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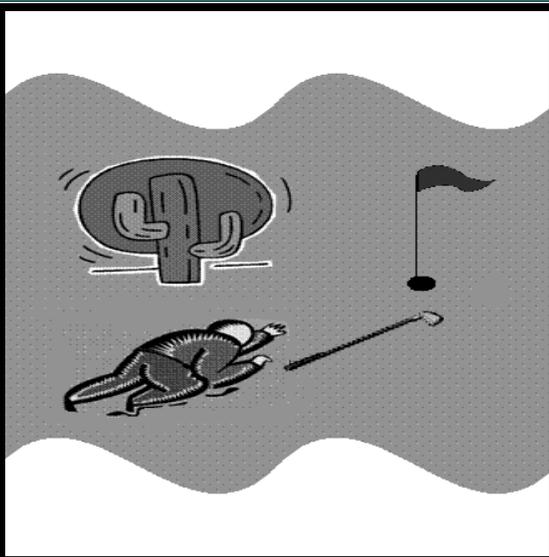
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Beat the heat and "play" golf from the cool comfort of your air conditioned home to help raise money for a variety of vital programs for Tempe kids.

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Securing Resources for a Solid Future

We live in tenuous times for those who are most in need in our society...children living in poverty, the homeless, the working poor, the elderly and people with disabilities.



Every year when budgets are discussed by our policy-makers, advocates for these under-served and underrepresented constituencies hold their collective breath until the threat passes. Unfortunately, the system of support for our vulnerable populations is a delicate one; subject to blow apart along with the political winds.

However, public support is crucial in the effort to enhance the long-term security and welfare of our citizens. The safety net for those most in need is made of many threads that include federal, state and local funding programs. Decisions made at each level of government can dramatically influence the overall strength of that net.

Federal funds make up a complex system of income supports. Social security, supplemental security income (SSI), unemployment insurance, food stamps, subsidized child care, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), as well as Medicaid, Medicare and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), are critically important to maintain a minimal level of security among vulnerable populations.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities,

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these federal programs reduced the number of poor Americans by 50 percent. That means 28 million additional people would have fallen into poverty without federal income supports.

The social consequences of poverty are significant and potentially affect all of us. It is well documented that poverty correlates with shortfalls in academic achievement, educational attainment, increased rates of unemployment and criminal behavior.

Making Sense of the Tempe Human Services Funding Sources

We are fortunate to live in a city that consistently supports human services. Even during economic downturns when other areas of the City budget have endured cuts, Tempe's City leaders have maintained funding levels for human services, recognizing the fact that it is especially during those tough times that the needs are greatest.

Despite the solid and long-standing support from the Tempe City Council, human service needs are always greater than available resources.

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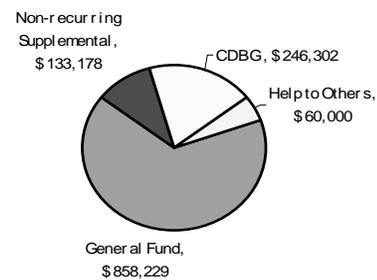
From a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' news release, Dec. 20, 2004

For fiscal year 06/07, Tempe allocated just under \$1.3 million to support human services. Those funds are comprised of three sources that are listed below, along with the corresponding amount from

each source. They are:

1. City of Tempe General Revenue Fund, plus a nonrecurring supplemental (\$991,407);
2. Help to Others (H2O) donations (\$60,000); and
3. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (\$246,302).

City of Tempe Human Service Support
FY 2006/2007



Unlike federal income support programs, these funds do not go directly to individuals. Instead, these dollars are distributed to qualifying nonprofits or governmental agencies via the TCC citizen-based review process known as "agency review".

The Help to Others (H2O) funding amount is the direct result of the voluntary generosity of Tempe's citizens who choose to donate a dollar (or more) when paying their monthly water bill. City of Tempe General Revenue funds are collected primarily through City sales taxes. The amount available for human services is recommended through the annual budgeting processes and is ultimately determined by the Tempe City Council.

For additional information, visit the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities website at www.cbpp.org or for local information, contact TCC or visit our website: www.tempe.gov/tcc.

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CDBG funds are actually federal dollars that are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and passed through the City for allocation. These funds must be used for housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization, public facilities and job creation, primarily for low to moderate-income people. While they are generally used for capital expenditures, cities are given the flexibility to set-aside up to 15 percent of the dollars for operating purposes. The City of Tempe has elected to use the full allowable amount to support human services operational expenses, so those dollars are included in the total City of Tempe human services funding allocation.

