

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## Rewards of Volunteering

When you volunteer, you give part of yourself, your time, energy, skills and feelings. You give to your family and friends, to your neighbors, to your community. Giving is one of the reasons why people volunteer. Their contributions to others and to their communities bring them feelings of self-fulfillment and the knowledge that they have made a difference.

Volunteering is also a way of saying thank you. It's a way of recognizing the countless others who, in big ways and small, have made life richer and better through donations of time and effort.

But there is more to volunteering than giving. Volunteering offers the luxury of working in a supportive environment. You'll learn from the experience, including much that you didn't expect to learn. And the community will benefit, too. You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain. As a volunteer, you also reap personal benefits and enhance your personal growth.

You:

### **ENHANCE SOCIAL AWARENESS**

As a volunteer working with others, you'll learn to appreciate and work with people's differences. As a result, you'll stay in touch with your community, its needs and issues. Your social awareness will grow through real experience.

### **LEARN THROUGH SERVICE**

Service-learning offers people opportunities to try new tasks and to take on new roles. It is active learning in the familiar environment of the local community. (And often, it gives you a terrific chance to compete in job markets.)

### **ENJOY BETTER HEALTH**

Volunteering can give your mind, soul, heart, and body a jump-start! You'll be happier and healthier and have a purpose and greater sense of self-satisfaction. Volunteering can even lower your stress level, heighten your immune system and help you sleep better at night.

### **GAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE**

One advantage of volunteering is that you get practice adjusting to new situations, people and experiences. The more practice you get, the greater your self-awareness and self-confidence. You develop the confidence you need when faced with new situations!

### **DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS AND TALENTS**

Volunteering can reveal hidden talents. You may be able to assume responsibilities or take on challenges you didn't know you were capable of.

### **BUILD A SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE**

Volunteering empowers you. Many volunteer jobs require you to act independently and take initiative. Such jobs give you a sense of control over your own life: you set your goals, make your choices and follow your routines. When you know your capabilities, you have the power to change your life and the lives of others.

### **EXPAND YOUR SOCIAL CIRCLE**

Remember, volunteers have chosen their jobs carefully and are appreciated for their contributions. They're doing something for the love of it. Volunteer at a music festival and you'll meet people who love music.

### **DEVELOP SKILLS**

When you volunteer, you gain skills and knowledge that may help you get paid work. You also develop qualities useful in all workplaces: punctuality, dependability, the ability to work on a team and the ability to handle pressure. Then there are

your self-management and work-readiness skills. Everyone needs practice in decision making, problem solving and leadership.

### **GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE**

You can't get the experience employers want if you can't get a job in the first place...right? Wrong! Volunteer jobs provide hands-on learning experience. They give you the experience and qualifications – not to mention references – necessary to develop a résumé and portfolio.

### **EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS**

You've got the ability, but what about the suitability? Volunteering gives you a chance to discover whether or not you're really suited to a particular line of work.

Tackling a volunteer position will ease the move from school to work. And if you've been working and want to try something new, take a volunteer job to test the waters before you jump in.

*To explore what's right for you:*

- select assignments that place you in the type of setting you want to learn about;
- ask for as much training as you can get;
- ask to be promoted to more challenging tasks;
- work side-by-side with professionals who can answer questions about their careers.

### **NETWORK FOR SUCCESS BY VOLUNTEERING**

As a volunteer, you'll meet people from all walks of life and communities. Introduce yourself and let people know what you're interested in and good at. You'll establish relationships you might not otherwise build. All of this is networking and it's the key to finding work. The more people you meet, the greater your chances of finding the work you want.

With a strong résumé and new skills, you'll find it easier to strut your stuff to prospective employers, fill out university or college application forms, talk to scholarship officers, or take on more challenging volunteer positions in the community.

That's the thing about volunteering. You get as much out of it as you put into it! And often, you get a whole lot more.

To find volunteer opportunities nearby, visit [www.volunteerphoenix.org](http://www.volunteerphoenix.org) or [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org). These great web sites allow you to search by zip code and interest areas.

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## **Volunteers Needed**

John C. Lincoln Health Auxiliary has some real needs for weekend volunteers in our retail operations -- gift shop and thrift shop. Please call our volunteer office 602-331-5729, or stop by to discuss volunteer opportunities within our community.

