

TEMPE Community Council

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2023-2024 Annual Report

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ABOUT US

VISION

TCC nurtures Tempe's sense of community where children, seniors, families and individuals care for and about one another.

MISSION

TCC's mission is to connect those in need with those who care. TCC does this by convening community, conducting research, determining priorities, implementing effective programs and exemplifying prudent stewardship of resources.

EDI

TCC recognizes our duty as a community connector to facilitate the conversations and collaboration that are needed to cultivate a healthy and resilient community of our founders' vision. It is our responsibility to work towards ensuring that diversity, equity and inclusion is reflected in our strategies, operations and partnerships.

VALUES

TCC is committed to building a community that:

- Cares for and about each other
- Appreciates diversity in its people and ideas
- Fosters and respects resident input
- Works cooperatively and respectfully with stakeholders
- Is efficient and effective with resources



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR



The last year has been one of resilience and deepening community engagement, and I am honored to share the progress we've made together. TCC remained focused on empowering and improving the lives of all who call Tempe home. As our community grew, we continued to build on the foundation of service, compassion, and collaboration that has been at the heart of our work for over five decades. Whether addressing the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, promoting equity and inclusion, or strengthening the bonds of our community, we have remained committed to making a positive and lasting impact.

We strengthened partnerships with other local organizations, businesses, and schools, allowing us to reach even more individuals and families in need. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our staff, Board, volunteers, partners, and donors. Their unwavering support and commitment to our mission ensure we continue to meet the challenges ahead with hope and determination.

As we move into the next fiscal year, we remain focused on the future – building on our accomplishments, learning from our experiences, and striving to make Tempe a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. I am excited about what lies ahead and am confident that, together, we'll continue creating positive change for all who live, work, and play in Tempe.

Nancy Blevins, Chair



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Student

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The Project Pros

Linda Martin
Banner Health - Retired

Velicia McMillan Humes*
City of Tempe

Lori Selles
Micro-Tronics

*Ex officio non-voting member

CARE FAIR

A mission-driven event for TCC, Care Fair Tempe connects the community with resources and volunteer opportunities in a fun festival setting with human services provider booths, music, a kid zone, and free giveaways to attendees.

In partnership with the City of Tempe, Human Services Day featured the 6th annual Tempe Care Fair and the Human Services Pop-up. We had nearly 400 attendees and 80+ booths highlighting local nonprofits and human service providers to find opportunities to connect those in need with those who care in Tempe.



CELEBRATING CHAMPIONS FOR YOUTH

The 7th annual Celebrating Champions for Youth (CC4Y) ceremony honored adults, youth and organizations who are inspiring, encouraging and empowering Tempe youth to reach their full potential.

Adult champions: Detective David Larson and Detective Michelle Reyes, Protector Award; Fred Lescher, Inspiration Award; Boys to Men Greater Phoenix, Advocate Award
Youth Champions: Amya Salas, Riley Sarver, Robert Trujillo, Mariangela Bernal-Martinez, Londynn Harris, No Second Chance campaign team



DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

The 40th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards ceremony honored community members dedicated to improving the Tempe community through service and philanthropy. Held at the SRP PERA Club, Tempe Community Council honored Don Carlos Humanitarian Glynn Gilcrease, Young Humanitarian Katie Ritchie, TCC Impact Awardee D Squared Homes for the Homeless, and Volunteer of the Year Awardee Randy Dietrich.



AGENCY REVIEW

One of the most public roles of Tempe Community Council since 1985 has been to administer and manage the distribution of human services funds on behalf of the City of Tempe. Agency Review community volunteers recommended distribution of $1,142,000 of City of Tempe human service dollars and Together Tempe donations to human service non-profit organizations. 41 programs for 34 agencies were recommended for funding.

This year, TCC introduced a three-year funding cycle, streamlining the process through a renewal system. Significant changes included reducing agency interviews to minimize subjectivity and expanding volunteer reviewer participation with targeted recruitment, improved training, and year-round learning opportunities. These enhancements aim to ensure effective allocation of funds and greater community involvement in addressing human service needs.



TEMPE COALITION
TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRUG USE

The Tempe Coalition provided prevention resources and education to the community through presentations and events at schools and community gatherings. Through its prevention campaign, the coalition reached over 189,875 individuals via social media, print, and billboard campaigns. 205 youth participated in the evidence-based Botvin LifeSkills course and 16 educators were trained to deliver this curriculum, ensuring sustainability.

