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The Foundress is collaborating with Harvest Compassion Center (HCC) this holiday season to help those in need in our community.



Members of Foundress, a Phoenix-based community for female founders, will assemble special celebration boxes for HCC's shopping centers. The boxes will contain celebratory items, such as birthday cakes, for children in need. Foundress members will assemble the boxes at their monthly meeting on Dec. 7 from 11a.m.–1 p.m. at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch.

HCC's one-stop shopping centers are a reimagining of traditional food banks. The centers not only have food but also a fun mini-mart, clothing boutique and play area for kids. The organization hopes to provide to underprivileged members of the community in the Phoenix area. Since 2011, HCC has fed over 150,000 individuals through the shopping center concept.

"We serve hundreds of children each month at HCC, and we hear so many heartbreaking stories from parents who are struggling," says Lauren Sullivan, communications manager for HCC. "The celebration boxes donated by the amazing women of the Foundress will make an incredible impact for these kids, who will be able to celebrate their birthdays with their very own cake!"

The Foundress was co-founded by Coley Arnold and Lindsey Holt, the same female leaders behind Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market. The organization hosts monthly meetings with its members, bringing together women in business to empower and strengthen their community. The Foundress provides resources to members through speakers, special events, mentorship and meetings to help women grow and achieve their goals.

"Economic disparities often overshadow the joy of life's special moments," says Arnold, co-founder of the Foundress. "We believe that every family, regardless of their financial situation, deserves the opportunity to celebrate. We're thrilled to be sending out celebration boxes to our community, spreading joy and ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to cherishing the milestones that matter most."

Learn how to get involved with Harvest Compassion Center at harvestcompassioncenter.org. See more information about the Foundress at foundress.co.

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