

Arizona Women's Partnership awards \$33,000 in grants

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Above: **Arizona Women's Partnership 2018 Grant Review Committee:**

Seated — Pamela Gill, Linda Herold, Elaine Birks-Mitchell, Tim Cullison, Paula Cullison and Joanna Meyer.
Standing — Mike Simonyi, Cynthia Arnold, Ralph Martin, Dr. Sheela Kalangi, Richard Swazara and Jeff Gibbs.

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The Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc., an all-volunteer philanthropic 501 c(3) nonprofit which provides grants to grass roots charities that assist under-served women and children at risk in Arizona, is pleased to announce its 2018 Grant Recipients.

Now in its 16th year, the Arizona Women's Partnership has recently awarded a total of \$33,000 in grants to the following: About Care for the Elderly – provides services to the underserved elderly in the East Valley; Alice's Place – provides counseling and shelter for victims of domestic violence in Winslow; Arizona South Asians for Safe Families – provides culturally sensitive support services to victims of domestic violence in the Phoenix Metro area; Arizonans for the Protection of Exploited Children & Adults – provides shelter and counseling for sexually abused girls at Natalie's House; Constructing Circles of Peace – provides domestic violence counseling services in Nogales, AZ; Desert Sounds Performing Arts – provides musical instruments & instruction for low income children in Chandler; Furnishing Dignity – provides household items to the needy in the Metro Phoenix area; Grand Canyon Music Festival – provides opportunities for Native American youth in music composition and performance in Northern AZ; H.A.V.E.N. Family Resource Center – provides domestic violence and family counseling services in Lake Havasu City; Kids in Focus – provides photography programs and mentoring to at risk youth in Phoenix; Rim Country Literacy – provides literacy and ESL classes and books for children and adults in Payson; Southwest Valley Literacy Association – provides English language / adult reading programs in West Phoenix; Stepping Up for Seniors – provides services for the disadvantaged elderly in Metro Phoenix; Welcome to America Project – provides household furnishings to refugee families in the Phoenix Metro area; Yavapai CASA for Kids – provides services and clothing for abused, abandoned, neglected children in Prescott; and Y.E.S. for Navajo Youth- Dine'Bike'yah in Teec Nos Pos – provides leadership programs for youth on the Navajo Nation.

The Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. has awarded over \$400,000 in grants since its formation in 2002. The amount awarded annually is dependent upon the success of fundraising efforts. This year the **Violet M. Johnson Family Foundation** contributed another \$25,000 to the Arizona Women's Partnership in honor of their maternal grandmother. "We are grateful for this donation and for all of our generous supporters; together we continue to make a difference in the lives of others", noted Paula Cullison, Arizona Women's Partnership – President and Founder and long-time Phoenix resident. The Arizona Women's Partnership Faces of Hope, photography of the faces of women and children assisted through its grants to non-profits, is available for exhibit. For more info: www.azwp.org / azwpinc@aol.com / 602-863-9744