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## **Vice Mayor Peggy Bilsten Meetings**

Breakfast with Vice Mayor Bilsten September 30, 2004 7:30 a.m. CoCo's at Paradise Valley Mall  
Holiday Breakfast with Vice Mayor Bilsten December 16, 2004 7:30 a.m. CoCo's at Paradise Valley Mall  
Evening Chat with Vice Mayor Bilsten October 5, 2004 6:00 p.m. Sunnyslope Community Center

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### **Lincoln Learning, Too Head Start**

**Lincoln Learning, Too Head Start** is currently taking applications for the waiting list. Families must reside in the boundaries of Dunlap to Peoria/19th Ave. to 16th St. and Dunlap to Northern/7th Ave to 12th St. Children must turn four years old by December 31, 2004, however, priority is given to children who turned four on or before August 31, 2004. **Please call 602-216-5602 for more information.**



**Acacia Library Schedule  
October 2004**

October 1-31: Teen Read Reading Program-Ages 12-18

Acacia Teen Council Meeting Ages 12-18 Saturday,  
October 2, 2004, 4-5pm

Tuesday, October 5, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Theme: Owls. Puppet Show: "The  
Unlikely Adventures of Pussycat and Cow"

Wednesday, October 6, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado, Family Storytime in Spanish

Saturday, October 9, 2004, 3-5pm My First Car Ages 12-  
18 Find out everything you need to know before getting  
your first car.

Sunday, October 10, 2004, 2-3:30pm Ages 12-18 DNA  
Discoveries-participants will extract DNA and make go!

Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Theme: Wizards/Magic. Puppet Show:  
"The Wizard's Sneeze"

Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado, Family Storytime in Spanish

Saturday, October 16, 2004, 4-5pm Acacia Teen Council  
Meeting Ages 12-18

Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Theme: Frogs/Toads. Puppet Show:  
"Frog and Toad are Friends"

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 2:30-3pm Become a  
Library Friend! A friendly group who helps make good  
things happens in your neighborhood library! All are  
welcome to the Acacia Chapter.

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 3-4pm Book Discussion.  
Come join the fun! "Eventide" by Kent Haruf will be  
discussed. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library,  
Acacia Chapter.

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado, Family Storytime in Spanish

Tuesday, October 26, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Theme: Multicultural Halloween.  
Puppet Show: "Ghost in the House"

Wednesday, October 27, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado, Family Storytime in Spanish



**Acacia Library Schedule (cont.)  
November 2004**

Tuesday, November 2, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Theme: Native American Heritage  
Puppet Show: Dancing Wolves

Wednesday, November 3, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado-Family Storytime in Spanish

Saturday, November 6, 2004, 4-5pm Teen Council  
Meeting Ages 12-18

Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Theme: Birthday Puppet Show: Jiggs  
has a Birthday Party

Wednesday, November 10, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado-Family Storytime in Spanish

Saturday, November 13, 2004, 3-5pm My First Job-Find  
out everything you need to know about the application  
and interview process as well as job tips. Ages 12-18

Tuesday, November 16, 2004, 7-7:30pm Tuesday Tales  
Family Storytime Puppet Show: Miggs & Jiggs in Help  
Help Help! (a variation on the goy who cried wolf)

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 2:30-3pm Become a  
Library Friend! A friendly group who helps make good  
things happens in your neighborhood library! All are  
welcome to the Acacia Chapter.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 3-4pm Book  
Discussion. Come join the fun! Read a biography of a  
first lady (Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Hillary  
Clinton, etc.) and come discuss what you read.  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Acacia  
Chapter.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 7-7:30pm Miercoles  
Encantado-Family Storytime in Spanish

Saturday, November 20, 2004, 4-5pm Teen Council  
Meeting Ages 12-18



# News From Sunnyslope Historical Society

The Sunnyslope museum is in full swing. Our annual spaghetti dinner will be on Saturday, November 8, 2004 from 4:30 until 8:00 PM at the Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12 Street. Tickets will be on sale by members of the SHS and at the museum. You can also buy tickets at the door. For reservations call the museum at 602-331-3150 or call 602-944-2324.

Our popular parking lot sale is on Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. If you have anything to donate bring it to the museum at 737 E. Hatcher Road between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

We have been honored to receive pictures of the Sunnyslope Elementary 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation classes between the years of 1953-1982. We need to identify the students in the pictures. If any of you graduated during those years or taught at the school or knew students who attended please drop by the museum and help us with the identification process. If you cannot make it during our regular hours call and make a special appointment.

