

# Kiwaniis gives \$66,000 to Local Organizations

On September 18, Kiwanis awarded eleven grants to different organizations around the community. Kiwanis granted more than \$66,000 to these groups, adding to the goal of more than \$215,000 given out this year.

The first grant went to Cactus Shadows High School's wrestling program for new floor mats. Principal Jim Swetter was present to receive the \$8,000 check.

The next award went to the local Soroptimist Club for their annual backpack program. They received a check of \$3,000.

The third organization to receive a grant was the Sonoran Arts League. The \$9,995 check is going towards their Youth Art Program.

Another award was given to the

Scott Foundation to assist them in their work with foster children. The grant was worth \$5,000.

The next award was given to the Desert Foothills Library to help fund a kid's train table. An exact amount of \$3,479.99 was given to help fund the table.

The sixth grant given out went to the Cave Creek Museum. They received a check of \$5,348 to help support their Family Summer Camp Program.

The Veterans Heritage Project also received a check of \$2,500 that will go towards the publication of their 2019 yearbook entitled "Veterans; Since You Asked". This book will pay tribute to veterans of the Vietnam War.

The eighth grant given out was

awarded to The Foothills Foodbank. \$5,000 will be given to support the 2019 Thanksgiving Dinner Program.

The next award went to Jubilate Performing Arts for their Youth Summer Music Program. Laya Field and Jennifer Wyczalek accepted the check of \$2,500.

The tenth grant given by Kiwanis went towards the Adaptive Dance Program at Cactus Shadows High School. Haley Vago and Gabby Marchica were present to accept the \$6,239.42 check that went to the new dance flooring system.

The last grant went to the pre-school at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church for their participation in the Lowell Observatory LOCKS program. They received a check of \$3,000.



Tim Harris and Colleen Walski were present to accept the grant worth \$5,000 toward the Scott Foundation. Photo by Avianna Hoppes



Kiwaniis presented Haley Vago and Gabby Marchica with a \$6,239.42 check for the Adaptive Dance Program at Cactus Shadows. Photo by Avianna Hoppes

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**About the Kiwanis Club of Care-**

“Serving the Children of the World” is the mission of Carefree Kiwanis, a 501 (c) (3) service organization, and the larger Kiwanis International. Locally we demonstrate our passion for helping children recognize and develop their full potential by giving scholarship and merit awards, sponsoring Key Club, “Bringing Up Grades” (BUGs), summer art programs, and mentoring to establish a thriving and supportive community in the Desert Foothills area.

Visit [www.kiwaniscarefree.org](http://www.kiwaniscarefree.org) to learn more.

# Kiwanis Awards Members



Geno Orrico accepting his Kiwanian of the Year award. Photo by Logan McDade

At the September 25th meeting, Kiwanis recognized several members as well as as board members who are finishing their term.

Geno Orrico was awarded Kiwanian of the Year in recognition of all of the time and effort he puts into the club. Orrico is always the first and last person to every event, and will take on every project Kiwanis has.

Kiwanis also thanked board members who finished serving their terms.

Steve Morse will continue to remain a member and help out anyway he can.

“It was fantastic, everything we do is for the good of kids and the community. Kiwanis is filled with a group of wonderful people,” said Morse.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 16 - 12:00 p.m.**  
Regular meeting - no speaker

**October 23 - 12:00p.m.**  
Regular meeting - Michelle Bonjour- Marketing in Today's Market

**November 9 - 7:00 a.m.**  
Pancake breakfast



Steve Morse receives an appreciation award for his time on the board. Photo by Logan McDade