ARIZONA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2013

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP
MISSION STATEMENT:

The AFFCF founding mission statement:

Dickens wrote that “in the little world in which children exist, there is nothing so finely perceived and so finely felt, as injustice.” Anne Hall Whitt has expanded on that theme in her book, Suitcases, by noting that for the “foster child, life can be a series of injustices, each more overwhelming than the one before.” Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) has been organized by individual citizens and professionals from throughout Arizona to help offset some of these injustices by doing what we can to give foster children as normal a lifestyle as possible during their time in foster care.

Current mission statement:

The mission of the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation is to promote the self esteem and enrich the lives of children in foster care in Arizona by funding activities, education and other needs that provide them with quality experiences while they live through very difficult circumstances.

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The Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation was founded in 1983 by Barbara Polk and Marilyn Manson, members of the Foster Care Review Board; David Byers, Administration Director of the Supreme Court of Arizona; Ken Reeves, Attorney; and David Underwood.

"THE KIDS AND FAMILIES AND CASEWORKERS WERE SO GRATEFUL THAT WE KNEW WE WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING."

~ Marilyn Manson, Founder

"IT IS ONLY THE GREAT HEARTED WHO CAN BE TRUE FRIENDS. THE MEAN AND COWARDLY CAN NEVER KNOW WHAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP MEANS."

~ Charles Kingsley

"WE GAVE A TRICYCLE TO ONE CHILD WHO WAS SO GRATEFUL THAT HE CALLED IT ‘MY FRIEND’ IN HONOR OF THE FOUNDATION."

~ Barbara Polk, Founder

The Margaret T. Morris Foundation provided the initial seed money for AFFCF in 1984. That same year, AFFCF provided our first award, flute lessons, to an eight-year-old boy in Prescott.

1983/84 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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"FRIENDSHIP,” SAID CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, “IS A VERY COMFORTING THING TO HAVE.”

~ A.A. Milne
Ruth Hallas passed away in 1983, desiring to leave her estate to ‘an orphanage.’ Since there were no orphanages in Phoenix, Ruth Hallas’ funds were awarded to AFFCF, providing $400,000 for our first endowment account.

AFFCF established a scholarship program to cover living and medical expenses for youth aging out of foster care who were attending college. Tamera Shanker, current Board Chair of AFFCF, has chaired the scholarship committee for the past 18 years as it continues to grow.

In 1987, the Visiting Nurse Service Association (now, Volunteer Nonprofit Service Association) selected AFFCF to be one of the three charities to benefit from the proceeds of its annual VNSA book sale. Over the past 27 years, the VNSA has contributed more than $1,880,000 to the AFFCF, making them our longest-running and most generous donor.

In 1990, another generous donor named Ann Forsman contributed funds from her estate to help us establish the Forsman Endowment Fund. Other donors to our endowment funds through the years include the Margaret T. Morris Foundation, the J.W. Kleckhefer Foundation and the Charina Foundation.

The Jan Lindsey award was established in 1992 to honor children in foster care who made an exceptional change and/or improvement in their personal or academic life. Those recognized epitomized the “I Can Do It!” philosophy. The award was named after Jan Lindsey, the first program manager of the Arizona Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

AFFCF awarded our one-millionth dollar to two girls for tap dance lessons in 1996, marking the beginning of a legacy of ‘millionth dollar’ milestones. As of December 31, 2013 we have awarded more than $5.7 million to 26,168 children statewide.

“THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A FRIEND IS TO BE ONE.”
~ RW Emerson

“I WOULD RATHER WALK WITH A FRIEND IN THE DARK, THAN ALONE IN THE LIGHT.”
~ Helen Keller
In 1998, AFFCF hired our first executive director, Jan Chisum, who served as AFFCF executive director for 11 years.

The first J. Robert Pierson Award, named for the father of long-time board member Kathy Pidgeon, is presented to a community member who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the advocacy of children in foster care. The first J. Robert Pierson award was presented in 2002 to Linda Dieckman, President of the VNSA, on behalf of all of the dedicated members of the VNSA. In subsequent years, the J. Robert Pierson has been presented to:

2011    Mary Black  
2010    Casey Family Programs  
2009    Paul Blavin, Philanthropist and Children’s Action Alliance  
2008    Kathy Pidgeon, Attorney  
2007    Jan Chisum, Retired AFFCF Director  
2006    Jay Young  
2005    Gene Polk  
2004    Thomas A. Jacobs, Maricopa County Juvenile Presiding Judge (Retired)  
2003    AFFCF founding members: Barbara Polk, Marilyn Manson, David Byers, Ken Reeves, David Underwood

“"A SIBLING IS A FOREVER FRIEND.”
~ Unknown

AFFCF’s First Sibling Reunion Picnic in 2003 brought together brothers and sisters who lived in different foster placements and had little or no contact.

The first Sibling Reunion Picnic took place in Pima County in 2004.
In 2005, Paul and Amy Blavin established the Blavin Scholarship Program at AFFCF to benefit children who aged out of foster care while in a four-year undergraduate degree program. The first Blavin Scholarship was awarded to a young man at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott.

AFFCF’s first Fostering Tomorrow Breakfast was held in 2006. The first-year event brought together more than 250 community members, founding board members and supporters. Generous donors contributed nearly $275,000.

The “My New Place” (now called “Keys to Success”) shower event for youth aging out of foster care was born in 2007. The “My New Place” shower brings together young adults who are moving out of foster care and moving on to pursue their own dreams and ambitions. The youth are ‘showered’ with all of the necessities to start off on the right foot – pots, pans, dishes, linens and more.

AFFCF celebrated our 25th Anniversary in 2008 at the Fostering Tomorrow Breakfast, with a keynote presentation by then Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard.

2009 brought new technology to AFFCF and the enhanced ability for caregivers to apply for a grant from AFFCF online!

Candace Wolfswinkel headlined the final Fostering Tomorrow Breakfast, themed “The Story of My Shoes,” in 2011, and brought her narrative of the story of the growth of Tom’s Shoes.

The unprecedented growth of the numbers of children coming into foster care in Arizona continued through 2012 and 2013, prompting AFFCF board members to develop new fundraising strategies.

In 2012, AFFCF brought together food trucks and fundraising for our inaugural Foodie Faire for Foster Care. This fun, family event moved to Kierland Commons in 2013 and brought out even more ‘foodies’ and AFFCF supporters for a day of fun and fundraising.

We remain committed to our mission and service to children in foster care in Arizona, and look to our next 30 years of friendship with our community and the children in foster care.

“THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE; ONLY FRIENDS YOU HAVEN’T YET MET.”
~ William Butler Yeats
$5,790,720.22 in Awards and Scholarships to Children in Foster Care

26,168 Children Served

2013 AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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During 2013 we served 1915 children in foster care in Arizona by funding social, athletic and educational activities that make life a lot more fun, and that give children in foster care the childhood they deserve.

POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS: $93,000

GENERAL AWARDS: $356,767

Apartment/Dorm Set-Ups
Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards
Camp Education - Related
Extracurricular - Lessons
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Travel/Airline Tickets
Theme Park Admission

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