The Director's View!

Dick Geasland, LCSW, Executive Director

As many of you know we had a very successful Event in May recognizing an individual and a corporation that have contributed greatly to Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development and the greater community.

The “Agnos Visionary Award” in honor of our founder and long time Arizona Community Leader, Shirley Agnos, was awarded to Art Cunningham, Principal of Fountainhead Equity Partners. Art is not only the largest individual donor to Tumbleweed during his many years of support, but one of those rare individuals who gives of themselves as well. Art supports many other worthy causes in the community and most importantly is an appreciated part of his family.

The “Champions of Hope Award” honors a corporation that exhibits not only a connection and support to TCYD programs, but “Corporate Stewardship” of our community as a whole. This Year’s recipient, the QuikTrip Corporation defines the true spirit of the award. We are honored to continue to have their support and friendship.

The Valley of the Sun is a better place because of QuikTrip and Art Cunningham. The event was very successful in raising funds and “friend-raising” We gave new people an insight into the successes TCYD is able to create by providing opportunities for young people.

Tumbleweed had the honor of being the recipient of several other events sponsored by community groups, corporations and individuals this past quarter. In celebration of CentiMark Corporation’s 40th year of operation, they encouraged local CentiMark offices to choose an event in their respective communities to participate in this year, and the Corporation would assure a $10,000 contribution to the project. Under the leadership of Martin Carty, the Regional Manager for the Phoenix Store and Salesperson Julie Moore, TCYD’s Boys House was selected for 25 CentiMark employees and family members to clean up and remove old sheds, general landscaping clean up, replace an A/C unit and paint the entire outside of the house. All but the A/C replacement was done in about 3 hours on Saturday morning May 31st.

In June, Leon Espinosa was having a party for several friends and wanted to do something for the community at the same time. Having heard of TCYD’s efforts to find a new location in Tempe, he contacted us to get more information and got really excited about wanting to help. He raised several hundred dollars from his party and donated to TCYD.

The Stetson Hills Moms Organization selected TCYD as a recipient of a fundraiser, selling cookbooks. Totally unknown to us, a colleague we were working with on a project told us about seeing the books advertised at her hair-dresser. Several weeks later, the “Mom’s” contact called us to tell us she had a $1500 check for us.

In the past year we have been blessed with many individuals and organizations putting on their own events and selecting Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development to be the beneficiary. Many people approach us with questions of how they can help. We have started an initiative that we are hoping will resonate as an idea that individuals will promote with their friends and in their companies. We are asking that people who file a long form tax return consider using the mutually beneficial Tax Credit for the Working Poor and sending their donation to Tumbleweed, which is eligible to recognize the Tax Credit. You will see a little ad in this newsletter and more in the future, Please make that tax credit donation or let us know of your pledge to do so.

We cannot exist and do our work with youth without this kind of community support. Together we do make a difference!
Leon’s Party
Leon Espinosa and Fabricio host a “White Party at their home in Tempe. All guest dressed in white and supporting Tumbleweed. They helped raise over $600.

The new Tumbleweed Store.
We feature items exclusively made by our clients. Tumbletees & The Drop in Gallery two new Tumbleweed enterprises. Look for our items on our website very soon. www.tumbleweed.org

Stetson Hills Moms
They have a recipe for success. They sold cookbooks and raised $1,500 for the youth of Tumbleweed.

The folk from BRE, they were awesome! They cleaned the parking lot. They trimmed the bushes and trees. They also cleaned out our storage room and office in the back. After their hard work we fed them lunch and gave them a tour of YAP. Our place looks great .Thank you BRE.....
Julie Moore (Center) & Martin Carty (right) present Dick Geasland (left) with a very generous donation. $10,000

Step 1: They gave a donation
Step 2: They showed up and did all the work
“LINKS TO YOUTH”
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Friday, October 10th, 2008

AT McCormick Ranch Golf Club
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**Champions of Hope: $5,000**
Only 1 available
- EXCLUSIVE Title Sponsorship
- EXCLUSIVE Lunch Sponsorship
- Two Foursomes
- Two Hole Sponsorships
- Two Tee Sponsorships
- 16 Raffle Tickets
- Title Sponsorship Banner
- Exclusive signage at Pavilion BBQ LUNCH AND AWARDS CEREMONY
- Recognition in all advertising

