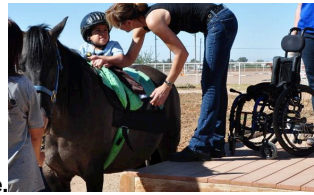


AZ Insider: Who Just Awarded \$15 Million to AZ Charities?

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the stories on people who make a difference.

Kathy reports that over 1,000 non-profits will benefit.

A statewide philanthropic leader has just awarded \$15 million to over 1,000 Arizona non-profits. That leader is the **Arizona Community Foundation**.

Comprised of it's generous donors, staff and leadership (with a board of directors boasting some of the most powerful people in Arizona) the foundation has quite the philanthropic impact.

To break it down for you, \$11,775, 846 of grants and scholarships were distributed. And, annual disbursements to several non-profits with dedicated endowments under ACF's management totaled \$3.4 million.

Hoofbeats with Heart, (pictured above and below), is just one of the over 1,000 of the beneficiaries. The Arizona equine therapy program helps individuals with physical and emotional disabilities.



Among the five strategic priority areas, ACF's Health Innovations category received the largest share of grants this quarter, with \$5,216,325 awarded to 586 organizations.

Other select non-profits in the health innovations category are the **Children's Cancer Network**, the Chandler-based nonprofit providing assistance and supportive programs for Arizona families battling childhood cancer, **Yarnell Senior Citizens, Inc.**, for home meal delivery services; **Impact-Suicide Prevention Center**, for its Survivors of Suicide program; and **United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona**, for its Empowering Exceptional Children for Success program. The other strategic priority areas are Quality Education, Community Improvement & Development, Environment & Sustainability, and Arts & Culture.

Ron Butler, managing partner of **Ernst & Young**, is chairman of ACF's board, which awards some \$45 million annually to nonprofit organizations and students. "Being part of an organization that effectively channels the generosity of thousands of Arizona residents and businesses for the greater good, to this magnitude, is something I am extremely proud of," he says. **Steve Seleznow**, President & CEO adds that, "Most of the Arizona Community Foundation's grants are awarded at the recommendation of our donors who have created donor-advised funds with us."

Congratulations to ACF and its continued impact on making life changing donations!



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