Last but not least our December General Meeting will be Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 10:00 AM at the museum. We are honoring veterans of all wars at this meeting. If you are a veteran or know of veterans with a Sunnyslope Connection please come to the meeting. We will be exchanging experiences and get to know each other. We will also have a speaker, but at this writing we have not yet identified our speaker. Of course, as always, refreshments will be served and all our meetings are open to the public.

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## New Saturday Hours for the Treasure Trove Thrift Shop

The John C. Lincoln Health Auxiliary Treasure Trove Thrift Shop, located at 9203 North Central Avenue has new Saturday Hours for your shopping and donation convenience.

Monday - Friday	Open 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Donation hours 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Open 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Donation hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The John C. Lincoln Health Auxiliary-North Mountain operates the Thrift Shop; funds raised from this project are utilized to provide for patient care programs and equipment for John C. Lincoln Hospital-NM. It is staffed with volunteers each working a four-hour shift one day per week; in the receiving, sorting, and marking room or in the sales area. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Mary Anne Carter, Retail Operations Manager, John C. Lincoln Health Auxiliary at 602-870-6049 or the Volunteer Services Department, John C. Lincoln Hospital-NM at 602-331-5729 for more information.

In addition, we work with the Desert Mission Food Bank and the Marley House to provide clothing and household items for those in need that qualify from our community. Remember, when you are cleaning out closets and cupboards, that your **nearly new, in good condition items** are very important to us. Just bring them to the rear entrance of the Treasure Trove, ring the doorbell, and we will assist you with your donation and give you a written receipt. We cannot accommodate large furniture items such as couches, refrigerators, or other heavy furniture; we do take small furniture items such as chairs, dressers, tables, televisions, etc.

If you have any questions regarding your donation items, please contact the Treasure Trove at 602-870-6060 ext. 1547.

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## Amazing Animal Facts

The only continent without reptiles or snakes is Antarctica.  
The last animal in the dictionary is the Zyzzyva, a tropical weevil.  
There's a "meow" in the middle of "homeowner."  
In 1987, cats overtook dogs as the number one pet in America.  
A tiger's paw prints are called pug marks.  
Rabbits love licorice.



## The Thanksgiving Story

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the *Mayflower* were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their

home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the *Mayflower* were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast -- including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There was no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

This "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. When a

long, steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian friends. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed.

On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include the Indians, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives,"

October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

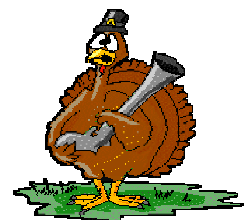
George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her *Boston Ladies' Magazine*, and later, in *Godey's Lady's Book*. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last* Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Every president proclaimed Thanksgiving after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the *fourth* Thursday in November.

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## Internet Porn at Public Libraries: Let's Pull the Plug

by Mayor Phil Gordon

In yet another stellar example of a job well done, Phoenix Police officers arrested a sexual predator, on parole, for having sex with girls as young as one year old. In this degenerate's motel room our officers found a pile of countless items, each item more disgusting than the next. Included in that moral trash pile was child pornography that he downloaded from the Phoenix Public Library.

Regrettably, our tax dollars at work.

The law makes a distinction between child porn (which is illegal to possess) and adult porn (which, generally, is not). Child porn, quite understandably, falls outside the umbrella of "protected speech". It is NOT protected speech, and shouldn't be available in a public library or anywhere else.

But that leads us to a broader question: Even though adult pornography is legal, does government have an obligation to provide it at taxpayer expense?

My answer is a straightforward "no".

The Constitution of the United States requires that government create and nurture an environment where free speech can exist. And government does that. However, the Constitution does *not* require government to *provide* pornography, even if the content itself has First Amendment protection.

Consider this: Our libraries do not stock XXX-rated videos or *Hustler* magazine – and no one is arguing that the First Amendment requires us to. So why in the world would anyone think it requires us to provide access to the online versions?

Just like the repeal of Prohibition says adults are entitled to buy, sell and consume alcohol if they wish, it does not require government to make alcohol available in the City Hall cafeteria. In other words, we protect your right to buy a beer – or a *Hustler* – but there's no mandate for government to be the supplier.

That's a big distinction. There is no shortage of adult pornography in Phoenix or anywhere else in the free world. For any adult who so chooses, any home computer is a gateway to this X-rated world. Add to that all the "specialty" retail outlets, magazine stands and video outlets -- and it's hard to argue that government is stifling the First Amendment. Free speech is not the issue here.

