



## The Shooting Star

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## STARS Summer Program 2017

Our Youth Program's Summer Camp is in full swing. We are happy to have 50 young people with us Monday through Friday. Our young people are enjoying great field trips, art projects, cooking classes and volunteer work. We are so glad to have our young people with us this summer and to be able to offer them a great summer camp opportunity.





**Above  
& Beyond**  
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

STARS Annual Campaign Above and Beyond is going on through Labor Day and we need your support.

We are specifically asking for support of our music, art, cooking and holiday programs.

These are beloved programs at STARS and provide many benefits to our participants – every single day.



We count on our supporters' generosity to continue to go Above and Beyond for people with developmental disabilities.

Please visit our website and Donate Today to our Summer Campaign. You have the option to "purchase" a class or program of your choice.

## FIESTA Al Fresco

Please plan on joining the STARS community for a lovely evening at Singh's Meadows in Tempe on Saturday evening October 21st.

This year's Fiesta will feature a farm to table meal, the sale of participant art work and STARS' stories that will remind you of the importance of STARS' mission. Tickets are \$150.00 and will be available for sale on the website Monday, August 28th.



We are grateful to our partners who are dedicated to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.



STARS was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Autism Speaks. The funding is



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STARS was awarded \$6,300 from the Charros Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to create a social/

designated to be used in our vocational and employment services programs.

Scottsdale Arts its Creative Arts Program.

recreational area in the Cholla Cafeteria.



## Dave's Corner

Greetings STARS supporters!

When it comes to programming, STARS has a reputation for doing more for its participants through program enhancements such as art instruction, music therapy, cooking classes and holiday parties.

Ever hear the phrase “do more with less”? Business operators are regularly challenged by it; nonprofits live it day in and day out.

On the heels of Proposition 206, the voter-mandated legislation to increase the minimum wage (24.2% on Jan. 1, 2017) and fund 40 hours of sick pay annually (effective July 1, 2017), STARS is yet again challenged to do more with less.

The State’s response – through a complex web of players that include the Executive branch, Legislature, AHCCCS, DES & DDD - was to increase certain program reimbursement rates 8.4% on January 1, and an additional 1.7% increase on July 1. Lest we get too comfortable, the minimum wage goes up another 5% (to \$10.50 per hour) on January 1.

With 60% of STARS operating revenue derived from DDD reimbursement, 10% through grant funding, and about 18% from our vocational partners via work centers and enclaves, we appeal to you – our supporters – to generously contribute to our summer campaign so that we might continue to do more with less.

With gratitude,

Dave



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