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## Tax Season Around the Corner: Take control of your tax dollar

Taxpayers can save themselves some stress, and definitely money, by starting to plan their filing before the end of the year. **A popular way to take control of your tax dollars and get a nice tax deduction** has been to donate to a charity.

The Turnbow foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization which means we can accept contributions and offer donors a tax deduction for their gifts. For donors this means their contributions are fully tax-deductible to the amount allowed by the law.

Useful Tips: To claim a deduction donors need to fill out a 1040 Form, which is available through the IRS website, and itemize your deductions on Schedule A. If a short form is filled out or stan-

dard deductions are taken the charitable donation cannot be claimed.

The IRS does not require receipts for cash donations under



\$250 but keeping donations information on file is a good idea. Keep the canceled check, credit card statement, or receipt from the donation on file. Note the amount, the date and the name of the charity.

For donations over \$250 a re-

ceipt is needed. It should state the donation amount, date of the donation, the name of the charity as well as a written acknowledgment from the charity of any property or services that were received in return for your donation and an estimation of the value.

The IRS should acknowledge an e-mail receipt as an acceptable record of donation but to be certain, always consult your tax advisor.

As year end rapidly approaches and you need to make those important donations please consider The Turnbow Foundation as the recipient of your gift. Be assured 100% of your donation will go to those most in need and not to administrative costs.

## Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser

The Gold Canyon Candle fundraiser was a great success this fall. A 100 candles were sold and raised \$700.

100% of the funds will be used for our Mesa Community College scholarships.

Fundraising is an important way to raise monies for our scholarships. We would like to thank all of you that purchased candles. Your generous contributions

help make our community stronger and will make the difference in someone's life.

**Special thanks to:** Judy Wagner, Dana Trepanier, Lori Hack, Mike Barnett, Cheri Laney, Jane Douglas, Darra Rayndon, and Stacy Sapunar for their generous orders.

Enjoy your candles.



## Involving the Next Generation



Involving the next generation in charitable giving and awareness is important in keeping philanthropy alive in the United States.

This summer our children, Amber and Ashley, were given an assignment to occupy their idle minds. Each was asked to research a charity that focuses on children's issues. Once they found a charity they had to write a one page paper on the charity and then explain why they chose it. Once this was completed The Turnbow Foundation would make a

donation in their name.

Amber's charity of choice was Sports for Kids Foundation. This foundation helps physically and emotionally challenged children through sports-related fundraisers. Some examples of items the foundation provides to children are wheelchairs, therapy sessions and medicines.

Ashley chose Ronald McDonald House Charities. This charity provides a home for families who have children that are receiving treatment from nearby hospitals. This home

provides a comfortable and convenient place for families experiencing extreme emotional stress of a seriously ill child.

We received a "thank you" letter from the Sports for Kids Foundation and they informed us that our contribution will help assist Christopher C. of Peoria attend Kris Camp for children with autism.

This is the kind of feedback that makes what we do at The Turnbow Foundation worth doing.

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant"*

**Robert Lous  
Stevenson**

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free made possible by voluntary donations of time and money by the American people.



## New Scholarship at Glendale Community College

In collaboration with Helping Hands for Single Moms, The Turnbow Foundation has set up a leadership scholarship at Glendale Community College (GCC).

The purpose of this scholarship is two-fold. We are looking for a single mom who is in need of financial help in order to complete her educational goals.

Secondly, we are hoping to identify a potential leader for the "Single Moms Club" on the GCC campus.

The single moms club on the GCC campus will be the first of its kind in Arizona. This program will hopefully become a model for other community colleges to adopt.

This club will help older and re-entry students establish ties

with the college. Attending college can be overwhelming and having a soft place to fall can make the difference between failure and success.

Students can network with each other, share childcare, help each other with school work and most of all share their feeling of being a single mom. Nothing feels better then knowing you are not alone.

## Supporting the American Red Cross

The hurricane that tore through the south had a devastating impact on families.

The Turnbow Foundation is committed to improving the lives of families and children. We are proud to have made a donation to the American Red Cross

on behalf of those families whose lives were shattered.

Our donations means the most to the families who rely on Red Cross to help them through some of the most difficult times of their lives.

If you have not already done so, please make a

donation to the Red Cross or to us and we will make a donation in your name. Your support will assist these families in getting their lives back in order. For information go to: [Redcross.org](http://Redcross.org) or contact us at:

[Turnbowfoundation@cox.net](mailto:Turnbowfoundation@cox.net)

## Helping Hands for Single Moms: Update



Refresher: The Helping Hands organization gives single mothers the edge that brings success, through a combination of financial aid and an abundance of loving care from a mentoring team. The program provides a structure of support while she attends college or vocational school.

The Turnbow Foundation proudly

supports this organization and believes this organization fits our mission of assisting those less fortunate through education. The mothers begin on welfare and end with the skills that will provide them economic sustainability and freedom.

In the year 2006 we will continue our support of Helping Hands both financially and through volunteer efforts.

