

BRANCHING OUT

FALL 2008

A New Leaf's Training & Conference Center

A New Leaf is grateful for the partnership between the Virginia G. Piper Foundation, Helaman Foundation and A New Leaf Foundation which has culminated in the completion of the first phase of renovation at A New Leaf's Training & Conference Center.

Located on a secluded three-acre parcel of land conducive to the support of learning experiences, the campus includes three structures that incorporate six training classrooms suitable for various size groups, a twelve-station computer lab



Conference Room

with internet access, video conference capabilities, library, full kitchen plus indoor and outdoor



Ropes Course

garden spaces. An Adventure Learning Low Ropes Course is available for team-building activities as well.

The short-term goal at A New Leaf's Conference & Training Center is to "promote excellence in our own staff," encouraging them to learn and grow both professionally and personally.

We are ready to share this peaceful and beautiful learning center with other organizations.

A New Leaf invites you to tour the Training & Conference Center. Take advantage of the exciting Adventure Learning Ropes Course for team-building activities. Here you will learn more about your employees' and/or groups strengths, leadership abilities and problem solving skills outside of your typical work environment.

For more information, contact Eric Rodriguez at 480.733.3084 or erodriguez@turnanewleaf.org.

Elizabeth's Story



With a desire to further her education on a limited income, Elizabeth participated in a work study program on the Mesa Community College Campus at the Center for Service-Learning. This is where she found that she was eligible for the IDA (Individual Development Account "Savings") program (incomes 200% of poverty level or less). IDA is a partnership between A New Leaf's MesaCAN, Mesa Community College and Mesa United Way. With her individual savings matched dollar for dollar by the Federal Government and other partners, Elizabeth will complete her Associates Degree through Mesa Community College before transferring to Arizona State University.

IMPORTANT 2008 TAX CREDIT INFORMATION Helping the Working Poor

A New Leaf's 501 (c)(3) La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter and MesaCAN's East Valley Men's Center both qualify as charities providing assistance to the working poor for your 2008 tax credit.

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TO OUR DEDICATED SUPPORTERS:

Growth, change and new beginnings have been A New Leaf's inspiration for the past few years. With the 2006 merger of MesaCAN into our service portfolio, the 2007 name change from PREHAB to A New Leaf, to two major facility renovations in 2008, we continue into our 37th year of *Helping Families... Changing Lives* through homeless, domestic violence, youth and community services.

As A New Leaf grows and creates new beginnings for the under-served or forgotten, we ask your support in not only helping with the annual operations, but helping A New Leaf Foundation sustain and endow services for the future. Your Legacy or major gift to the Endowment Fund can continue giving back to others in perpetuity. Please join our Boards in helping and in the future for our communities' families who need assistance in this tough economic time.

On behalf of our Board, staff and clients we serve, thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Hughes, *CEO*
David Luna, *A New Leaf Board President*



Michael T. Hughes



David Luna

A NEW LEAF BOARD TRIBUTE

Lights, Camera, Action! These three words are no strangers to David Luna and A New Leaf.

Starting in 1995, David volunteered his time and efforts filming and producing A New Leaf videos for La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter, Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter and a myriad of youth services.

For the next 13 years, David's desire to showcase these programs has come across professionally and enthusiastically in the numerous videos he has created. They have been viewed by countless service clubs, churches and funders, thereby helping to solicit contracts and donations for financial support.

David's current leadership role as Board President has helped our agency welcome and transition MesaCAN, a separate non-profit 501(c) 3, under our umbrella of services.

Thank you David for your desire to help this community!

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF OUR ANNUAL CAMARADERIE GALA
A NEW LEAF FOUNDATION

25th ANNIVERSARY BALL

GET READY TO SWING...
TO THE SOUNDS OF
THE RAT PACK!
AND MORE...

LIVE AND SILENT
AUCTION

GET READY TO ROLL...
TO SOMETHING NEW!

CASINO
FINE DINING

SAVE THE DATE!

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25th Annual Camaraderie

Saturday, February 21, 2009
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
J. W. Marriott's Camelback Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona

Call 480-464-4648
or e-mail Doreen at
dodavison@TurnaNewLeaf.org

A New Leaf Foundation raises money
for and supports our shelters.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF: RANDY'S STORY

EVMC: East Valley Men's Center...

