



Kiwanis
CAREFREE

CLUB CONNECTION

KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

Holiday Edition 2023



The Town of Carefree was full of holiday spirit during Kiwanis Christmas for the Kids on December 2nd



There were games

Thank you volunteers and Key Clubbers from Carefree Christian Academy for helping!



Thank you Falcons Football Team, Cactus Shadows ISBA Clubbers, Cactus Shadows Ambassadors, and Cactus Shadows Key Clubbers, your behind the scenes set up at tear down helped make our event a success!

Ornament Making, Face Painting & Letters to Santa



Thank you to the Sonoran Arts League for helping!

Hot Cocoa & Hotdogs & More!



THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS



Entertainment & Tractor Rides



Thank you to Jubilate Conservatory of Music and Gary the singing cowboy and his trusted sidekick Dusty for entertaining us! And to the Cave Creek Tractor Club.



Plus...

- Wildlife Rehabilitation Rescue & Relocation
 - Zeek the Camel
 - Tender Little Hearts Mini Ponies
 - Phil the Balloon Guy
 - Puppy Luv Animal Rescue
- 10 pups found homes! 4 to foster & 6 adopted

We Ruffled off 60 bikes to 60 lucky kids!

Led by our Master of Ceremonies Geno



A Heartfelt Story FROM SHERYL BELL

While manning the hay rides this morning, an elderly lady put some children in the wagon and started a conversation with Ron and me. She was bringing her grandchildren to Kiwanis Fun Day and noticed a neighbor boy who was playing outside. She didn't know the mother, but she asked her if she would let the boy come with her and the mother said yes. "This isn't a nice part of town, not Cave Creek," she said. The little boy age 9, didn't even have a jacket to wear and had holes in his shoes. Nevertheless, he won a bike. He had never owned a bike before. She said she was buying him shoes before she took him home. She also said she wanted to volunteer at Kiwanis when she retires. What a story!

Santa & Mrs. Claus & More!





Unleash the Power to Give Back

Sports often steal the spotlight for instilling essential life skills like teamwork and fostering leadership qualities among young athletes. The field becomes a training ground for decision-making and character development. Thanks to the generous support of Kiwanis Club of Carefree over the past two years, we have been able to greatly enhance the training experience for players in PRFC Desert Foothills 2015 and 2016 age groups. While growth and development in training and games is undeniable, transformation off the field took center stage on Saturday, December 2nd. Over 20 young boys and girls, with enthusiasm and eagerness embraced a different kind of challenge—volunteering at the Kiwanis Christmas for Kids event. They became ambassadors of goodwill, extending warm greetings to visitors, distributing tickets for games and raffles, and spreading joy with Santa hats. Players navigated tasks together, communicated effectively, and assumed leadership roles when needed. Beyond the thrill of soccer matches, this experience will be a memorable moment etched in their memories. Thank you Kiwanis Club of Carefree.

Written by David Newbery,
Director of Development & Coach

PHOENIX RISING DESERT FOOTHILLS & DESERT FOOTHILLS ATHLETIC CLUB



We got Ugly at our Dec 6th Meeting...



Some Got Uglier Than Others

First place - Gordon M

Second Place - Ron B

Third place - Kathy H





ADOPT A FAMILY

Alex was instrumental this year in allowing the Marketplace as a collection point, making up gift cards for our families. Thank you to all of the Club and Marketplace volunteers for helping make all of this possible.



gift cards for the
Foothills Food Bank

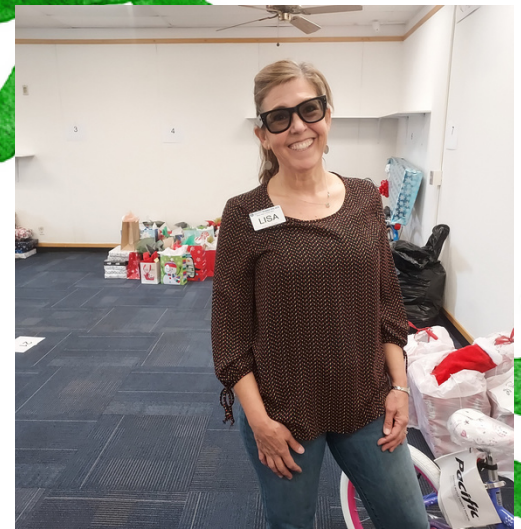
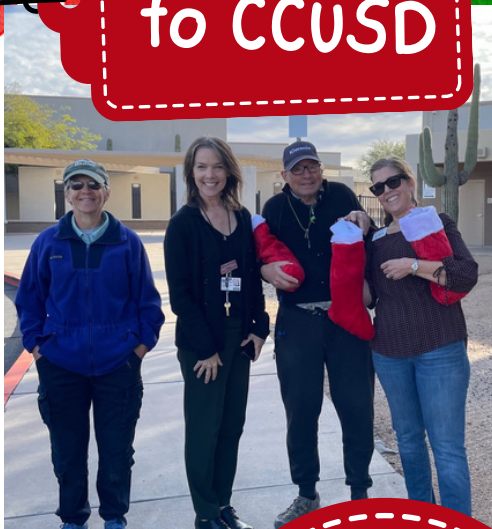


THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Shopping • Wrapping • Delivering



Delivery
to CCUSD



Delivery
to the
YMCA



Gift Cards for the
Foothills Caring Corps

A Sweet note

FROM A FOOTHILLS CARING CORPS NEIGHBOR

Kenzie is my little Angel, bringing me messages of hope everyday and I'm so thankful Kiwanis Club of Carefree is Kenzie's Angel, bringing her joy on Christmas Day!



Member Holiday Dinner & Dance

DECEMBER 13TH | TERRAVITA COUNTRY CLUB







Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year