When it comes to the library system, "child porn vs. adult porn" is not really the issue either. Government is forbidden to provide the former, and is under no legal obligation to provide the latter. So why do we provide *any* pornography over our library computers? We shouldn't.

So let's not.

Adult porn is readily available from the private sector, and that's where it should remain.

When it comes to filtering out illegal child porn, our library staff does a terrific job in the face of constantly changing technology. So let us be as creative and as technological as humanly possible to filter as much of the destructive material as we can. Filters can make the distinction between a website on breast cancer and porn -- between Michelangelo's "David" and porn. And when they don't, the library staff can.

I commend Vice Mayor Peggy Bilsten, Public Safety Subcommittee Chairman Dave Siebert and other members of the Phoenix City Council for their leadership on this issue. They agree with me that when it comes to our taxpayer-supported library system, there's just no compelling reason, legal or moral, not to pull the plug on porn.



# Sunnyslope Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunnyslope Fall Festival**; some of you will remember this as the Sunnyslope Community Picnic. This year we are doing something a little different. We have changed the name and changed the time. This year we are focusing on a **Safe Halloween** for the children of Sunnyslope. The Festival will be **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004**, and the fun will begin at **3:00 p.m. and go until 7:00 p.m.** The Festival will take place at the **Sunnyslope High School Football Field**. **Trick or Treating** will be available to "kids" of all ages, trick or treat bags will be available at the ROTC Booth, face painting, costume contests, pumpkin decorating contest, games, rides, and entertainment for everyone. There will also be animals from the Wildlife Zoo!

The **Sunnyslope's Kiwanis** will be serving grilled hot dogs along with chips and a drink for a nominal price. All proceeds support youth charities in Sunnyslope. So mark your calendars and watch the flyers at the local businesses for more information.

If anyone is interested in displaying your business or agency, like to volunteer or if you are talented and want to show off your talents, please contact **Roe Sansone at 602-216-6514 or Lynn McDonald at 602-870-6060 ext. 1253**. This is a fun time for the entire family. Deadline to reserve space is October 1, 2004

Prizes

Kids Dress in Your Favorite Costume

Entertainment

Games

Food

Rides



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## Holiday Boutique-Rummage and Bake Sale

**Cross Roads Methodist Church  
Northern & Central Avenue  
October 23, 2004  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Rent your own rummage space for \$20.00  
Furnish your own tables**

**Call the church at 602-944-1524 for more information or to reserve your space.**



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## New Fight Back!!!

**Good News!!!!** The new **Fight Back** is in the area of 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street - Mountain View to Hatcher. If you live in this area and would like to express your concerns please contact **Donna Wiedoff at 602-678-1933**. Meetings will be in the evenings at Sunset Bowl. Please come with your fresh ideas.

# News From New Northtown

The summer program for the kids was just terrific this year. We had so many different things going on. The children really loved it and were sad when it was over. On June 28, a lady came from the Wildlife Zoo; she brought several different wild animals. I hate to tell you that the thing the kids liked the best was when the big horned owl pooped on the carpet. OH, how they laughed. The Taiko Japanese Drummers came and the children got to play the drums too. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we took the little ones, 6, 7 and 8 to Jeepers which is like a playground with roller coaster, merry-go-round and many other rides, and games. They had pizza and soda. The next day we took the older ones, and repeated the whole process again. I loved the merry-go-round and rode it several times with the little ones. I pretended I did it to protect them, but the truth is, I loved it. On July 7th a police officer came and talked to the children about safety. They were very good and interested. We did a lot of things this summer and one thing we really worked on was reading. I was sitting at the homework table with several children; one little fellow asked me why I was always telling them to read. I told them that when you open a book the whole world is yours instantly. I told them with a book they could go to the deepest part of the ocean, climb the highest mountain, go to the moon or Mars. In a book, I told them you can meet and get to know Abraham Lincoln, The Beatles, Genghis Khan, Julius Caesar or anyone else they would like to know. The table grew very quiet and then several got up and went to the bookshelves and got a book and sat down and started reading they are reading much more now. We always need people to come and listen to them read. You are all welcome and we really need you. Our last day was a party with pizza and ice cream sundaes. I always hate when it is over but our afterschool program started September 20 and I got a lot of my little ones back and lots of new ones. They are so wonderful. I love them so much.