EVMC is a transitional living shelter for homeless adult men with assigned caseworkers, stringent rules, and a focus on building self-support. In addition to providing basic needs, the Center helps men find jobs and develop life skills for sustainability, including facilitating GED classes.

Enter Randy...

Randy entered EVMC with a sincere desire to improve his life. As a high school graduate, he managed to slip through his education with some learning disabilities. Randy quickly took advantage of EVMC's GED classes, a mixed curriculum of basic skills designed to fill in educational gaps. His gap was a chasm.

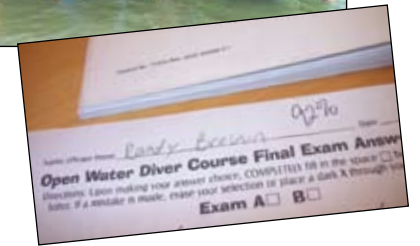
Enter Robin...

Two years ago, motivated by her desire to make a difference, Robin Caffrey decided to volunteer her unique talents to teach the men's GED class every Tuesday evening. Her gift for combining one's personal interests with education and her genuine compassion resulted in an inspirational style of teaching.

Scuba Diving...

Upon discovering a personal dream of Randy's, Robin offered him a plan to enroll into a Scuba diving class with herself and her husband Jim. Randy was on it like a hummingbird to a hibiscus. She designed Randy's homework assignments to incorporate reading practice assignments from his scuba

diving training manual. Randy has been working diligently on his assignments, passing his tests and progressing consistently. One caring volunteer has made an impossible dream...possible.



THANK YOU CHURCHES!

The homeless men residing at A New Leaf's East Valley Men's Center are able to learn essential life skills and job search on three square meals daily as a result of the 50+ church and service groups that consistently provide them with round-the-clock meals. Thank you to the countless men, women and youth who serve so faithfully.

Are you interested in learning about serving homeless men and opportunities to get involved?

Come and experience the before and after. Major renovation plans for EVMC involves repairs to the roof and ceilings, additional rest rooms, a sports court for our residents to exercise, a major kitchen renovation with adequate refrigeration and ovens to assist our volunteers in food preparation, etc. This is an exciting time for our EVMC program and we welcome your involvement and support.

We invite individuals and groups (must be 18 years old) to tour our shelter on Tuesdays at 10 am or Thursdays at 3 pm at 2345 N. Country Club Dr, Mesa. Please call Michelle, the Volunteer Coordinator at 480-610-6722 x209 to RSVP.

Tax Credit Continued from page 1

A \$200 donation (\$400 if married and filing jointly) to either charity can get you a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona tax return.* This tax credit is an addition to any credit you might already receive from donations to a public or private school.

The tax credit is available to the extent your total 2008 charitable contributions exceeded those made in 1997 (or any year after 1997 in which you itemized deductions) and are shown as an itemized deduction on your income tax return.

In order to receive a credit on your 2008 tax return, your donation to A New Leaf or MesaCAN must be postmarked before midnight on December 31. We will send you a receipt for your donation with our tax-exempt information for your records.

To help expedite this process, donations are accepted online before 11:45 pm December 31 at TurnaNewLeaf.org. Online donors will receive their receipt via e-mail instantly.

*For more information on this tax credit (ARS 43-1088), please contact your qualified tax advisor for expert advice on your specific situation.



A NEW LEAF'S GIVING TREE

Thank You to our Partners in Philanthropy

Includes gifts to A New Leaf, A New Leaf Foundation and MesaCAN

— Financial Donors of \$100 or more received between March 12, 2008 - October 8, 2008 —

Major Donors of \$1,000 or more are printed in bold.

100% of our Agency and Foundation Board of Directors make personal, annual financial donations to A New Leaf as further commitment to those in need. We thank A New Leaf Board of Directors for their unending generosity.

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Thank You to Our Newest Donor!
The T.W. LEWIS FOUNDATION has generously committed \$50,000 over the next five years in support of operations for children's programming at La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter.
We truly appreciate your gift.



