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Kiwanis Grants \$25,000 Toward Local Education

The Major Projects Committee recently gave the Cave Creek Unified School District a grant worth 25,000 dollars.

Desert Willow and Horseshoe Trails Elementary schools, as well as Sonoran Trails Middle School, will receive the first part of the grant, which will be used to fund the Digital Citizenship Academy program at the schools.

The second part of the grant will go to funding new Vape Education Software at Cactus Shadows High School. This software is supposed to educate high schoolers on the dangerous effects of vaping.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 66% of teenagers who use e-cigarettes do not understand what is in them. In addition, teens who use e-cigarettes are more likely to start smoking.

The last part of the grant will be given to district teachers, providing them with online software that allows them to restrict online access to students while they are at school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18 - 12:00 p.m.
Regular meeting at Harold's, Presentation of Grant from the Funds Request Committee

September 24 - 12:00 p.m.
Regular meeting at Harold's, Induction of board members.

November 8 - 7:00 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast in Carefree

Kiwanis Funds STEM Program at Local Schools

Kiwanis gave Dr. Patty Jensen, principal of Lone Mountain Elementary School, a \$25,000 check in order to help fund the STEM program at the school. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Students who are exposed to STEM during their elementary years are forced to think about innovation from a young age, helping them to become more successful later on in life.

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About the Kiwanis Club of Carefree

Visit www.kiwaniscarefree.org to learn more.

“Serving the Children of the World” is the mission of Care-free 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.

Kiwanis Starts Youth Protection Training Program

At a Kiwanis meeting on August 21, Casey and Kimberly Jack of Kiwanis Youth Protection program (KYP) gave a presentation explaining how Kiwanis can do a better job of protecting youth and why it matters.

Kiwanis serves more than 335,000 youth every year, which is a large number given the fact that, according to the World Health Organization, more than twenty five percent of children will suffer from some form of abuse. This is now a global problem, as the CDC considers child abuse a critical public health crisis.

KYP is currently trying to combat this by protecting youth members from possible predators, as well as educate adult members on how to safely work with the youth.

In April through September of 2019, KYP has been reviewing Kiwanis policies and procedures. This includes enhanced background checks for Kiwanis chaperones as well as providing greater clarity on current procedures and guidelines for adults who work with youth.

Dog Fashion for Raising Funds

Kiwanis has been working with Scott Foundation for three years now. The mission statement of Scott Foundations is, “We disrupt the social norm to spark the potential greatness of kids in the Arizona foster care system. With a focus on developing inner wealth, we believe in making the world a more peaceful and loving place by emotionally guiding kids to make better choices through selfless service.”

Scott Foundation is a non-profit organization that has impacted the lives of more than 6,000 foster children in Arizona. Their program fo-

cuses on getting kids out working in the community, which helps them land on their feet once they become adults.

Kiwanis is sponsoring their Sir Bark A. Lot’s Fashion Paw Tea fundraising dog show at Cartwright’s Modern Cuisine on Saturday, November 16, 2019. They are planning to create community awareness and raise funds for the program.

“The kids will be working there with the chefs creating six different dishes including one for the dogs,” said Colleen Walski, the founder of Scott Foundation.



Colleen Walski, the founder of Scott Foundation, speaks about a fundraising event to raise money for the community. *Photo by Logan McDade*