

AZ Giving: Mother's Grace

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The inspiring organization, Mother's Grace, has supported and encouraged women in the Valley to follow their dreams even in the face of life's misfortunes.

Mother's Grace, a Paradise Valley-based nonprofit, began with a passion for helping mothers and their families affected by life tragedies. Since launching in 2009, the organization has grown to more than 100 volunteers focused on empowering and helping women through difficult circumstances.

When Mother's Grace began, the founder, Michelle Moore-Fanger, says she had two goals for the organization. The first goal was to "directly support women financially when they are going through a very overwhelming life circumstance, whether it be a dire illness or an illness with a child, and to help them financially until they get back on their feet." Moore-Fanger's second goal was to "provide opportunities for women that wish to start their own [nonprofit] organization."

Mother's Grace volunteers are moms and work on a variety of projects to aid other local moms, including preparing and delivering meals and partnering with Valley hospitals. "We work with Phoenix Children's Hospital, Banner Health, Honor Health [and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital], and we work with their social workers to provide relief to some of the people who are in the hospital," says Moore-Fanger. "If Mom needs to work or if Mom needs to go home and be with her other children for an hour or so, we have other moms who will come and sit in the hospital. We also have moms who will drive moms to doctor's appointments and clean houses for people that are going through tragedy."

The organization was able to help Aimee Patton and her family through a challenging period when Patton's daughter had a two-month stay in the hospital. During that time, Mother's Grace was able to offer support and care. "I think each of the women who are a part of Mother's Grace have had their own set of battles that they had to fight, so they are able to relate easily with each of these mothers when they need help."

When thinking about the future, Moore-Fanger has a positive outlook. "We want to continue to grow within the East and West Valleys," she says. While volunteering is one way to give back, another way to support the organization is through donations. Each year, Mother's Grace holds a special Mother's Day fund-raising brunch for mothers and their families. This year's event will be held on May 4 at El Chorro in Paradise Valley.

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