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2023 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year

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Closing Remarks

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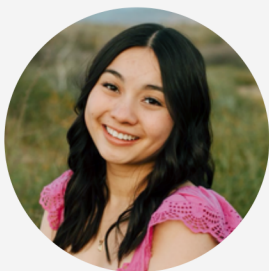
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HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

GLYNN W. GILCREASE, JR.

development touched the lives of thousands of children and young adults, inspiring them to reach their full potential and give back to their community. Glynn's profound impact on the Boys & Girls Club led to his induction into their Hall of Fame and a two-time recipient of their National Service to Youth Award. Glynn's philanthropic spirit knows no bounds, as he generously invests his time and resources. Annually, he sponsors ten children from the Boys & Girls Clubs for back-to-school shopping. Through his strong support of Tempe Sister Cities organization, he has sponsored numerous field trips, international cultural programs, and over a thousand Tempe students in the international student exchange program. He serves as an ambassador of Arizona Sister Cities. As a member and former president of Rotary Club of Tempe South, he has been at the forefront of initiatives that have transformed lives and communities. He was involved with a variety of service projects benefitting the people of the community putting "service before self." Among his many endeavors, Glynn dedicates his time to serving the homeless at Paz de Cristo, exemplifying his commitment to addressing the most pressing issues facing our society. Glynn is a former Marine and member of the East Valley Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1011. Glynn extends his civic duties and educates children, youth, and adults by portraying President Abraham Lincoln through performances of his historical speeches. Among his testament of exceptional service, Glynn has been recognized by the Arizona Jaycees' Three Outstanding Young Men in Arizona Award, Tempe Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man Award, and Rotary's Paul Harris Award eight times. Glynn Gilcrease embodies the essence of selfless giving, exemplifying an unwavering commitment to kids who need it most – a man of boundless compassion, dedication, and service to others.

A cherished longtime resident of Tempe, Glynn Gilcrease embodies the essence of compassion and leadership. Through his extraordinary journey in service to his community, particularly the youth of Tempe, exemplifies a lifetime of unwavering dedication and selflessness. With over five decades of legal practice, Glynn dedicated himself to providing pro bono legal assistance for those whose lives were compromised financially or catastrophically injured. He has a passion for justice which has been a compelling drive in his career. Efforts in the legal realm have been a beacon of hope for countless individuals in need. Glynn's greatest passion has been his work with children and youth. For more than 40 years, he has been a driving force behind the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley, serving as a voluntary leader and planner. His passion for youth



YOUNG HUMANITARIAN

KATIE RITCHIE

Katie Ritchie, a recent graduate of Desert Vista High School and now a student at Arizona State University, exemplifies a young humanitarian through her remarkable leadership, unwavering philanthropic commitment, and an exceptional dedication to community service. She has raised vital funds for Teen Lifeline, Desert Vista's Superfood Bowl Drive, and the Welcome to America Project helping students and community members with resources to prevent suicide, food insecurity, and basic necessities for refugees. Katie has advocated for students' diverse educational needs, serving on the City of Phoenix Youth and Education Commission and Tempe Union High School District's ESSER III Committee, ensuring resources are available for students including Care 7 youth specialists on Tempe school campuses. She's improved literacy for young children through her volunteer work with Tempe's Childsplay Theatre Company, addressed housing issues with ASU's Project Humanities, and urged essential reforms through chairing the Arizona Governor's Youth Commission Education and Substance Abuse Workgroups. Katie's tireless advocacy for Arizona's youth, commitment to equity, and dedication to ending homelessness make her an inspiring Young Humanitarian.



SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA VOLUNTEER

RANDY DIETRICH

Long-time volunteer, Randy Dietrich, is a true embodiment of selflessness and community spirit. Every week for the past 15 years, Randy has been a dedicated volunteer with the Tempe Community Action Agency's Meals on Wheels program. He drives over 22 miles a day to 17 clients, taking four-hours each time. With a heart full of compassion, Randy has personally delivered close to 20,000 meals to homebound seniors and disabled individuals, going beyond mere sustenance by conducting daily wellness checks, providing not just nourishment but also a caring presence. For the vast majority, this home delivered meal is their primary meal for the day. His dedication is awe-inspiring, averaging an astonishing 800 volunteer hours annually and accumulating over 10,000 volunteer hours since 2008. Randy Dietrich's extraordinary contributions to our community are a testament to the power of compassion, kindness, and the indomitable spirit of volunteerism. His unwavering commitment leaves an indelible mark.



