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Helping Families...Changing Lives.

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## EVMC's Extreme Makeover

On a crisp winter morning in January, while most residents were out working or looking for a job, East Valley Men's Center supporters and friends gathered inside the sunny, new multi-function dining room to celebrate the completion of two new buildings. The gleaming commercial kitchen and sleek, multi-purpose dining room set the stage for reminiscing, forethought and honor.

Pat Gilbert, a proponent of the shelter and CAO of the Marc Center, cut the ceremonial ribbon in honor of Margie Frost, EVMC's founder. On hand were City of Mesa District 1 Councilmember Dave Richins, government officials, generous funders, Board members and volunteers.



Funding for the buildings, which includes new basic needs facilities and a bike shop, was provided by City of Mesa CDBG Federal Stimulus dollars, the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Salt River Project, Timken Foundation, Gesner-Johnson Family Foundation, the CW & Modene Neely Charitable Foundation and additional dedicated funding sources.

This joint venture launches a new era for EVMC as it enhances services to men facing the challenges of homelessness.

## Paying It Forward: A Contagious Phenomenon

Two men on their own missions: one wants to help a friend find a job while working on his own challenges; the other dreams of doing something bigger than himself. They had never met, but together, they have made monumental changes at the East Valley Men's Center and it is contagious.

Both men were at the EVMC kitchen renovation ribbon cutting celebration in January. Amidst generous funders and volunteers, EVMC resident Robert, spoke to the audience. You could hear a pin drop in the new multi-purpose dining room as he told about the "bump in the road of his life" that led him to becoming homeless and how he not only found a job, he helped 20 EVMC residents obtain work with his employer as well. The silence was thwarted by a voracious round of applause as he continued to share his life experiences. Learn more about what makes Robert tick and his plans for the future on page 6.



Shane Orlando

The "extreme makeover" of EVMC was greatly influenced by a total stranger who called one day out of the blue. Shane Orlando offered the services of his Orlando Development, Community Restoration company, coming up with a plan to help eradicate bed bugs by gutting and rebuilding the men's sleeping quarters from floor to ceiling, even designing a special metal bay area and beds.

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### Sponsor-a-Bed

Getting a good night's rest is imperative to a productive day's work. Please help sheltered families and individuals make the most of their days as they work to become self-reliant and move back into the community.

Tonight, before you go to sleep in your own bed, please make a donation to sponsor a bed.

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# A Message From Our Board President and CEO



Fred Phail



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opportunities for growth and services to the community.

The needs of the homeless are growing and changing, along with our funding opportunities. We are grateful to be able to rely on your trust and support as we round the corner of another challenging year.

Our supporters live and breathe so many mantras: "neighbors helping neighbors...;" "paying it forward...;" "do unto others..." We have the pleasure of

hearing these honorable testimonials and also seeing them come to fruition.

A New Leaf residents and clients appreciate your help. A safe place, new comfortable beds, hot meals and financial support for operating costs help assure that they have hope for tomorrow. Please, stay involved. A good measure of hope goes a long way for people receiving services in the non-profit world.

For 40 years, A New Leaf has celebrated hope, new beginnings, growth and change with over 25 human service programs. No times have been more trying than the current and now, here we are, looking at future

## Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative



A New Leaf staff and Board members with Bank of America's Benito Almza, AZ Market President (third from right in the back row).

Bank of America recognized A New Leaf as a "neighborhood builder" with the largest, unrestricted operating grant received to date, \$200,000. The award is in recognition of the merger with A&A Cottages which incorporated necessary community programs including the EMPOWER transitional living program for young adults and HOPE, a foster care program.

Kellie Manthe, Bank of America Senior Vice President of Corporate Responsibility for Arizona and New Mexico expressed, "A New Leaf actually collaborated and saved a couple of different agencies. They have a good reputation in partnering."

This is a welcome gift during times of economic strain. A portion of funding will go towards staff training and development designed to sustain programs.