For the current funding cycle, 42 agencies with 59 separate programs applied for City of Tempe human service funds. These requests totaled \$1,588,242. Therefore, the agency review committee had to recommend a reduction of \$290,533 to meet the budgeted allocation of \$1,297,709.

In fiscal year 2006/2007, CDBG funds decreased an average of 11 percent across Maricopa County and 10 percent in Tempe, resulting in a reduction of \$27,501 in funding for human services in our community. With this being the second straight year of CDBG cuts and without an increase to General Fund support in over four years, the Tempe City Council granted a non-recurring supplemental request of \$200,000, from which over \$133,000 was added to the human service budget, bringing the General Fund allocation amount to \$991,407. Further reductions in CDBG funds are expected in the near future.

Federal monies remain a target of further cuts. In addition to CDBG funds, Social Service Block

Grant (SSBG) funds have been targeted for a 19.7% cut for fiscal year 2006/2007. These funds support a myriad of programs for adults, families, elderly persons and people with disabilities and are a significant source of funding for our area Community Action Programs (CAPs).

Continued reductions in Federal funding programs, coupled with a failed revenue generating proposition in neighboring Mesa — which will directly reduce their human service budget by 1/3 — will continue to strain the human service network that exists in our community.

As mentioned previously, Tempe's city leaders have consistently supported human services over the years. For that, we, in Tempe, are fortunate, and this support is reflected in the high quality of life we enjoy. However, as illustrated by the significant cut to human services funding that Mesa faces, as well as funding cuts on the federal level, the system of support for those in need is on shaky ground.

As you will read in this issue of *Network*, Tempe Community Council is making a concerted effort to increase the base of support for the long-term security of human services in Tempe. First, TCC is reviving the formerly moribund Tempe Community Foundation. We know there are many Tempeans who would like to leave a legacy to their community, and the Foundation will make that possible. We are also working to ensure that events and new developments are able to give back to strengthen the community in which they do business. Working together, government, the business community and individuals can ensure that Tempe's human service needs are met for years to come.

BOTTOM LINE

Although helping those in need is the right thing to do, it is not motivated entirely by altruism. Support for human services is a long-term investment — an investment in the overall strength and health of the community. Like most investments, it is important to have a diverse portfolio. Although government dollars are critically important, we must all begin to think creatively about ways to expand the base of funding so support is maintained regardless of the economy's ups and downs and potential changes in the political landscape.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Wouldn't it be wonderful to live in a utopian world where money didn't matter? Those with abundant means would offer a hand up to those in less favorable circumstances, who would in turn help others when they were financially able. Or, better yet, since we're speaking of utopias, there would be no poverty, no unemployment, no domestic violence, no drug abuse, no homelessness...

Well, unfortunately, all of the above social ills and many more are far too pervasive in our society and their impact affects us all in one way or another. Although money isn't the only answer, it is vital for maintaining and strengthening the safety net for our vulnerable populations.

I encourage you to contact your policy-makers to advocate for additional public investment in human services whenever possible. However, we must be prepared, as well, for the cuts that have become an unfortunate reality in recent years.

It is increasingly clear that meeting the future needs of Tempe's most fragile citizens will require the generosity of those who have the greatest stake in the community and the greatest desire to ensure its long-term well being — its residents. Tempe Community Council is working to grow the Tempe Community Foundation, an affiliate fund within the Arizona Community Foundation. As an endowment fund, we need to build the principal to ensure interest income will be available to support human services for years to come. Please leave a legacy to our community by including Tempe in your long-term giving and estate planning.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Hanley

SERVING THOSE IN NEED

The following agencies received City of Tempe Human Service funding for Fiscal Year 2006/2007. To learn more about these agencies and the services they provide please visit www.tempe.gov/tcc.

Advocates for the Disabled
 Area Agency on Aging
 Association for Supportive Child Care
 AZ Action for Foster Children
 Body Positive, Inc.
 Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
 Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS)
 Catholic Charities
 Child Crisis Center
 Chrysalis Shelter
 City of Tempe — Housing Services
 Community Bridges
 Community Legal Services
 East Valley Senior Services, Inc.