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"I choose to give to A New Leaf because I can see, firsthand, where my dollars are going. I have seen the kids, parents and families succeed because of the excellent care they have received at A New Leaf."

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In addition to our philanthropic supporters, we value the support from our in-kind donors and city, state and government partnerships.

We make every effort to maintain accurate records. Please advise us regarding any necessary revisions to your March 12, 2008 - October 8, 2008 financial gifts. Thank you.

Financial donations are conveniently accepted online in monthly increments of your choice at www.TurnaNewLeaf.org

WILL YOU BE A HOLIDAY ANGEL?

Holiday Angel is an A New Leaf definition for people like you who change a difficult season in the lives of those less fortunate to a holiday season of delight and gratitude.



Holiday giving can be more than fulfilling a wish list to meet a family's needs. It can be providing the means for parents to actually go out and purchase (some, for the very first time) that special gift for their child. The opportunity to make a choice is sometimes a gift in itself.

Helpful gift card suggestions: movie passes, bowling certificates, miniature golf cards for family entertainment, grocery store gift cards or super center cards for groceries and/or clothing, shoe and hair cut certificates, and home store or craft gift cards for practical needs.

After the holidays, the families enjoy the decision-making and ability to stretch their gift cards with the after-holiday sales utilizing the money-stretching tips they have learned from their case managers.

Gift cards or financial donations can be sent to A New Leaf's Development Department, 868 E. University Drive, Mesa AZ 85203. Call 480-464-4648 or visit www.turnanewleaf.org.

IRA Charitable Rollover Passes for 2008/2009

This act permits an IRA owner, age 70½ or older, to make a direct transfer to charity. The transfer may be up to \$100,000 in one year and this IRA rollover will exist for year 2008 and year 2009.

There are many reasons to consider an IRA rollover gift. First is the convenience. It is a simple and easy method for an end of year gift. Second is the ability to give past 50% of the AGI limit. Third is the favorable opportunity to make a major gift. Fourth, the Social Security recipient may reduce taxes with an IRA rollover gift. Finally, a standard deduction donor will benefit from a direct IRA to charity gift.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



MYTH: Domestic violence happens only in low-income families.

FACT: Domestic Violence happens in all kinds of families, rich and poor, urban, suburban and rural, in every part of the country, in every racial, religious and age group.

If you suspect that someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, you can direct them to the information below.

A New Leaf Domestic Violence Emergency & Shelter Services

Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter

Emergency shelter for victims and their children (including teenage sons).

Faith House Domestic Violence Shelter

Emergency shelter and transitional housing for victims and their families.

DV STOP (Safe Temporary Overflow Program)

Short-term emergency shelter, crisis intervention for victims when County shelters are filled to capacity.

Crisis Hotlines

Autumn House 480-835-5555

Faith House 623-939-6798

Community Information and Referral 602-263-8856 or 1-800-353-3792

Contacts 602-263-8900 or 1-800-799-7739

Family Advocacy Centers

Services include: crisis counseling services, police, legal and medical support to victims of abuse.

Domestic Violence Court Advocates

Services provide victims assistance with legal proceedings including: protective orders, court accompaniment, resource and referrals.

Phoenix 602-534-3088 • Glendale 602-441-6458 • Mesa 480-644-4075

Quotes from Dr. Tim Bashara's, (Sweet Tooth Pediatric Dentistry) Letter to A New Leaf

I'm writing because I want to share with you the importance of giving myself to the community.

I launched my first event where I performed complimentary cleaning and treatment to those families in need at La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter. We had a full schedule with over 30 patients. It felt great to give back because there are so many children who need help in understanding the importance of good oral health for overall well being.

I will continue to give back to our community for it is with great satisfaction that I do something exceptional that changes people's lives for the better. I am moved to know that your organization does the same to help our community. Thank you for all that you do and keep up the great work!

Sincerely, Dr. Tim Bashara

WITH HUMBLE HEARTS WE THANK YOU



Magician Victor Rivera at LaMesita

Donnie & Brandy Summers' efforts to coordinate a Magic Show for A New Leaf's LaMesita Family Homeless Shelter wasn't thwarted by Donnie's emergency surgery the day before the planned event. Magician Victor Rivera demonstrated an amazing show of magic and distributed magic trick tools to each child. One only had to observe the expressions of the children to realize that the pizzas were a rare treat for this group...something most of us take for granted. It is an awesome experience to observe how significant an impact a small celebration can have on the underserved.