### You Can Help La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter GO GREEN with



A New Leaf's La Mesita is  
1 of 7 finalists with an  
opportunity to  
WIN FREE SOLAR PANELS  
from SRP.

The non-profit that accumulates the most votes through the EarthWise Energy Program will be the winner.

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[www.srpnet.com/solarnonprofit](http://www.srpnet.com/solarnonprofit)  
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*Please help us get more votes by sharing this information with family and friends.*



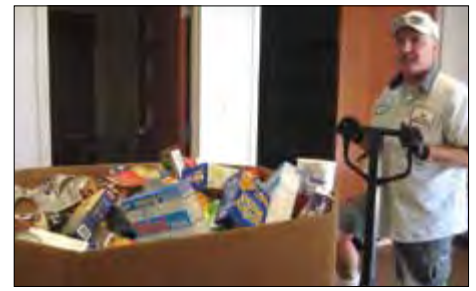
Drawing by a child at La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter

# Ford Fuels Largest Food Drive In A New Leaf History

Under the auspices of Mark Wittham, Phoenix Regional Manager of Ford Motor Company, and through a partnership with United Food Bank and the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 11 Valley Ford dealerships collected 5 pallettes of non-perishable food for our shelter and residential programs. At a time when resources are scarce, this monumental donation provided enough food for nearly 4,000 meals.

"Ford Motor Company remains committed to playing a role in addressing hunger relief in this country, especially during these tough economic times," said Jim Vella, President of the Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services.

Thank you from the many residents who benefited from your hard work and generosity.



United Food Bank delivers food from Ford Motor Co.

## Empowering Sallie



I'm a single Mom with two beautiful babies, participating in A New Leaf's EMPOWER Transitional Living program. Due to multiple birth defects, my 6-month-old baby boy requires several surgeries and with 2-4 medical appointments every week, my precious 20-month-old was sorrowing for my attention. I have struggled to keep a roof over our heads, not knowing where we would sleep at night.

At EMPOWER, I receive assistance with housing, parenting skills and job search education, and the loyalty and friendship of the staff, who encourage me to continue my education. Not only did I find out about a college education, I've learned how to pay for it. All these resources have helped me become more independent, relieving the stress in my life so I can make more time for my children. I'm grateful for the opportunity to participate in the program and have help with many of my daily struggles. Thank you.

*The EMPOWER program serves young adults ages 18-26 who are facing homelessness while they are working and/or obtaining higher education or training. With an emphasis on those who have aged out of the foster care program, the housing continuum of care provides case management, support services and independent living training.*

*A New Leaf is honored to carry on the traditions, opportunities and success of the EMPOWER program and HOPE foster care program as established by A&A Cottages.*

## BOWLING-FOR-BEDS

Friday, June 17, 3-6pm  
Brunswick Mesa Lanes  
Sponsorships & Registration  
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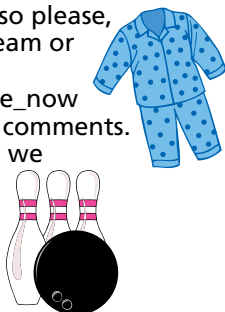
PAJAMA  
PARTY



Hi, I'm Marlene Phail, A New Leaf Board member and Chair of the Special Events Committee. I want to let you know that this year we will be having a Pajama Party while Bowling-for-Beds ... not jumping on beds, but bowling for beds. The goal is to help sponsor new beds for every resident in our shelters and programs. Of course, we will have costume prizes, a silent auction, food, entertainment and awards.

Sponsorships are still available so please, pay it forward and sponsor a team or make a donation online at [www.TurnaNewLeaf.org/donate\\_now](http://www.TurnaNewLeaf.org/donate_now) and type "Bowl-a-thon" in the comments. If you don't have time to bowl, we can find some very deserving kids who will be happy to.

I hope to see you there and don't forget your PJs!



