MAYOR PHIL GORDON



## Office of the Mayor of Phoenix Letter of Recognition Arizona Women's Partnership

At this time I would like to recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc, an all volunteer philanthropic non-profit organization formed in 2002 by Paula Cullison, a long time resident of Phoenix District 3 and former member of the Phoenix Women's Commission. The mission of the Arizona Women's Partnership is to assist Arizona grass roots charities which help underserved women and children at risk through a grant application and review process.

This year, the Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. 2011 Grant Review Committee selected nineteen non-profits as recipients: Alice's Place - domestic violence shelter and counseling in Winslow Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents offers various needed services - Phoenix based

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Coolidge Youth Coalition offering substance abuse prevention and other services

Desert Sounds providing musical instruments for low income children in Chandler

El Centro Adelante Juntos offering substance abuse prevention services in the rural mining towns

Recovery Centers of Arizona, inc. safe haven and rehabilitation services for women in Tucson

**H.A.V.E.N. Family Resource Center** which offers domestic violence services in Lake Havasu City; **Healthy Mothers - Healthy Babies** which serves targeted populations in the Maryvale section of Phoenix;

Mini Miracles which offers animal therapy for disabled children in Tucson;

**Power Paws Assistance Dogs** which trains dogs to work with the disabled in the Phoenix Metro area; **Southwest Valley Literacy Assn** - volunteers provide ESL classes in Avondale area

**Tucson International Alliance of Refugee Communities** providing educational services

United People Who Care Org - after school program at risk youth in Winslow

Unlimited Potential, inc. education programs for Hispanic women & preschoolers in South Phoenix Welcome to America Project - provides household items to refugee families resettled in the Phoenix area

Women 4 Change at Perryville Prison in Goodyear

Yavapai CASA for Kids – abused, abandoned and neglected children in Prescott

Y.E.S. for Navajo Youth - Dine' Bike'yah at Teec Nos Pos on the Navajo Nation; and

I commend the Arizona Women's Partnership, inc. for having raised and distributed over \$160,000 ingrants to over 40 grass roots non-profits which help under-served women & children here in the Valley and throughout Arizona.In order to continue its work, the Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. will present its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Wine, Women and Jazz FUNdraiser on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Arizona Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona where attendees will enjoy gourmet food and fine wine prepared by Host Chef Robert Wilson, ACI Chefs and students. They will also hear popular Valley female jazz vocalists. Along with the Phoenix City Council Members, I congratulate the Arizona Women's Partnership on its dedication and philanthropic voluntarism.

Sincerely,

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