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**Local Donor Collaboration Nets \$365,000 for Organizations Serving Youth;
Summer Youth Program Fund Awards Grants to 26 Recipients**

The Summer Youth Program Fund (SYPF) has hit a homerun in its inaugural grant year as it distributes \$365,000 in grants to organizations serving Valley youth. It is anticipated more than 9,000 Valley youth will be impacted from the SYPF's first year of grantmaking. Recipients (listed below) received grant checks at an Award Reception held April 23rd at the Nina Mason Pulliam Auditorium of the Burton Barr Central Library in Downtown Phoenix.

Over a year ago, the dream of a summer fund made its way to Phoenix from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust's sister-city Indianapolis. Arizona Trust staff, along with the Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity, invited Valley philanthropic leaders to a roundtable discussion to brainstorm creating a similar opportunity for Valley youth. In essence the initial meeting ended with the hope to create a collaborative fund, leveraging local dollars and resources to increase the impact of organizations serving Valley children during the summer months.

"The Summer Youth Program Fund is modeled after the Fund in Indianapolis that began in 1995 at approximately the same financial level as our collaboration. Today, it is providing over \$1.9 million to organizations serving 98,000 youth," said Robert Berger, grants program manager for the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. "With the great emphasis on summer youth programs in the Valley, combined with the generosity of the local community, creating a collaborative funding venture to support the array of summer programs was an idea that from day one was welcomed with great enthusiasm from the donor community," Berger explained. "In the past year, the Fund has been founded and the real homerun was realized at the Award Reception with the distribution of \$365,000 in grants to 26 organizations," Berger added.

"Creating the SYPF also streamlined the grantmaking process, lessening the workload of reviewing and processing grant requests. We have also heard from nonprofit organizations that this single-application process opened the door to a diverse group of funders who were united in their desire to maximize their outreach to young people in need of sports and recreation programming," said Shawna Bradlich, executive director at Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity, an original founding partner.

"Participating funders view the collaboration as a great way to enhance existing programs, increase healthy activities for youth and leverage available dollars and resources, and, 100 percent of funds go to program support" Bradlich explained.

"This collaboration provided an avenue for funders to work together, many for the first time, and fund expanded areas of service to Valley youth," Berger added.

The Summer Youth Program Fund is a pooled fund representing support from 11 funders. SYPF's inaugural supporters include: Arizona Community Foundation, BHHS Legacy Foundation, J.W. Kieckhefer Foundation, Lodestar Foundation, Margaret T. Morris Foundation, Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Peoria Diamond Club, Phoenix Suns Charities, Thunderbird Charities, and Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. "SYPF recognizes that summer programs, particularly those serving economically disadvantaged youth, require financial assistance to provide creative and recreational outlets while fostering personal development and lifelong learning," said Bradlich.

"During school vacation times, young people tend to engage in the highest levels of health-harming behaviors. Targeted programs provide a continuum of care during the summer months and offer opportunities for youth to develop and sustain enriching and healthy lifestyle activities that will divert them from negative behaviors," she added.

2007 Summer Youth Program Fund Allocations

Organization Name	Amount	Program/Project
Arizona Recreation Center For the Handicapped (ARCH)	\$20,000	Summer Day Camps For Handicapped
ASU Hunkapi Horse Program	\$20,050	Horses Helping at Risk Children
Body Positive, Inc.	\$7,500	Camp Incredible
Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley, Queen Creek Branch	\$8,000	Hunkapi Equine Assistance Life Skills Camp
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, I.G. Home Branch	\$10,000	Home Branch Summer Program
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, Warner A. Gabel Branch	\$10,000	Gabel Branch Summer Program
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, Henry & Sandy Rosenzweig Branch	\$10,000	Rosenzweig Branch Summer Camp
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, Spencer D. & Mary Jane Stewart Branch	\$10,000	Stewart Branch Summer Program
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, Tolleson Branch	\$10,000	Tolleson Branch Summer Program
Camp Fire USA, Greater Arizona Council	\$16,000	Camp Wamatochick
Florence Crittenton	\$10,000	Summer Athletic Program
Free Arts of Arizona	\$25,000	Mulicultural Arts Camp
Friendly House, Inc.	\$10,000	Summer Prevention Program
Friends of Mesa Arts Center	\$11,000	SASSY: Summer Arts Sessions
Grand Canyon State Games	\$25,000	Summer Games
Hope & A Future	\$25,000	Summer Camp for Foster Children
Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc.	\$10,000	Learn to Earn
Lions Camp Tatiyee, Inc.	\$17,000	Deaf Campers Session
The Mitzvah Corp Foundation	\$25,000	Camp Swift
The Phoenix Zoo	\$13,000	Camp Zoo
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona	\$10,000	Save the Family Summer Youth
South Mountain YMCA	\$10,000	South Mountain YMCA Summer Camp
Tempe Community Council	\$10,000	Safe & Smart
Wesley Community Center, Inc.	\$10,000	Solamente Jovenes
West Valley Child Crisis Center, Inc.	\$7,450	Fund and Fitness for Abused Children
Whispering Hope Ranch	\$25,000	Whisper of Hope Camp

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