Dunkin' Donuts Grand Opening

Amidst local dignitaries, coffee and fireworks, Dunkin' Donuts in Mesa presented A New Leaf with \$5,000 as a charity of choice. This generous gift will help provide shade on the playground

at La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter's Children's Development Center. On behalf of the children at La Mesita, we extend our heartfelt thanks.



After viewing a TV program on seniors requesting charity donations in lieu of birthday presents, 7 year old Alyssa Aarsvold decided to follow their example.

Alyssa chose to have her birthday presents sent as financial donations to A New Leaf's Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter. She heard about the program from her sister, Karissa's Brownie group.

It was a special moment when Alyssa and her family visited A New Leaf to present her check for \$355.00 and a car load of toys donated by both sisters. Thank you, Alyssa and family, for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



A New Leaf's CEO, Michael Hughes was invited to attend ICE Communication's "World's Largest Cruise Night" to accept a check on behalf of their employees. Through their participation in College Colors Day, ICE Communications' employee's demonstrated an incredible effort by raising \$10,659.68 for



Chris and Nicole Aarsvold, Karissa and Alyssa

A New Leaf. What an overwhelming show of support! Many sincere thanks go out to all of you for your participation.



JAG Youth Center

It's been years in the making. Now, through the generosity of the Glendale Community Development Block Grant, the JAG Youth Center has found a new and improved home, along with A New Leaf's West Valley Administration Office. We are grateful to the City for all your contributions. Thank you, City of Glendale.



As the hot weather set in, a really cool surprise followed with a financial gift from the Sunrise Foundation for a new, air-conditioned, 12-passenger van to transport children to and from A New Leaf's Autumn



Autumn House Children

House Domestic Violence Shelter. The children at Autumn House display their appreciation with a special thank you.



Help Your Neighbors!

Do you know any low-income Mesa home-owners who would benefit from energy savings?

It is *Weatherization Month* in October. MesaCAN has an ongoing Weatherization Program for low-income home-owners (e.g. a family of 4 earning under \$30,000) wanting to stretch their dollar and reduce energy costs. To check eligibility call 480-833-9200. Thank you to our partners, The City of Mesa, SRP and LIHEAP!

Additional thanks goes to the following cities who donate to A New Leaf and other local human service agencies through their utilities programs:

City of Chandler: Acts of Kindness:
www.chandleraz.gov/default.aspx?pageid=90

City of Glendale: From the Heart:
www.glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart

City of Mesa: A Better Community (ABC):
www.abcformesa.org

City of Scottsdale: Scottsdale Cares:
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Utilities/scotcares.asp



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We value your questions and comments.

Call 480.969.4024 for reasonable accommodation on information, services and employment. Alternative formats of this newsletter are available by contacting 480.464.4648 or TTY: Arizona Relay Services.

Wish List

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

A practical and convenient way to give to our shelter families & youth. See details on page 6 of this issue.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

DVD's rated PG or PG13.

WANTED: Security for the Future: A New Leaf's Board of Directors is looking for couples or individuals who have a Planned Gift for our agency (or programs) in your will or trust. Please let us know so that we may thank you and with your permission, acknowledge you in A New Leaf's Legacy Society. The Endowment Fund provides for the sustainability of our programs. There will still be a "need" long after we are gone. For more details contact Torrie Taj at ttaj@turnanewleaf.org or 480-464-4648.

WANTED: A New Leaf's West Valley Advisory Council is seeking volunteer companies and individuals in the West Valley to volunteer and support Faith House Domestic Violence Shelter. For more information, contact Michelle at 480.733-3019 x246.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer Your Time
- Leave Your Legacy to A New Leaf Foundation with a Gift in Your Will or Trust
- Donate to our Endowment Fund
- Schedule a tour and learn more about our programs, call 480-464-4648
- Donate Online at www.TurnaNewLeaf.org click on "**Donate Now**" (choose one-time or reoccurring monthly gifts)



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