develop specific skills.

CREATING A COMPELLING CASE FOR SUPPORT

Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Presented by Alice Kaderlan of Pyramid Communications
(Seattle, WA)

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

330 N. Commerce Park Loop (Catalina Building), 2nd Floor,
Tucson

This workshop will explore best practices for articulating how your organization is different from others competing for a limited donor pool. You'll learn about messaging that attracts those who are truly passionate about your work. Learn to:

- Answer the one question every prospect has about your organization
- Create a compelling one-minute "elevator speech"
- Develop a case statement that donors will actually read

CREATING NEWSLETTERS FOR YOUR GROUP

Co-sponsored by PRO Neighborhoods and the Southern Arizona Compassion Initiative

Presented by Leticia Bermudez of the City of Tucson
Department of Neighborhood Resources and Joanie Sawyer
of PRO Neighborhoods

Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: To be announced

Join experienced community members to learn basic tips for creating attractive and effective newsletters. Topics include: planning and writing; funding your project; tips for layout and design; meeting mailing requirements; and distribution. A thirty-minute presentation following the workshop will explain how the City of Tucson can assist City registered neighborhood associations with printing and mailing.

Department of Neighborhood Resources

City of Tucson

Mission

The Department of Neighborhood Resources (DNR) brings focus and priority to neighborhood needs and promotes greater involvement of citizens in City of Tucson government. We place an emphasis on providing citizens with direct information about city services, connecting citizens with personnel and resources for effective service delivery.

How do DNR Services Enhance the Ability of Neighborhoods?

By using DNR services, neighborhoods can:

- Build a strong working relationship with their city government
- Create strength from diverse interests that exist within the neighborhood
- Learn more about their neighbors and take responsibility for each others needs



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Individual Development and Empowerment Account (IDEA) Program - Wells Fargo has worked with the City of Tucson to provide up to \$90,000 in Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) IDEA matching funds to families participating in the city's Family Self Sufficiency program. This program allowed a \$3 to \$1 match to low-income families who had saved money through the Family Self Sufficiency program in order to purchase a home.

Wal-Mart Foundation —

Contact: Local Wal-Mart store managers for assistance.

Eligible Activities: General support; operating expenses; emergency grants; employee matching gifts supporting social services; community affairs, including economic development, environment, safety, zoos, and botanical gardens.

Grant Range: \$25 - \$4,000

Deadlines: Application process is continuous



Our Newest Grant Recipients

PRO Neighborhoods Wishes to Congratulate the Following Groups

Citizens to Restore Our Wash *Something to CROW About*
Awarded: \$3,530

Citizens to Restore Our Wash will address three tasks to complete the revitalization of critical wildlife habitat in Anklam Wash between La Cholla Blvd. and Silverbell Rd. They are: waste control, flora and habitat restoration and erosion control. Volunteers will coordinate with the City of Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation to remove eleven consolidated trash piles, will install signage at seven access points of Anklam Wash, and will conduct outreach and education aimed at greater public awareness of issues that affect the healthy ecosystem of the wash.

Cienega Corridor Conservation Council *Pioneer Day - A Celebration of Conservation Successes*
Awarded: \$3,500

Cienega Corridor Conservation Council is made up of property owners, business leaders, residents, ranchers, recreationists, scientists, and local and regional entities from the Rincon Valley and Vail area. Cienega Corridor Conservation Council will host a community-building event called Cienega Corridor Pioneer Day at Colossal Cave Mountain Park. The event will be catered to children with the idea that the children will help plan the event and in turn bring their parents. The event will allow them to share successes, celebrate their home, and invite them to become part of future efforts.

Blenman Water Conservation Group *Water Harvesting Workshop*
Awarded: \$2,000

Blenman Water Conservation Group will have a one-day hands-on workshop presented by the Sonoran Permaculture Guild to understand how to plan and design a water-harvesting system to collect rainwater. The morning will be devoted to planning and design, such as how to measure the amount of rainwater that will be collected. Prior to the workshop, a group will have laid pipe in a concrete slab at one site and prepped a second site for the installation of a cistern. In the afternoon, like an old-fashioned barn raising, everyone at the workshop will work together to set one culvert in the cement and do the finishing touches on the other cistern. Finally, participants will determine how to assist each other in installing additional cisterns at additional sites.