## Paying It Forward: A Contagious Phenomenon

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With the help of many professional partners, over 426 volunteer hours accumulated and an in-kind value of \$20,000 accrued in the month of December. Said Shane, "I learned to take on something bigger than myself and wanted to reach out to our community's shelters. The more you ask people to help, the more they want to. They just need someone to ask and organize it." Shane's project management has inspired the "Sponsor-a-Bed" campaign for all A New Leaf programs and shelters. Generous financial donors have caught the fever and 63 beds were purchased and installed from donors at one event.

Two men, similar ideals, one great cause. What kind of difference can YOU make in the life of a child or adult at an A New Leaf shelter or program? From homemade quilts to keep people warm at night in their new beds, to food drives keeping small tummies full, "Paying it Forward" has many rewards. Perhaps you have your own idea to share. Let's hear from you online at [www.facebook/aneuleaf](http://www.facebook/aneuleaf) or 480.464.4648.



### What do I like best about La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter?

The feeling that my whole life has changed ... everything fell into place... I have savings ... a truck ... a job ... and a new found sense worth!

--Don Hayes, proud father of Adam



# A NEW LEAF'S GIVING TREE

## Thank You to our Partners in Philanthropy

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*We make every effort to maintain accurate records. Please advise us regarding any necessary revisions to your July 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011 financial gifts. Thank you.*

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## An Evening on the Nile



Nancy, Fred & Marlene Phail

The transformation of Arizona's hot desert into ancient Egypt for the 27th annual Camaraderie Gala helped fulfill a destiny of success as \$180,000 was raised for programs, the most in the Foundation's event history.

With Scott Ford as auctioneer, an amazing \$31,500 was raised in 8 minutes by generous supporters who couldn't bid fast enough on the Sponsor-A-Bed campaign for shelters and residential programs. Sixty three residents are now able to get a good night's rest on their comfortable, new beds before undertaking a challenging day's work.

Putting the power to float A New Leaf's barge down the Nile was Emcee Jineane Ford and many generous sponsors including: Title Sponsor - Wells Fargo; Premier Sponsor - Ginny & David Jontes; Legacy Sponsor - Marjorie Abernathy; Presentation Sponsor - Michael & Vicky Flatt and Corporate Sponsors - Janis and Bruce Merrill and Farnsworth Companies. Also contributing to the fundraising success was Arrowhead Honda with the donation of a Chrysler van and "Top Chip" casino winner, Stephen Laultt.



Ginny and David Jontes

## Robert's Story

*We are thankful to Robert for sharing his story in so many ways to help raise awareness for A New Leaf programs, especially his home program the East Valley Men's Shelter. For the full version of his story and a video, visit [http://www.turnanewleaf.org/success\\_stories](http://www.turnanewleaf.org/success_stories).*



Robert Smith

I come from a good family, was a wrestling champion who traveled to 6 out of 7 continents and have a college degree

in history. I planned to teach and coach wrestling and, more recently, have graduated from culinary school. I didn't expect the perfect storm of having a car accident, being sued and laid off from work.

This bump in the road of my life led me to EVMC, where Miss Jackie assured me that I would be ok, not just a number in the system, and she was right. I knew I had to do what was expected of me and felt relief knowing I had the time to do it. I developed a positive attitude, took care of challenges and worked too.

It only took 2 weeks at an international

food service company to get my first promotion to a sous chef. It is my goal to cook at the Olympics in London next year. In the meantime, I have helped 20 of our EVMC men get jobs at my company, some of them have earned promotions too.

I am a changed person, my success is ongoing. If I could offer you one thing to remember, it is a quote from the movie, Schindler's List, "He whoever saves one life, saves the world entire." Thank you, not only from me but from the future managers, doctors and professionals living at EVMC.

- Robert, EVMC Resident

## Thank You for Paying It Forward

*You're Our Good Fortune* was the theme for the Annual Board, Volunteer & Donor Recognition Luncheon in April. Extolling that good fortune through so many diverse and innovative ways, the following friends have helped over 20,000 residents and clients turn over a new leaf this past year.

Volunteer of the Year - Board President, Fred Phail; New Volunteer Group - Shane Orlando's Community Restoration; Volunteer Group - St. Bridget's for faithfully providing and serving dinners at EVMC.

