

## ARIZONA GIVES DAY TESTIMONIALS

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### How did 2017 Arizona Gives Day nonprofits put their donations to use?

- “Arizona Gives Day contributions support our largest expense: veterinary bills. In 2017, Arizona Cattle Dog Rescue vaccinated and neutered/spayed more than 200 animals — from our own foster dogs to animals belonging to Arizona owners.”
  - Robin Kingman, Secretary, [Arizona Cattle Dog Rescue](#)
  - Flagstaff, Coconino County
- “Our 2017 donations went towards enhancing the lives of our residents and people who care for them, and this year we hope to raise \$2,000 to help fund these programs.”
  - Krysten Dobson, Administrative Assistant, [Arizona Health Care Foundation](#)
  - Phoenix, Maricopa County
- “We were able to give scholarships to eight people with disabilities to go on an experience of a lifetime — including whitewater rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.”
  - Sara Lindvay, Program Coordinator, [Daring Adventures](#)
  - Phoenix, Maricopa County
- “Last year, we raised \$10,000 to cover two months of direct education instruction for 22 toddlers with hearing loss and their families. To maintain a low student-teacher ration, every gift matters! We receive no government funding, so Arizona Gives Day is important to Desert Voices.”
  - DeeAnn Chapman, Executive Director, [Desert Voices](#)
  - Phoenix, Maricopa County
- “With our Arizona Gives Day donations, we purchased a new van to transport women in homelessness to safe shelter.”
  - Stephanie Petrilli, Director of Development Communications, [Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest](#)
  - 23 offices statewide
- “With our Arizona Gives Day donations, we were able to finance our emergency care fund and provide life-saving care for three cats. This year, we hope to raise \$8,000 for medicines and vaccines for about 330 feral and stray community cats.”
  - Patty Hogan, President, [Paws Patrol Inc.](#)
  - Green Valley, Pima County
- “The donations that were raised in 2017 were put towards education programs and care for our 1,700+ animals. In 2018, we hope to raise \$5,000 to continue our education programs, offer scholarships, assist animals in need, and care for the animals that live at our facility. Those funds will allow us to give scholarships to 18 students, feed 150 snakes for 5 months or fully fund 25 schools for education programs.”
  - Katelyn Garcia, Outreach and Office Administrator, [The Phoenix Herpetological Society](#)
  - Scottsdale, Maricopa County
- “With the Arizona Gives donations we were able to purchase more than 75,000 pounds of food to supplement an extra meal in more than 25,000 food boxes. On April 3, we pray to be able to raise \$25,000 to help pay for job training for 10-12 veterans.”

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- Bill Berry, Volunteer Executive Director, [Resurrection Street Ministry, Inc.](#)
- Mesa, Maricopa County
  
- “With the \$1500 from our Arizona Gives Day donations in 2017 we were able to fund a ‘barrier-free’ design for our animal-assisted therapy program for adults with special needs. This program provides meaningful participation in ranch life for 20 adults with developmental disabilities year-round, free of charge.”
  - Antony Sedgwick, Executive Director, [The Santa Fe Ranch Foundation](#)
  - Nogales, Santa Cruz County
  
- “In planning the budget for our 2018-2019 season, we’re now able to produce a play we’ve been wanting to do with ten actors. We were very frugal last season, using two to three actors per play, but now we’re free to go ahead with this wonderful project.”
  - Joan O’Dwyer, Artistic Director, [Something Something Theatre](#)
  - Tucson, Pima County
  
- “Arizona Gives Day donations accounted for 56.5% of our total donations in 2017. Because of this, we were able to take in 75 greyhounds from tracks, farms and a blood bank. We provided veterinary care, housing, food and transportation until they were adopted.”
  - Lorre Wisham, Communications Director, [Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption](#)
  - Tucson, Pima County
  
- “Our Arizona Gives Day donations covered 11 therapeutic riding sessions for a child with a disability. For 2018, our goal is to raise \$1,500 to provide 20 therapeutic riding sessions for a child or veteran with a disability.”
  - Sandi Moomey, Executive Director, [Therapeutic Riding of Tucson \(TROT\)](#)
  - Tucson, Pima County

*Donor testimonials to follow.*

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### What did 2017 Arizona Gives Day donors have to say about their experience? (These are comments we collected from our anonymous donor survey.)

- “I like giving to local nonprofits and seeing the difference that many people giving at the same time can make.”
- “Arizona Gives Day makes me proud of my community and helps me think about donating to causes I might not have known about otherwise.”
- “I like to think of all my fellow Arizonans banding together to help our state’s nonprofits! Great idea.”
- “Giving as a community feels more meaningful. I like the competitions, too — it makes you want ‘your’ nonprofit to win!”
- “I loved the convenience and listing of so many charities. I found a new one which I will continue to support.”
- “Arizona Gives Day is a great reminder to be philanthropic. Thumbs up!”
- “Arizona Gives Day is a statewide effort we can all support in an era of divisiveness.”
- “Giving back to my community always feels rewarding. I may not be able to give year-round, but I’ll definitely make sure I can do so on this special day.”
- “I have the opportunity to give to very worthy nonprofits that I otherwise would not know existed. It is VERY easy to do!”
- “I love the ‘atmosphere’ of giving! It compounds my joy in giving to know so many people are participating.”
- “I love how Arizona Gives Day is the perfect opportunity to introduce new friends, family and community members to nonprofits.”
- “I can only afford to give small amounts but being able to pick and choose who gets part of my donations makes me feel rich — it’s a fun way to donate.”