EMPACT/Suicide Prevention Center
 HomeBase Youth Services
 Homeward Bound
 Mesa Community Action Network
 Newtown CDC/CLT
 Open Horizons
 Phoenix Shanti Group
 Prehab of Arizona
 Save the Family
 Shared Living Village
 Sojourner Center
 Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA)
 Tempe/Kyrene Communities in Schools
 Tempe Salvation Army
 The ARC of Tempe
 The Centers for Habilitation (TCH)
 Thomas J. Pappas Elementary School
 Tumbleweed
 United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM)
 United Food Bank
 Valley Center of the Deaf
 YWCA

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Developing the Tempe Community Foundation



Should we have a community foundation in Tempe? Actually, we already do. Some years ago, an affiliate fund called the “Tempe Community Foundation” was established within the

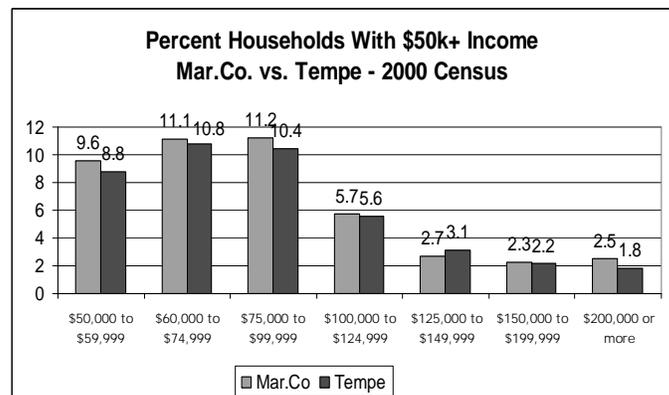
Arizona Community Foundation (ACF). Initial gifts were about \$40,000 and an additional \$75,000 was raised during Tempe’s 125th anniversary, along with a small match from ACF. Assets now total about \$123,000 in unrestricted funds.

The preceding information shows a pressing need to develop new charitable resources in Tempe. The foundation is an *endowment* fund, meaning that only the earnings from the funds are given out. The return on the current fund level of the Tempe Community Foundation is about \$5,000 per year. This amount will be added to the total available for human services through the Tempe Agency Review process. An endowment fund of \$1 million would produce about \$50,000 more per year at the current rate of return and \$10 million would produce around \$500,000.

Many of us in human services are preoccupied with raising money for *this* year’s needs which are always pressing. Where would the additional resources come from for a larger endowment fund? The ACF, whose mission is to promote development of local philanthropy, tells us such funds most often come from sources many of us are not now tapping into, such as bequests, memorials and proceeds from insurance policies. Many people who love Tempe might well leave some of their wealth to an endowment if they were asked.

As we know, at 14.3% Tempe has a pretty high rate of poverty relative to our neighboring East Valley communities. Are there people here who

have the necessary wealth to contribute to an endowment? Absolutely. The 2000 Census indicates that Tempe household incomes are comparable to the metro area. The chart below compares Maricopa County and Tempe on incomes over \$50,000 per year. Such households in Tempe numbered 27,039 or 43% of the total Tempe households in 2000.



The Tempe Community Council Board has been working on this issue for several years, beginning with the 2002 TCC Board Retreat around the question, “How can TCC help develop new funding resources and secure the future of human services funding in Tempe?” The post “9/11” economic downturn hit about that time and, although securing funds for *current* needs became even more critical, the necessity for stable new resources over the *long-term* was even more evident. TCC Board committees have since been formed to study the potential for Tempe philanthropy and consult with Arizona Community Foundation staff and local stakeholders.

Where to next? While there probably are some potential large donors out there in Tempe (one former Tempean left an unexpected gift of \$6 million to the ACF a few years ago), getting a large Tempe endowment fund together will likely take many smaller gifts to accumulate significant new resources. A large part of that effort will be getting the word out about the Foundation and encouraging Tempe’s many caring citizens to consider donating to ensure the well-being of our community is secure well into the future.

SURVIVING THE SUMMER

Now is your chance to help - Please donate to the City-Wide Food Drive!



Summertime... and the livin' is easy... well, not so easy for many who are homeless or living on the edge of homelessness, sometimes having to make a choice between purchasing groceries or paying the next utility bill to keep the air conditioner running.

In partnership with the United Food Bank, Tempe Community Council and the City of Tempe are collecting food in recognition of National Hunger Awareness Day on June 6th. This city-wide food drive will run from **June 5th through July 3rd** and serves to focus attention on the persistent problem of hunger in America. Currently, more than 38 million Americans do not know how they will acquire their next meal. Tempe is by no means immune to this problem. In fact, the summer months are the most challenging for Tempe's vulnerable populations, and yet local food pantries are often at their lowest levels. As a community we can help change this disturbing reality.

Last year's, summer food drive collected over 700 pounds of food, which translates into 1180 meals for the hungry in our community. Our goal is to exceed these numbers this year. There is also a great need for summer supplies and hygiene items to help those in need to get through the difficult summer months.



As you clean your cupboards, please keep in mind the significant need for the following items and deliver them to the convenient drop-off locations listed below.