Donor of the Year - David and Linda Passey for their continual generosity and

Donor Group of the Year - Valley of the Sun United Way for ongoing support of critical needs programs. Special Recognition was given to Frank and Cindy Bennett and Anne Bennett McCawley for their generosity to the Endowment Fund, ensuring that programs will continue into the future.



David Passey and Frank Bennett Sr.



Michael Hughes, Bryan & Kathy Sandler, Janis & Bruce Merrill and Heather & Stephen Laultt celebrate Janis' Special Tribute Recognition.



Michael Hughes, Anne B. McCawley, Cindy & Frank Bennett

# ♥ WITH HUMBLE HEARTS WE THANK YOU ♥

Over 200 people enjoyed wines from around the world while raising \$6,000 for Faith House Domestic Violence Shelter at Corks For A Cause. The inaugural event in Glendale was put on by A New Leaf's West Valley Advisory Council with the help of many local and statewide supporters including Total Wines & More, Care 1st Health Plan, Trilogy Woman's Club of Vistancia, the City of Glendale, and many more. Your caring generosity makes a difference in the lives of the women and children living at Faith House.



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Thirteen recent Eagle Scout projects have supported programs with much needed food, basic needs and necessary construction projects. They totaled 1,525 volunteer hours and an in-kind value of \$11,175. During times of economic stress, these projects would not have been able to happen without this support. Our families are grateful for picnic tables, gazebos, handicap access ramps and food, food, food!



Thank you Mesa United Way for providing three wonderful AmeriCorps and VISTA volunteers over the past two years.

Margaret Taylor, Phoebe Bennett and Chupim Hoffman, you are multi-talented

women who we value immensely. Your commitment to the community and our families is boundless, as evidenced by your enthusiastic dedication and relentless giving. Thank you from those you touch everyday – staff, clients and residents.

Dear New Leaf,

for my 9th birthday I invited 27 kids. So I decided I would raise money for a charity. I chose you because when I see homeless people I feel horrible so I wanted to help and I don't need 27 presents.



from  
Claire

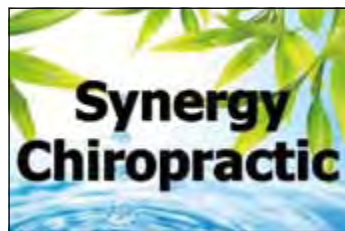
Thank you Claire for raising \$200 for La Mesita kids!



Phoenix College volunteers built gingerbread houses with kids and Moms at Faith House this holiday season. What a wonderful way to celebrate new beginnings!



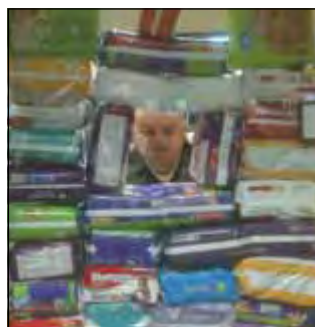
I.C.E. collected \$2,600+ from their employees for a shelter donation. Their passion was matched when ICE also donated a cruise to the Camaraderie auction in February.



Doctor Brent Hirschi's Synergy Chiropractic donates \$40 back to A New Leaf with every new customer who mentions our name. Please pay him a visit and say thank you on our behalf!



Four hundred Circle K employees donated an entire moving truck full of gifts and diapers for families this holiday season.



Cameron and his team at University of Phoenix collected over 4500 diapers for our shelter babies! Way to go U of P!



Thank you for the many Easter donations. Our families were thrilled.



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# Imagine...

*... you and your children are sleeping in a strange place on unfamiliar beds. Will you help sponsor a new, \$500 shelter bed for a child or family member? Gifts in any amount are greatly appreciated online.*

*... you are headed to a job interview and don't even have a decent pair of black pants to wear. Please help the men at EVMC dress for success as they strive to get back into the workforce. Donate new, black or khaki work pants (Dickies) in assorted sizes or gift cards to big box stores for the purchase of these much desired items.*

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