A notable highlight was the "Be Kind People Project," which served 2,070 students. The coalition also participated in 12 large community events, including the Unity Walk and ASU's Give 'Em Health Day, along with 43 smaller events supported by a peer-to-peer mentoring team. 33 educational presentations were delivered on critical topics such as the rise of fentanyl, Narcan training, and risk and resiliency. The Tempe Coalition trained over 500 educators and community members on how to safely administer Narcan in the event of an opioid overdose.

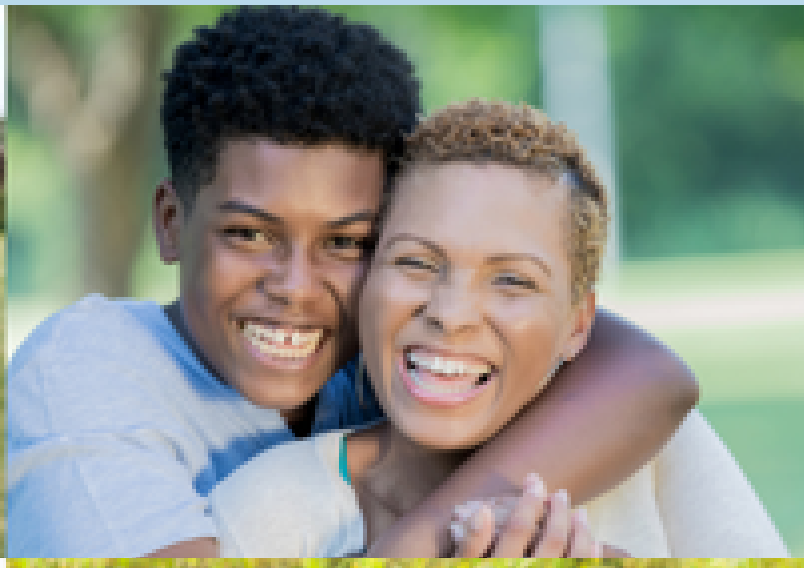


OPEN HORIZONS

Open Horizons provided transportation and childcare support to six parenting teens so that they could remain in school.

TRIPLE P
POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM®

TCC staff was fortunate to contract with a new Triple P accredited practitioner. Partnering with Tempe Union High School District and our own Tempe Coalition, a new schedule of Teen Triple P discussion groups was planned for the upcoming school year. A total of ten Discussion Groups would be implemented beginning in September of 2024.



THREADZ

Threadz continues to support local teens by providing free essential items like clothing, personal care items, and school supplies at three Tempe Union High School District schools: Tempe High, Marcos de Niza, and Mountain Pointe in Ahwatukee. Collectively, the three school sites encouraged school attendance of 1,213 students through 4,084 visits and distribution of 16,469 free items. Threadz volunteers served over 900 hours operating the sites and assisting students.

This year, Threadz created and implemented a Back-to-School Shopping Event. This was held at all three sites for two days prior to the first day of classes. Students could get a backpack and all the supplies they needed to be ready for the school year. This event was a huge success and will occur annually moving forward.



TEMPE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Tempe Community Foundation collaborative funds provided a grant of $5,486 to City of Tempe Family Advocacy Center (FAC). These funds were awarded to support the FAC operations as designated by the generous community donor who contributed the funds. The FAC's mission is to provide a nurturing, multi-agency facility where individuals and families impacted by trauma can receive critical, comprehensive, and compassionate services that promote safety, justice, healing, and hope. The programs are grounded in principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion, using trauma-informed practices and community-centered healing to support the empowerment of all participants. The support of the City of Tempe FAC through community giving to the Tempe Community Foundation demonstrates our commitment to being a centralized place for giving back to the community.



VITA TAX SITE
(VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE)

This program provides free tax return preparation for eligible individuals. Our IRS-certified volunteers screen client information or documents for tax credits including the Earned Income Tax Credit, helping to reduce their tax debt and increase refunds, ultimately supporting greater financial stability.

This year, 38 volunteers gave over 1,600 hours of service with a total of 998 tax returns filed through our tax service offerings. This resulted in over $1,041,942 in refunds returning back to these clients.



Summarized Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Total Assets	$ 2,006,734

Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Liabilities	$ 130,195
Net Assets	$ 1,876,539
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Summarized Statement of Activities

Total Support and Revenue

Total Revenue	$ 1,719,504
Expenses	$ 1,638,280
Change in Net Assets	$ 81,224
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	$ 1,795,315
Net Assets, End of Year	$ 1,876,539

The financial statements are the responsibility of Tempe Community Council. The above are audited results for Tempe Community Council's fiscal year ended 6/30/2024. Copies of the full financial audit and IRS Form 990 are available upon request.



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