<u>Food Needs:</u>	<u>Summer Help Supplies:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canned meats • Canned vegetables • Peanut butter • Pasta • Macaroni & cheese • Canned fruits • Canned soups • Dry beans and rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottled water • Sunscreen • Hats • New white socks • Lip balm • Travel size hygiene items • Foot powder • New or used t-shirts

Donation Sites:

Tempe Community Council	34 E. 7th St., Tempe
Tempe City Hall	31 E. 5th St., Tempe
Tempe Public Library	3500 S. Rural Rd., Tempe
Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA)	2150 E. Orange St., Tempe

All donations will go to Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) and Tempe Salvation Army.

IN SERVICE TO OTHERS...

CIS to Host a Charity Golf Tournament – NOT!

If you live here in the Valley of the Sun, you are probably quite familiar with the charity golf tournament, a favorite fundraiser of many local nonprofits. As the mercury rises, however, most of us would rather hibernate in the comfort of our air conditioned homes than play 18 holes on a sun-baked golf course.

With this in mind, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools (CIS) invites you to help support programs for at-risk students by participating in its **2nd Annual Non-Golf Classic** *not* to be held on July 4, 2006. This unique event allows participants to kick back and “play golf” at home; purchase a virtual mulligan or buy a cold beverage on the 9th hole and you’ll be helping a child receive needed health care or attend an after-school program.

If you make your donation before June 30th, you will be entered in a drawing to win a variety of *real* golf packages, including golf for two at Phantom Horse.

Last year’s inaugural event raised over \$7,000 for services for local children. Anyone interested in participating (or *not*) can do so by calling 480-858-2300 or visiting www.tempe.gov/tcc/cis/cis.htm.

Supplies 4 Students

Supplies 4 Students is back for its sixth year helping Valley students start off the school year with clothes and school supplies. This drive is a collaborative effort among Communities In Schools of Arizona (CISA), Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools, AZ Mills Mall, and many local businesses and community volunteers.

School supplies and clothes are collected in the food court of the Arizona Mills Mall from July 7th through July 30th. A schoolhouse is decorated with colorful cutouts, each labeled with the name of a child in need of back-to-school items. Individuals are encouraged to adopt a child, purchase the items listed, and return them to the donation area in the Mill’s Food Court. Last year more than 4,200 children in need were the fortunate recipients.

Anyone wishing to help can:

- Adopt a child or several children and purchase back-to-school items.
- Host a supply drive at the workplace or organization.
- Donate money to be used to purchase additional items.
- Volunteer to assist shoppers at the bus and/or sort items for backpacks.

Now Accepting Nominations for the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award & Hayden Youth and Young Adult Award

The *Don Carlos Humanitarian Award* is presented annually to an individual or couple who has given outstanding service to our community over an extended period of time, has benefited the less fortunate in lasting ways and has made Tempe a better place to live. The nominee must be a current or former resident of Tempe or work in Tempe. For consideration, nominations must be received by **July 21st**.

The *Hayden Youth & Young Adult Award* is presented to a Tempe resident and/or student (ages 12 through 21) who serves as a positive example to his or her peers and to the community at large. He or she will demonstrate leadership and/or innovation in service to others; a commitment to modeling positive conduct and inspiring others to become involved in community service. The recipient will receive a \$500 cash award from **Tempe Schools Credit Union**. Nominations must be received by **September 1st**.

Both awards will be presented at the annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Reception on the evening of Wednesday, November 1st at the Arizona Historical Museum, 1300 N. College Ave., Tempe. Nomination forms are available at Tempe Schools Credit Union and Tempe Community Council or may be downloaded from Tempe Community Council’s website at www.tempe.gov/tcc. Completed forms may be returned via mail (34 E. 7th St., Bldg. A, Tempe 85281), fax (480-858-2319) or email (cheryl_hornyan@tempe.gov).

SUMMER 2006 CALENDAR

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>4 CIS Non-Golf Classic</p> <p>4 4th of July (TCC Closed)</p> <p>21 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Nominations are Due.</p> <p>25 TCC Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2 TCC Board Meeting</p> <p>22 CIS Board Meeting</p> <p>23 East Valley Resource Committee (EVRC) Meeting (Chandler)</p> <p>29 TCC Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>29 Don Carlos Selection Committee Meeting</p>	<p>1 Hayden Youth Award Nominations are due.</p> <p>4 Labor Day (TCC Closed)</p> <p>6 TCC Board Meeting</p> <p>18-20 Agency Review Bidders' Conference & Training (Tempe Public Library)</p> <p>26 TCC Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>26 CIS Board Meeting</p> <p>27 East Valley Resource Committee (EVRC) Meeting (Tempe)</p>

For confirmation and further details of meetings and events listed above, please call (480) 858-2300



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