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"People with learning disabilities learn differently, obviously. Does this mean the way they learn is wrong?"
-Joanne Dumm

Summer Youth Program



In June, STARS welcomed students into the annual Summer Youth Program. This year was the first year that we offered summer programming to youth younger than 12 years old!

In 2010, in partnership with the Scottsdale Unified School District, STARS recognized that there were limited opportunities for youth with developmental disabilities for after-school and summer programming *and* for transition support. STARS knew that outside of school time, youth did not have a safe place to learn, grow and have fun. In 2011 the STARS Summer Youth Program was born and today we celebrate the completion of our 6th summer.

Summer camp at STARS focuses on social, recreational and life

skills. We provide community recreational & vocational outings. Additionally, our youth have the opportunity to volunteer and of course, have fun. Summer Camp 2016 was a huge hit... our participants especially loved the trips to the Children's Museum, the Aquarium and the Scottsdale Fire Department.

Youth Program Manager Henriette Content-Tavor states that this year's camp highlight is receiving approval from the Division of Developmental Disabilities to develop a Kid's Club for students aged 8-12 years old.

Congratulations to staff & participants on another successful year. Happy 6th Anniversary!

Featured Art

You've seen the amazing art pieces that our participants have created on canvas but did you know that their creativity has been appreciated by the Scottsdale Independent Newspaper?

This past Spring our Drawn Together Art Program put on an amazing event called Painting With The STARS in downtown Scottsdale. The event showcased our participants' beautiful artwork. During the event the news editor for Scottsdale Independent was so moved by the pieces and our mission that he committed to showcasing STARS' artwork on their newsstands! STARS was asked to create six pieces to be displayed on the sides of the Scottsdale Independent's newsstands.

Tasked by Scottsdale Leadership

to create a sustainable community service project, Creative Arts Manager, Taylor Buttrey and Center Based Employment Program Manager, Claudia Chavez were able to combine our community service project & the newsstand artwork to achieve both tasks.

STARS is grateful to The Scottsdale Independent and Scottsdale Leadership for their support of this project. It was a great collaborative community experience!



In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened by the news that former state legislator Carolyn Allen passed way on Saturday morning. She was a principled, passionate advocate for many issues, including services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Over the years Senator Allen championed STARS in many ways and we are especially grateful for her many years of Board service. Senator Allen received the STARS Humanitarian Award in 2004. In addition to her consummate skills as an advocate and politician, Senator Allen

was an excellent storyteller. She often entertained staff and her Board colleagues at community events with her spirited tales.

In addition to her support of STARS, Senator Allen fought for the arts and the environment. She had a dedication to Scottsdale and Arizona, and through that dedication she left her city and her state in a better place because of her efforts. She was a friend and mentor to many, and she will be missed.



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-Joe Bonanno

Get to Know our STARS!

Cindy is a member of our Administrative Enclave. She has been with STARS since 1993. Cindy started out in our Center Based Employment program but quickly demonstrated her skills and abilities and was moved to into our Administrative Enclave. Cindy is responsible for answering phones, entering data into spreadsheets, opening, sorting and preparing the mail, and many other administrative duties.

We sat down with Cindy to find out how STARS has impacted her life. Find out what she had to say!

Q: What do you like most about working in the Admin Enclave?

A: Answering the phone, I like talking to people.

Q: What is your favorite thing about STARS?

A: My friends. I am friends with everyone.

Q: How has STARS helped you?

A: STARS has helped me learn new skills

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: Hanging out with my boyfriend Wayne. I like to watch movies on Netflix.

Q: Do you have any fun plans for the rest of summer?

A: Not really, stay out of the heat

Case Manager Joe Bonanno mentioned that “Cindy takes pride in entering important data for account payable items. She ‘gets’ the fact that accuracy and attention to detail are

especially important with this task.”

Thank you so much Cindy for sharing with us and for all of the vital work that you do here at STARS. We truly appreciate all of your efforts!



Special Shout out!

STARS would like to thank Mayor WJ "Jim" Lane for visiting our Osborn facility on 08/04/16.

Mayor Lane visited our Drawn Together Art Program and was able to see a great piece of art being created. Mayor Lane also visited our Work Center and saw our participants in action unraveling and cleaning extension cords. Our participants loved visiting with the

Mayor and appreciated his kind attention to their lives, interests and work.

Our long time participant Betsy was so excited to meet the Mayor. We asked her how she felt about meeting Mayor Lane and she said "I am so excited the Mayor is coming today! I am so excited I couldn't sleep last night!"

It was such a wonderful day and

our participants and staff truly enjoyed spending time with Mayor Lane.

Thank you to the Mayor, his staff and the City of Scottsdale for their continued support of STARS and our mission!



Save The Date!

Join STARS as we enjoy dinner at California Pizza at Scottsdale Road. CPK has committed to donating 20% of your check to STARS. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages .



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Pizza With a Purpose

THURSDAY 11.10.16

10100 N. SCOTTSDALE RD.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85253

Make sure you Save The Date for our upcoming re-freshed December Community Event!

STARS has traditionally held an event in the Spring and Fall but we have decided to shake things up a bit and put a new spin on our events. This years fall event has been transformed into our December Movie Under The STARS night. The event will be held on Saturday 12/3/16 at Chaparral Park. Plan on bringing a picnic, blankets and enjoying a holiday gathering "Under the STARS!"



Additional event information to follow in our October newsletter.

“ The severity of one’s disability does not determine their level of potential. The greatest barriers that persons with disabilities has to overcome are not steps or curbs, it’s expectations.”
-Karen Clay

Two Easy Ways to Help STARS!



You shop. Amazon gives.

You can easily donate to STARS as you do your ordinary day to day shopping.

Amazon Smile is an easy and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable

organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at Amazon Smile you'll find the exact same low prices, selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. The added BONUS with Amazon Smile is that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to

your favorite charitable organization

Visit smile.amazon.com and search for STARS to automatically give a portion of your purchase to support STARS' mission.

Thank you to all who have already made STARS your preferred charity!



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From Dave's Corner

Greetings STARS supporters,

It may sound crazy, but I've been thinking about my tax return.

Here's why: beginning with the 2016 tax year, Arizona's dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCO) has been **doubled**. As an Arizonan resident, I have the opportunity to contribute up to \$400 (\$800 if filing jointly)

and claim a like amount as a CREDIT against my state taxes. This appeals to me for two reasons: 1) tax credits serve charities that *serve those in our community*, and 2) increasing the tax credit donation amount ensures these charities continue to get the *funding needed to fulfill their mission*.

Doubling my qualifying donation will require a change to my monthly budget, so I plan to spread my contribution across

several months. Consult your tax advisor to determine a plan that's best for you. And yes, STARS is a QCO!

On behalf of everyone at STARS thank you for your support!

My door is always open,
President & CEO
Dave Henderson

GIVE STARS SOME CREDIT!



The Arizona Legislature has updated the state tax credit allowing taxpayers to claim additional cash contributions to charities. As a Qualifying Charitable Organization, your cash donation to STARS can be claimed without itemizing your taxes!

Single Filers can now claim up to \$400 (previously \$200)
Joint Filer can now claim up \$800 (previously \$400)



THE SHOOTING STAR



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