**Dream Makers: $2,500**
Only 1 available
- EXCLUSIVE Breakfast Sponsorship
- One Foursome
- One Hole Sponsorship
- One Tee Sponsorship
- 8 Raffle Tickets
- Custom signage at Welcome Breakfast

**Mulligan Ball Sponsor: $2,400**
Only 1 available
- Custom imprinted "Mulligan" golf balls with your name and/or company logo
- One Foursome
- 8 Raffle Tickets

**Individual Golfer: $150**
Limited space - Register Today!
- Green fee & cart with GPS
- Continental Breakfast
- Full buffet BBQ lunch
- Two Drink tickets
- Chance to win amazing prizes
- Gift bag filled with tournament gear

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**Hole-in-One Sponsor: $750**
1 available
Exclusive signage on hole-in-one site

**Golf Cart Sponsor: $500**
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Exclusive signage on Tournament Cart

**Putting Green Sponsor: $350**
Each 1 available
Custom printed signage on putting green

**Driving Range Sponsor: $350**
Each 1 available
Custom printed signage on driving range

**Pin Flag Sponsor: $250**
Each 1 available
Custom printed pin flag on one hole/pin

**Tee Sponsor: $200**
Each 1 available
Custom printed signage on one tee

**Hole Sponsor: $200**
Each 1 available
Custom printed signage on one hole

**IF YOU HAVE A PRIZE DONATION OR GIFT**
Please contact Kristen Boffo 602-271-9904 x 27

- Links to Youth - Registration Form -

Golfer 1 (Team Captain): __________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City | State | Zip: __________________________
Email: _______________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________
**Please send the names of ANY additional Golfers w/ form**
Charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex/Discovery

Name: _______________________________________
As it appears on the card

Account Number: _______________________________
Expiration Date: __/____ TOTAL $________
Signature: _______________________________

**YES, I WANT TO BE A SPONSOR:**
☐ Champions of Hope Title Sponsor $5,000 1 available
☐ Care Giver Sponsor $3,500 1 available
☐ Dream Makers Sponsor $2,500 1 available
☐ Mulligan Ball Sponsor $2,400 1 available
☐ Hole-in-One Sponsor $750 1 available
☐ Golf Cart Sponsor $500 1 available
☐ Putting Green Sponsor $350 1 available
☐ Driving Range Sponsor $350 1 available
☐ Pin Flag Sponsor $250 18 available

# of FLAGS _______ x $250 = Total $________

☐ Tee Sponsor $200 18 available

# of TEES _______ x $200 = Total $________

☐ Hole Sponsor $200 18 available

# of HOLES _______ x $200 = Total $________

☐ Individual Golfer $150 Limited Space - Register TODAY!

# of GOLFERS _______ x $150 = Total $________

☐ Donations: _______________________________

**PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:***
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development / 1419 N. 3rd Street - Suite 102 - Phoenix, AZ 85004
“A Night to Remember”

As an organization Tumbleweed strives to serve and create opportunities for abused, abandoned, troubled, and neglected youth in our community that may not have all of the opportunities as others so that they can achieve their potential and increase their social and personal skills. Well Meghan McGilvra, a Youth Empowerment Specialist here at The Learning Center, initiated the idea of creating a prom for all of Tumbleweed youth and community partners to continue with the organization’s objectives with our youth. Meghan decided that since most of our youth have not or maybe will not ever have the opportunity to attend a high school prom Tumbleweed should develop a prom of its own.

With the help of the Arizona State Chapter Gamma Beta Phi Society, Ms. McGilvra orchestrated, “A Night to Remember” 2008 Tumbleweed Prom and that is exactly what it turned out to be. Tumbleweed youth old and new plus other community friends attended the event. It turned out to be a beautiful occasion.

The Prom was held at The Arizona Science Museum on the terrace but they opened several of the science exhibits as well, and the valley’s most popular radio station Power 98.3 supplied the music. Meghan also went to the extent to get prom dresses and tuxedos donated for the youth so that they would be able to formally dress up for the prom. ABC News Channel 15 decided to televise the dress fittings for the ladies and do a story on the experience of some youth and what the event meant to them.