2016-2017 Community Funding Report
Message from the CEO

For the past 18 years, BHHS Legacy Foundation and Legacy Connection have been fortunate to be able to fund innovative nonprofit organizations serving thousands of Arizonans in the Greater Phoenix and Tri-State regions in order to fulfill their joint mission to enhance the quality of life and health of those they serve. It is a privilege and honor for the board of directors and staff to showcase these amazing community activities in our latest funding report.

While the Foundation and Legacy Connection strive to provide appropriate oversight of our funding by reporting on the overall impact and the numbers served, it’s really the stories of the individuals affected by our grants that provide the most meaning to the community organizations we fund.

BHHS Legacy Foundation and Legacy Connection’s board of directors and staff are diligent with the oversight and financial management of the Foundation and Legacy Connection’s assets. We have accomplished this by making well diversified, thoughtful, and strategic investments guided by our investment advisers. This has resulted in our ability to more than double the original corpus while also investing nearly $90 million back into high-performing nonprofits and the communities they serve.

Diversified, thoughtful, and strategic are the same words that apply to how we select the nonprofit organizations we fund. To serve our community and expand BHHS Legacy Foundation and Legacy Connection’s grantmaking impact, we have continued to focus on four core areas of work: increasing access to healthcare, improving community health, expanding Arizona’s healthcare workforce, and strengthening the community. This report highlights just a fraction of the work done by nonprofits and programs that enhance the life and health of the communities we serve.

BHHS Legacy Foundation dispersed grant awards ranging from $1,000 to $1 million in 2016 and 2017. In 2016, the Foundation awarded more than $5.7 million to 116 Arizona nonprofits in the Greater Phoenix and Tri-State regions to support health and health-related programs benefiting Arizona children, families, and older adults. In 2017, more than $4.3 million was dispersed to over 115 Arizona nonprofits. In 2016 and 2017, Legacy Connection provided more than $560,000 of grant funding support to nonprofits in the community.

BHHS Legacy Foundation also looks for ways to increase the sustainability and advance the leadership of nonprofit organizations. To better serve our community and encourage collaboration between nonprofit organizations, we created Legacy Place II. This shared nonprofit hub in downtown Phoenix houses three nonprofits dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of disadvantaged Arizonans. You can read more about Legacy Place II in this report.

As we reflect on our steady progress, the board of directors and staff are honored and proud of the continuous advances we’ve made in carrying out BHHS Legacy Foundation and Legacy Connection’s mission. Our work revolves around the stewardship of the resources entrusted to us and the engagement of talented people to enable transformation of lives and communities.

We remain dedicated to enhancing and protecting the overall health of the community and promise to sustain our commitment to this vision.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gerald L. Wissink, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
BHHS Legacy Foundation and Legacy Connection
Lorraine Tallman has seen things no mother should see. Her daughter, Amanda Hope, fought a three-year battle with leukemia and a nine-month battle with a brain tumor that ended sadly in 2012. In addition to the wrenching pain and treatments Amanda went through, cancer took a toll on Tallman’s whole family.

“We couldn’t get the support we needed, which is why it put such a burden on our hearts,” Tallman says, noting that her middle daughter went through such grief she had to be hospitalized for depression. “Living it and going through that, I saw a tremendous need to get counseling to help the entire family.”

That can be difficult in Arizona, where pediatric cancer treatments can last anywhere from two to five years, but patient and family counseling services for patients’ siblings are typically limited to five or six visits. Couple that with financial pressures of paying for treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation, and visiting a counselor for years can be practically impossible.

That’s why Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels, the nonprofit Tallman founded in 2012 in celebration of her daughter’s life, is pioneering the use of a palliative care counselor for this population—the only provider in Arizona offering such services.

Through a grant from BHHS Legacy Foundation, one full-time and two part-time palliative care counselors provide counseling to children and families battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases. “Palliative is not just end of life, it is pain management and coping skills,” says Tallman. “It’s play therapy, counseling, and mindfulness. We’re trying to touch every level—not only caring for the child that has the diagnosis but the family that’s caring for that child as well.”

Both commitments can be seen in the work the organization does every day. One thing that made treatment especially difficult for Amanda was the indignity of undressing every time she needed medicine. Amanda had a dream where she imagined a line of clothing with secret compartments to make receiving chemo more discreet. Today, Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels provides their signature Comfycozy tie-dye apparel to children in Arizona diagnosed with cancer and other blood-related disorders. But Tallman, didn’t stop there. She also collaborated with CR Bard, an international medical device manufacturer, to develop a medical port needle device to make injections easier and less traumatic for young patients and their families.

Through innovations like these, Tallman hopes to bring dignity and comfort into the harsh world of childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases in children. And she is grateful for Legacy’s help. “Legacy Foundation has the biggest heart I know,” she says. “My angel Amanda brought me to Legacy because they have the same heart. They’re both agents of change.”
Last December, hundreds of people waited in line at the Arizona State Fairgrounds and dozens of others pitched tents on one of the coldest nights of the year to receive free dental work at the Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy (AZMOM) event.

Started in 2012 by the Central Arizona Dental Society Foundation (CADSF), AZMOM brings together 300 dentists, oral surgeons, hygienists, and lab technicians—along with up to 1,700 other volunteers—who donate their time to provide dental care and education to underserved Arizonans.