I have been very busy with all the Weed and Seed Committee meetings, Needs Assessment meetings, Polly's Block watch meeting and the Partnership meeting. Some extra things I have been doing are getting signatures on nominating petitions, I am on a hiring panel at school to hire teachers and custodians, that was three days and I love doing it. We went to a political forum and heard many of the people running for office speak. Some very good information was shared. I went to Sofia's house every week and helped her with her reading She is also doing basic arithmetic. I am so proud of that little angel.

Last bit of news was that we went to the Arizona State Liquor Board for a hearing on a liquor license. We lost on a technicality. I think you will be horrified to know that with that one we have 47 different places you can buy liquor or have a drink in a one and a half mile radius with 7th St. And Dunlap as the center core. I don't know about you but this literally enrages me. I find this number of places totally unacceptable. Betty Bellanger

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## **Join the Third Annual "Day of No Prostitution" March October 9, 2004-7:00 p.m.**

**North parking lot of Park and Swap, just north of Camelback Road on the east side of 27 Avenue.**

Participants will be provided with a candle, ribbon and water as they march against prostitution from 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Camelback to Indian School and back. It is approximately 2 miles.

Do it for your community! Make clear that Prostitution will not be tolerated on the streets of our city.

Do it for those exploited in prostitution. The average age of entry into prostitution is 13. Most people entering prostitution come from abusive backgrounds and often have been sexually abused as a child. Some are abducted in other countries and illegally trafficked across our borders to enrich international crime cartels. 500 women are murdered each year in prostitution. They are the target of serial killers and have 40 time then national mortality rate.

Do it for the families of the men who believe they have a "right" to purchase sex and never think about the diseases they bring home to their spouses.

Prostitution is not a victimless crime! March on October 9 to make clear that prostitution is not acceptable in the city of Phoenix and that you and your community will not be silent victims any longer.

Please call 602-486-4973 if you need a ride or would like to help at the event.



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Our fall program combines recreational and educational activities, time and quiet space for homework, access to special computer programs and a credential staff of lead teachers. *We also have pick-up and drop-off available for eight area schools.*

Call today to schedule a free tour and meet some of our teachers: **(602) 943-3731**.

Or find out more online at [www.JCL.com](http://www.JCL.com)



## Become a Bookworm Buddy...



- ...because until third grade children are learning to read, from fourth grade on they are learning to read.
- ...because only 10% of students who read poorly at the end of first grade ever read proficiently in later grades.
- ...because a startling 88% of children who have difficulty reading at the end of first grade display similar difficulties at the end of fourth grade.
- ...because studies have shown that the best way to help these young students improve their reading is through one-on-one tutoring.

All of these are reasons why you should become a Bookworm Buddy and be a part of Make A Difference's innovative literacy mentoring program. This program allows children in under-resourced areas the opportunity to expand their literacy skills while developing meaningful one-on-one relationships with thoughtful and committed adults.

Volunteers participating in this program meet with an assigned student for one hour each week to work on various literacy skills, and are given a standing weekly meeting time based on their individual availability. Meetings take place at one of our four Phoenix area elementary schools and occur during school hours. Volunteers are required to make at least a one semester commitment, participate in a two hour orientation and training, and pass a background screening. One of our four Phoenix area schools is located in the Sunnyslope area at 801 W Peoria, Phoenix 85021. For more information, other locations, and training dates, please contact either Megan Lashmet at [megan@makeadifference.org](mailto:megan@makeadifference.org) or Rachel Gartell at [rachel@makeadifference.org](mailto:rachel@makeadifference.org) or call Make A Difference at 602-973-2212.

# Desert Mission Food Bank



John C. Lincoln Health Network

September is the month when the Desert Mission Food Bank begins to gear up for fall activities such as Holiday Adopt A Family and food and turkey drives, all part of our ongoing efforts to help feed our neighbors who may not have enough to eat. The food bank has been fortunate enough to receive donations from community groups, corporations, and individuals to help meet the needs of these families in our community.

Through Holiday Adopt A Family (HAAF), in 2003 we were able to adopt out more than 375 families. Every year, thanks to our partner agencies that refer needy families and our generous adopters, hundreds of children and their parents are able to enjoy the holidays with gifts and food. Every family is selected by a Referring Agency such as a school social worker or social service agency.

HAAF adopters are generous individuals, families, companies and organizations that wish to share with those in need. The Holiday Adopt A Family program is a wonderful example of the holiday spirit. If you would like to adopt a family for the holidays please contact **Shawn Pierce, Assistant Director of the Desert Mission Food Bank, at 602-870-6062.**

The Desert Mission Food Bank and our clients also benefit from the food drives conducted by community members and organizations. Distributed in emergency food bags and through other food security programs, every bit of donated food is utilized to meet the needs of our clients.