South Park Art and Culture Center (S.P.A.R.C.C.)
Harmonizing African and Mexican Communities through Art, Dance and Culture
Awarded: \$4,444

During two visits to Mexico, S.P.A.R.C.C. will research and document on film dance that captures the "African presence in Mexico." The dances will be replicated in the largely African and Mexican-American neighborhood of South Park. S.P.A.R.C.C. will document folklore that has been passed down by predominantly Afro-Mestizo villages during annual festivals and celebrations. S.P.A.R.C.C. will create five performances for neighborhood residents where they can socialize, participate and dialogue as a community through arts and culture programming. The research and documentation will provide the traditional Afro-Mexican arts and culture that will give validity and integrity to the project.

BAJA Sporting Club *Senior Softball*
Awarded: \$1,444

BAJA has over 100 active senior softball players from Green Valley and Sahuarita. The group will work together to purchase and install fencing, grass, seed, and infield mix to complete two fields at Sahuarita Park. They will maintain the fields with the help of the Parks and Recreation Department. The completion of these fields will allow them to build more partnerships with new members and strengthen their relationships with the youth groups also utilizing the fields.

Primavera Preschool *Playground and Parking Lot Project*
Awarded: \$2,000

Primavera Preschool is a cooperative of community residents. Parents and preschool staff will work together to plant large shade trees in the play yard and decorative plants and vines in a flower bed. A parking lot will be resurfaced and stripes painted to designate walkways and parking spaces.

Green Valley Desert Hills No. 4, Inc. *Camino Kino Revitalization*
Awarded: \$2,882

This landscaping and beautification project aims to increase interest in volunteering. Although this is a 55+ community, there is diversity between those who are still relatively young and active and the older residents who don't get out much. They hope to attract more of the older residents to become active in their community, therefore improving their health both mentally and physically.



Community Information Exchange

Microbusiness Advancement Center (MAC) - provides training and micro-loans for small businesses, home-based businesses and others who are thinking about starting their own business. Come to one of the FREE weekly orientations to learn more. English (Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM) or Spanish (Thursdays at 5:00 PM). Call 620-1241 to register. MAC classes for Winter 2006: 12-wk. Business Planning Course in English (Jan. 26 - April 18) or Spanish (TBD); Intro to Business Ownership in English (Jan.) or Spanish (Jan. 24). All classes are held at 330 N. Commerce Park Loop, Catalina Building, Suite 160. For more information call 620-1241.

Youth for Justice - will provide grants of \$200 each to the first 100 middle and high school classes to register to participate in the National Teach-In Celebration of Youth Service Day and Law Day. The money may be used to buy materials to conduct their teach-in, provide law-related education resources for their class or school library, host a teach-in conference with another school, or donate to a school club or charity. Application deadline is January 31, 2006. Additional information is available at http://www.crfc.org/yfj_teachin2006.html. Download an application at http://www.crfc.org/pdf/ti06_reg.pdf.

Grants Orientation Workshop - Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N Stone Ave. When: January 11, 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM Learn to research foundation grant opportunities for nonprofit organizations. Access the Arizona Guide to Grants and Giving Online. Practice using the Foundation Directory Online. Visit useful websites for nonprofits. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register call the Joel D. Valdez Main Library at 791-4393. No walk-ins.

City Accepting Community Development Block Grant Proposals - The City of Tucson is accepting proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2006 funding for housing-related projects only. There is \$2.3 million available for these projects. Minimum grant award is \$25,000. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend a Technical Assistance Workshop to learn more about funding requirements, on Thursday, January 27, 2006 from 10:00 AM to noon at 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (Sentinel Building). The deadline for proposal submissions is 5:00 PM, Wednesday, February 23, 2006. For more information, call Melissa Hartman or Carol Benson at 791-4123.



Community Foundation General Scholarships - The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has a commitment to helping individuals achieve their academic goals. Working with our donors and a volunteer scholarship committee, we provide financial assistance to about 50 students a year to support their academic endeavors. Southern Arizona students graduating from public high schools may apply. Selection criteria includes financial need, academic success, potential for academic achievement, interest and activities. Please contact your high school academic counselor to see if you qualify for a scholarship through CFSA. Information and online applications are available at: www.cfsoaz.org/page17482.cfm