TCC IMPACT AWARD

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FOR THE HOMELESS

Founded in 2019 by visionary, Juan Te Dailey, DSquared Homes for the Homeless has emerged as a beacon of hope and transformation in their unwavering dedication to improve the lives of the most vulnerable in our community. They seek to combat the growing homelessness problem through prevention and end stigmatization of those who experience homelessness through education and advocacy. They exemplify their mission through four unique programs to serve unsheltered individuals and students. DSquared's GAP program provides limited funds to assist working individuals secure housing. The Dignity Bag program provides portable supply bags containing food, water, and toiletries to unsheltered individuals. Their Plarn Sleeping Mat program organizes volunteers to create portable and durable sleeping mats from plastic grocery bags. The Volunteer Dignity program trains and empowers the next generation to give back to their community. DSquared's impactful partnerships include the City of Tempe Community Health and Human Services' Care 7 and HOPE Team (Homeless Outreach Prevention Efforts) as well as Tempe Community Action Agency, Tempe Family YMCA, Mountain Park Health Center, and various Tempe civic organizations addressing homelessness. Staying on mission, DSquared Homes for the Homeless has made a profound impact on the lives of the homeless and the seriously mentally ill, and continue to inspire hope, compassion, and transformation within our community.



CHARLES
TRUMBULL
HAYDEN

Don Carlos History

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Charles Trumbull Hayden was one of Tempe's founders and a great humanitarian. "Don Carlos," as the Hispanic pioneers affectionately called him, was known across Arizona for the assistance he provided to people in need. To honor the Hayden legacy, Tempe Community Council annually presents the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, Tempe's most prestigious distinction.



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- 1988 PEGGY BRYANT
- 1989 ELIZA CARNEY
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- 1991 MIMI & MAC BOHLMAN
- 1992 VIRGINIA TINSLEY
- 1993 BETTY & JOHN WATERS
- 1994 PAT HATTON
- 1995 LAWN GRIFFITHS
- 1996 RUDY CAMPBELL
- 1997 BOBBIE & GEORGE OVERBY
- 1998 SUE & BOB LOFGREN
- 1999 CAROL E. SMITH
- 2000 SUE SEARCY
- 2001 ZITA JOHNSON
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- 2003 DAVID B. CUTTY
- 2004 JOSEPH P. SPRACALE
- 2005 JANE & DICK NEUHEISEL
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- 2009 SUE RINGLER
- 2010 CATHERINE MAY & DAN ABBOTT
- 2011 ALICE & RALPH GOITIA
- 2012 HARRY MITCHELL
- 2013 KERRY FETHERSTON
- 2014 NEIL G. GIULIANO
- 2015 RAVEEN ARORA
- 2016 SHANA ELLIS
- 2017 KATHY STEVENS
- 2018 CHRISTINE KAJIKAWA WILKINSON
- 2019 CHRISTINE HODDY BUSCH
- 2020 HAROLD "WOODY" WILSON
- 2021 MARGARET HUNNICUTT
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CHILDREN, SENIORS,
FAMILIES AND
INDIVIDUALS CARE
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40 Years of Don Carlos Humanitarians

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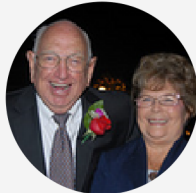
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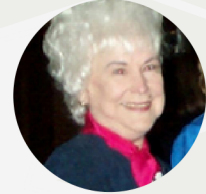
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Congratulations

to 2023 Don Carlos Humanitarian

Glynn Gilcrease

And a special congratulations to

Randy Dietrich, Katie Ritchie, and DSquared Homes for the Homeless

Tempe is blessed to have such selfless individuals
caring for and helping others in our community.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
FOR TEMPE AND BEYOND!**

With love and blessings,

Traci and Tim Estenson



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Glynn W. Gilcrease, Jr.

on the well-deserved Don Carlos Humanitarian Award.



We are grateful for your dedicated leadership of the Boys Club. Thanks to your vision, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley has helped to develop generations of young leaders all across the Valley.



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Accident Law Group takes great pride in joining the celebration to acknowledge the 2023 Don Carlos Humanitarian Awardee. This distinguished recipient truly embodies authentic humanitarianism, making significant contributions to the improvement of Tempe and the entire community.



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*Our sincere congratulations to
Glynn Gilcrease
2023 Don Carlos Humanitarian
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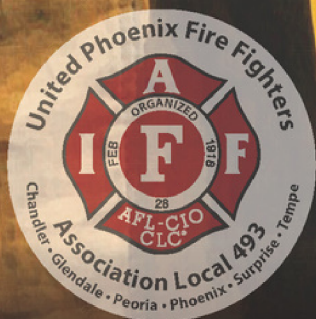
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To the winners of the
2023 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award
from all of us at the
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Congratulations to the 2023 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Recipients.
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Congratulations to Glynn Gilcrease
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