This year we are introducing a new, selected-item approach as a way of conducting food drives. By having food drive participants choose from a list of food items that are most needed, the food bank benefits because the cost of producing emergency food bags is reduced. It also makes collecting the food easier for participants while ensuring that the food bank receives the most nutritious food for our clients. Please consider conducting a food drive and fill the need while filling the bins. **Please call Kathleen Dale, Desert Mission Food Bank Warehouse Supervisor, at 602-870-6062.**

We extend a heartfelt “**Thank you!**” to all of **you**, our wonderful donors who have continued to support our programs here at the Desert Mission Food Bank. Your donations truly make a difference to many families in our community.

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**Sunnyslope Senior Center**  
**802 E. Vogel**  
(Inside the Community Center)  
602-262-7572

The **Art All Around Program** is brought to the Senior Center by the docents from the Phoenix Art Museum. The public is invited to check out this anything-but-dull slide/lecture series. Classes all start at 9:15 A.M.

- Oct. 7- Paintings That Have Changed the World**
- Oct. 21 – Traditional Chinese Paintings**
- Nov. 4 – French Impressionism**
- Nov. 18 – The Many Faces of Roden**
- Dec. 2 – Frank Lloyd Wright**
- Dec. 16 - Rembrandt**

## Sunnyslope Village Revitalization Building Homes, Building Communities!!

Recently you may have seen billboards popping up throughout the City helping to raise the awareness of affordable housing through its new ad program called “Meet someone who needs affordable housing”. The campaign does a good job of spotlighting those persons who need affordable housing which include office workers, schoolteachers, bus drivers and many others. The following chart highlights the hourly wage needed to afford housing in Maricopa County.

### Hourly wage needed to afford housing in Maricopa County\*

Zero Bedroom	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
\$10.56	\$12.77	\$16.06	\$22.33	\$26.29

*\*According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition*

With this in mind it is important to remember that the SVR may be able to provide you or someone you know with assistance in meeting their housing needs. If you know of a family of four earning less than \$46,900 (classified as low-income) or a single person that earns less than \$33,000 a year the SVR may be able to provide assistance in meeting their housing needs. For many of us the housing market allows us to purchase or rent a home that is affordable but for many households earning less than the median income affordable housing is not available. Persons in lower paying jobs, seniors on a fixed income and a host of others may not be afforded the opportunity for market rate housing.

#### Who is eligible?

First time homebuyers (no prior homeownership within the last 36 months) whose gross annual income falls under the following maximum:

<b>Family Size</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Income Limit</b>	\$32,800	\$37,500	\$42,200	\$46,900	\$50,650	\$54,400

If you are eligible the SVR can assist qualified buyers with:

- Referral to a partner agency that offers housing counseling to understand the costs, documents and responsibilities associated with buying a house;
- Information about financing from banks committed to providing loans to qualified buyers;
- Access to subsidies (for income eligible applicants) to reduce down payments and closing costs requirements.

Homebuyers must deposit a minimum of \$1,000 cash down payment and will likely need to qualify for a mortgage of \$100,000 or more. Individual Loan programs may vary on the required minimum down payment. The SVR partners with the City of Phoenix and you may be able to obtain a subsidy in the form of a forgivable soft 2nd mortgage of up to \$25,000.

If you know of anyone who would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a homeowner or other housing options please do not hesitate to contact the SVR. The SVR is ready to begin construction on our next home and you may know our next homeowner!

For more information call Jae at (602) 331-5833 or [jespin@jcl.com](mailto:jespin@jcl.com), or visit our office in the Marley House, 9 E. Mission Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85020. Se Habla Espanol.

## Deadline for the Next Issue of Neighbor to Neighbor

Do you have an event coming up? Did your neighbor do something great you want to share with the community? Is your child involved in an activity you have to tell everyone about? Neighbor-to-Neighbor is the perfect way to let the Sunnyslope community know what is going on!

If you would like your event, item of interest, story or news item to be in the January/February 2005 issue of Neighbor to Neighbor, please have it to Lynn McDonald by **Monday, December 7, 2004**. You can fax it to 602-331-5819, or e-mail it to [lmcdon@jcl.com](mailto:lmcdon@jcl.com). Don't miss out on letting everyone know what is happening – be sure to get your items in by the deadline!



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