

January 19, 2022

Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. 13058 N. Surrey Circle Phoenix, AZ 85029

Dear Paula,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for Arizona Women's Partnership's generous grant of \$1,000 to help transform the lives of youth in our Housing Project. Your partnership directly improved the lives of 40 young adults (and one child), who aged out of the Arizona foster care system or were on the verge of becoming homeless from aging out of the system.

Foster Arizona allocated the Foundation's grant to support basic provisions and life sufficiency skills training for 38 young adults. Demographically, the young adult population was comprised of the following: African American: 35%; Caucasian: 23.5%; Hispanic: 20.5%; Native American: 5%; and unknown: 15%. As a result, the Arizona Women's Partnership helped achieve the following notable successes:

- 40 young adults and one child were served through the Housing Project;
- The Housing Project welcomed its first young adult and their child into the program;
- Over 1,500 hours of life skills training provided to young adults; and
- Hosted quarterly normalization outings, which is an important part of their journey to self-sufficiency. Oftentimes, foster youth are stripped from experiencing "normal" activities like their peers.

An illustration of the impact of partners like the Arizona Women's Partnership is reflected in Dominic's story:

My time here in the program has allowed me to accomplish many things that I feel as though, if I didn't have the support that I had here, probably would have taken me longer to accomplish. When I came into the program, I was really scared even though I didn't show it because I no longer had an affordable place to stay.

Foster Arizona was able to get me a stable living situation and allow me to use that to my advantage so I could limit my work hours and go to school more, while saving more money so I'm able to provide for myself and build a better foundation for my child.

So far, I have been able to save enough money to allow myself to feel a lot more comfortable about my future and I was able to get my certification for work and get help with getting a vehicle. You have kindly accommodated my situation, regarding everything that has happened so far to me, and I am very grateful to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (480) 760-5008 or via email at kim@fosteraz.org.

Thank you for your support in helping young adults achieve self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Kim Vehon ℓ Chief Executive Officer

Educate, encourage, and empower Arizonans to positively impact the lives of kids in foster care and young adults transitioning out of foster care.

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