

AZ Insider: What a Win for Charities at Gila River Casinos ' Night of Giving

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It was a big win for five Arizona nonprofits at Gila River Hotels & Casinos!

The casinos donated a year's worth of its forfeited jackpots to the five local charities at its Gila River Cares Night of Giving. The celebration at Wild Horse Pass was an inaugural event.

"It is our privilege to provide these funds to such incredible nonprofit organizations that benefit the lives of so many Arizonans," said **Kenneth Manuel**, CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos. "This continues our ongoing dedication to supporting the local community and providing positive economic contributions whenever we can."

Pictured above are **Madonna Bistany**, Executive Director of Future for KIDS, **Kenneth Manuel**, Chief Executive Officer of Gila River Hotels & Casinos, **Adrian Jamieson**, Resource and Program Development Manager for Voices for CASA Children, **Becky Jackson**, President and CEO of Homeward Bound Arizona, **Teaya Vicente**, Public Relations Manager of Gila River Hotels & Casinos, **Roxanne Majeski**, Development Assistant from New Pathways for Youth, **Dominic Orozco**, Corporate Vice President of Marketing of Gila River Hotels & Casinos and **Sarah Sullivan**, Senior Education Manager for Junior Achievement of Arizona .

Congratulations to this year's recipients: Voices for CASA Children recieved \$25,096.38; New Pathways for Youth, \$18,866.32; Homeward Bound Arizona, \$18,866.32; Junior Achievement of Arizona: \$12,614.24; and Future for KIDS, \$12,614.24.



Pictured above with Gila River CEO Kenneth Manuel are Voices for CASA Children Outreach Support Specialist **Brenda Leon**, Voices for CASA Children Training & Program Manager **Rosie Ronnow**, Voices for CASA Children Program Manager **Adrian Jamieson**, Gila River Hotels & Casinos Public Relations Manager, **Teaya Vicente** and Gila River's **Dominic Orozco**.

Earlier this year, all Arizona based 501c3 status nonprofit organizations recognized by the IRS were eligible to apply to receive these funds, and a committee from Gila River Hotels & Casinos selected the recipients.

"We are delighted to be among the organizations selected to receive an award from Gila River Hotels & Casinos," said **Robin Pearson**, Executive Director of Voices for CASA Children. "They truly demonstrate their commitment to the community and we appreciate their support in growing the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and supporting foster children"

Entering its 25th anniversary year in 2019, Gila River Hotels & Casinos has a long history of giving back to the Arizona community and has partnered with local nonprofits since its inception.



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