



A Place to Play

JOIN THE SHADOW ROCK PRESCHOOL TRAIN

As I sit here thinking about our upcoming registration, my mind goes back over all the years children have come to us to learn, to love, to laugh. Children must feel safe to take the chance to grow. Safety is very important to us. Children never leave the room without a teacher. The class never leaves the room without the teachers and the daily roster. That way if the class gets split up, the roster provides a quick check on who we should have with us that day.

We do monthly fire drills so children get used to the loud sound of the alarm and so they know right where to go to leave the building safely. This year during our famous hail storm, the children were quickly gathered and brought into Smith Hall where one teacher started singing with them. They never knew of our concerns. Only when we show our own fear, do children become afraid. Think about that at home. When something happens which scares you, do you remain calm and talk quietly with your children about the event? I know of one family who meets in a purple closet, dog included, and just sit and visit together until Mom gives the all clear. It is just what they do and doesn't alarm them.

Shadow Rock Preschool is approaching registration for the 2011-2012 school year. That certainly seems like a big number when we first opened our doors in 1977. If you are new to the valley and take your children to Grasshopper Park, you have probably heard mothers talking about us. Most of our families come by word of mouth and the park seems to be our greatest friend. Nestled in the mountains above Moon Valley, we have a beautiful view of the community. Our registration will be held on Thursday, March 24th. Doors open at 7:30 and registration starts promptly at 8:30. If you would like a tour before that day, please call 602-993-0050 and ask for Marilyn or Sharon. We love showing off our school to new parents. So jump on the bandwagon as we start our 34th year. You wouldn't want to be left behind, would you?

—Marilyn & Sharon



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2011 Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. Grant Recipients Announced

The Arizona Women's Partnership, inc., an all volunteer philanthropic non-profit which provides grants to grass roots charities in AZ, is pleased to announce its 2011 grant recipients.

They are:

- Alice's Place which is a domestic violence shelter in Winslow
- Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents which provides needed services in Phoenix
- Arizona Blankets 4 Kids, Inc. which serves seriously ill babies and young children - Phoenix Metro
- Coolidge Youth Coalition which provides numerous services including substance abuse prevention
- Desert Sounds which provides musical instruments and instruction for low income children in Chandler
- El Centro Adelante Juntos, which provides substance abuse prevention and other programs for teens in nine rural mining areas is based in San Manuel
- 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
- Recovery Centers of AZ which provides a safe haven and rehabilitation services for women in Tucson
- Southwest Valley Literacy Association which provides English language literacy and adult reading skills programs for women and their families in Avondale and the West Phoenix area
- Tucson International Alliance of Refugee Communities which provides educational services (ESL, computer skills, job search, etc.) to refugee women
- United People Who Care Org which offers after school program for diverse at risk youth in Winslow
- Unlimited Potential, inc. provides education programs for Hispanic women and their families - So Phoenix
- Welcome to America Project which provides household furnishing to refugee families - Phoenix Metro
- Women 4 Change at Perryville Prison which provides a life skills program for incarcerated women
- Yavapai CASA for Kids provides services for abused, abandoned, neglected children in Prescott
- Y.E.S. for Navajo Youth - Dine' Bike'yah - Teec Nos Pos which provides varied outdoor sports / life skills programs for at risk youth and their families on the Navajo Nation

"We are proud to note that the Arizona Women's Partnership, inc. has awarded over \$160,000 in grants since 2003 to more than 40 grass roots charities that assist underserved women and / or youth at risk; many of the non-profits are multiple year AZWP grant recipients", stated Paula Cullison, President and Founder of the Arizona Women's Partnership, inc. "AZWP has been honored with gubernatorial and mayoral proclamations for our achievements", she noted.

"We are fortunate to have received significant contributions from the Violet M. Johnson Family Foundation and local businesses which will help us continue our mission", added Lori Walk, AZWP- Vice President.

The amount distributed annually (approx. \$30,000) is dependent upon the success of the popular 10th annual Wine, Women & Jazz FUNdraiser which will be held on Saturday April 30th (4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) at the Arizona Culinary Institute 10585 N. 116th St in Scottsdale. Attendees will enjoy gourmet appetizers, fine wines, delicious desserts and great jazz, along with a boutique silent auction. "Tickets are still only \$55 for this fun foodie event", noted Dawn Melvin, AZWP 2011 Grants Chair.

For Ticket Reservations visit: www.blacktie-arizona.com/rsvp enter event code: wine

For more information visit www.azwp.org or call Paula Cullison at 602-863-9744.

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