In the next few months Helping Hands will be forming an auxiliary group called "Friends of Helping Hands". They are looking for volun-

teers who are willing to meet with them to share knowledge, skills ideas and experiences. If you would like to participate as a mentor or just have some skills that might benefit this organization please contact us at 480-641-3345/ Turnbowfoundation@cox.net or Chris Coffman at 602-796-7875.

Helping Hands will also be initiating the "Just Three" program in January 2006. This program is designed to assist the mom in attaining a two year college degree and secure an affordable, Habitat for Humanity home all in three years.

**Children of low-income families who attend school hungry perform significantly below non-hungry low-income peers on standardized test scores.**



## United Food Bank

The United Food Bank needs our help to make sure hungry children, seniors, families and others in the East Valley have food to eat this holiday and throughout the year.

Established in 1983, United Food Bank began operation in Mesa, Arizona. Their mission is to provide access to nutritious food for those who are without, serving as a community bridge between those who want help and those in need.

The Association of Arizona Food Bank members and their emergency food bank network distributed more than 133 million pounds of food last year. However, the gap still remains between the number of hungry people in our state and the ability of existing food programs to feed them.

Of those receiving emergency food in Arizona 48% of the households are single parents. 15% of the families have children under age five and

10% of the children skipped meals because there was not enough food in the house.

Lets remember our fellow neighbors this holiday season and throughout the year by offering a donation to the United Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation through us we will be honored to make a donation in your name. For more information go to: [Unitedfoodbank.org](http://Unitedfoodbank.org)

## Special Olympics

The Turnbow Foundation proudly supports the Special Olympics of Arizona. Our Founder, Judith Reinartz, had a special place in her heart for the children and young adults the Special Olympics honors. The trustees will continue to support these Olympians in the name of Judith.

The Special Olympics is an unprecedented global movement which through quality sports training and competition, improves the lives of people with intellectual disabilities

and, in turn, the lives of everyone they touch.

As the Special Olympics of Arizona reaches its 30 year anniversary it is important to know that they do not receive any funds from government agencies or the United Way. It is supported entirely by private donations.

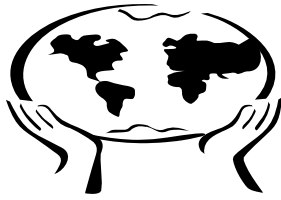
There is never a cost to the athletes to participate as the Special Olympics pays for all competition expenses. Currently there are more than 7,000 Special Olympians in Arizona who

need our help in providing them the opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and participate in a sharing gifts, skills and friendship.

For more information or to make a needed donation please contact the Special Olympics at: [Specialolympics.org](http://Specialolympics.org) or [Turnbowfoundation@cox.net](mailto:Turnbowfoundation@cox.net)



**"Let me win. But if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt"**



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**"If you can dream it, you can do it"**  
**Walt Disney**

**Toy Drive:** Many of you know that in combination with our president Tom Bambury's 40th birthday The Turnbow Foundation had a Christmas toy drive. The drive was a huge success as 63 toys were donated.

**Thanks to all** that were able to donate a new toy for a needy child this holiday season. If you were not able to donate a toy but would like to, please contact us and I will make sure your toy will get to a child in need. I also received a special thanks from the director of the organization to whom the toys were donated: "I wanted to thank you again for the gifts. It has really struck a chord with me. I have been thinking about how people make a difference in this world. You came up with an idea and as a result our clients will have a better day tomorrow, and a better Christmas day because of you and your friends". Thanks again to all. The Bambury's.

## Mesa Community College

The Turnbow Foundation places a high value on education; a value so high that we are committed to providing support to college students in the form of scholarships.

Three students were awarded new scholarships for the fall semester 2005. All three students are single moms trying to make ends meet while making the commitment to attend college.

The first student is Vanessa M. a full-time student with a daughter, three year old Nina. Vanessa grew up in foster homes which she states has taught her the importance of family and education. "I am ashamed that I come from a poor background, and no parents to share my happiness with. I am in school to better myself and become part of this community, thank you again, I plan to graduate and fulfill my dreams".

The second student is Katheryn A. a

full-time nursing student. She is also a single mom trying to balance college and family. "By receiving this scholarship from you lets me know that I am not alone in my struggle to achieve my goal and become successful, that has given me even more incentive and extreme motivation to pursue my career here at Mesa Community College".



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"

Eleanor Roosevelt

The third student is Andrea M. a part-time student with a six year old daughter. Andrea works full-time while pursuing her nursing school pre-requisites part-time. "It is not easy working full-time, raising a daughter, tending a home and attending school. I want my daughter to see no matter what the obstacles may come her way, you can still strive to accomplish your dreams".

We wish all three students continued success in their pursuit of an education despite the economic challenges they face. Keep up the great work.

Lynn C., our spring 2005 scholarship recipient, was awarded another scholarship for her excellent work at MCC.

The Turnbow Foundation had committed two additional scholarships for the Spring 2006. Stay tuned as we announce the new recipients in the next news letter.