During this two-day event, CADSF set up portable dental-care stations inside Veterans Memorial Coliseum to provide services such as fillings, extractions, and cleanings, and even to create custom-made dentures. Processes that normally take weeks were done in one visit at the event.

“It’s like a dental MASH unit, where people stand in line. We check their general health and decide what they need to have most,” says Jacqueline Allen, DDS, CADSF board president. “We do about $2 million of dentistry and see about 2,000 patients.”

These patients are generally from low- and very low-income Arizona families including working-poor families, unemployed or uninsured individuals, veterans, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness. Many have been in pain for years but have been unable to obtain treatment. Some can’t remember when they last saw a dentist.

Although the AZMOM program can only make a dent in the need for dental healthcare in Arizona, for the people who receive treatment, the work can be life-changing. Joei Ebarb received five extractions, three fillings, a root canal, and had a tooth fixed. Despite all of the procedures, she was smiling after the treatments. “I can look at people face-to-face without turning my head,” she says.

It’s a reaction familiar to dentists like Robert Roda, DDS, who notes that teeth impact a person’s ability to find work, make social connections, and eat healthy foods. “People are now going to be able to go out and smile with confidence. It will help them get jobs. It will help them move ahead in society. This is so much more than just teeth,” he says.

As a presenting sponsor, BHHS Legacy Foundation provides funds to assist with renting dental chairs and purchasing equipment and supplies for the event. Legacy is honored to support the AZMOM program, which provides new smiles and new beginnings to community members in need.

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We invest in resources that increase and improve access to healthcare through medical, mental health, and oral health services for high-risk, underserved, and uninsured populations.

Increase Access to Healthcare

Grants 2016
Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels
Banner Health Foundation
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix
Central Arizona Dental Society Foundation
Child Crisis Arizona
Circle the City
Desert Voices Oral Learning Center
Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona
Mission of Mercy
Mountain Park Health Center
Valle del Sol

$1,022,250

Grants 2017
Banner Health Foundation
Brighter Way Institute
Central Arizona Dental Society Foundation
Dental Lifeline Network
Feeding Matters
Jewish Family & Children’s Service
Mohave Valley Elementary School District #16
Mountain Park Health Center
National Kidney Foundation of Arizona
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central and Northern Arizona
Smiles Beyond the Bars
Southwest Human Development
SS Simon & Jude Cathedral School
UMOM New Day Centers

$972,626

Grantee Snapshot: National Kidney Foundation of Arizona

It’s estimated that more than 600,000 Arizonans have an early stage of kidney disease, yet only about 10 percent know it. The National Kidney Foundation of Arizona targets poor and underserved communities through its Path to Wellness program, a free health screening that measures both kidney and cardiac risk factors. “It’s designed to reach communities that are the most in danger of chronic disease and the least likely to see a doctor,” says James Ivie, PhD, director of patient services at the National Kidney Foundation of Arizona.

With funding from BHHS Legacy Foundation, Path to Wellness offers free comprehensive health screenings to identify at-risk people and connect them with healthcare resources in order to reduce kidney failure and the need for dialysis. “Thanks to the Legacy Foundation grant, the National Kidney Foundation of Arizona is able to save more lives and lessen the burden of kidney disease,” Ivie says.
A veteran firefighter/paramedic, Steve Wagner has witnessed too many needless cardiovascular deaths in the field. “Cardiac arrest is the number-one killer of Americans over 40 and the number-three killer of all Americans,” he says.

The most critical factor in survival is the time that transpires between the cardiac arrest and when compressions start. “For every minute that passes without proper compressions, there’s a 10 percent decrease in the likelihood of living—and already 9 out of 10 people who suffer cardiac arrest die,” he says.

Knowing that survivals could increase with more immediate action from bystanders, Wagner founded RightCare Foundation in 2010. RightCare is dedicated to an innovative best-practice response to cardiac arrest so that victims arrive in the emergency room in an improved state, reducing both the cost and the need for long-term care.

We focus on “Save the brain, save a life,” says Lisa Weyer, RightCare left brain officer. “We want to inspire community members to act immediately and decisively to keep the brain infused with oxygen so that once the paramedics get there, they can take over resuscitative measures.”

Funds from BHHS Legacy Foundation support a new RightCare initiative in South Phoenix called Combating Cardiac Arrest Inequities. “We chose South Phoenix because residents there have a two to three times greater likelihood of cardiac arrest, and they’re at 30 to 50 percent greater likelihood of not getting help before a fire truck arrives,” says Weyer. RightCare is partnering with local churches, nonprofits, and businesses with the intention that those sites will become public-access resuscitation points.

Another inequity RightCare is trying to address is the varied prevalence of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). To compare, one Tempe ZIP code boasts one AED per 148 people. In South Phoenix’s 85041, the ratio is one AED per 14,306 people.

Money from BHHS Legacy Foundation is going toward procuring AEDs as well as two high-tech mannequins that provide feedback for training. “There is a lot of research that shows these real-time feedback devices help increase participation and memory,” Wagner says.

RightCare plans to train 3,000 South Phoenix residents over the next three years. “Our hope is by leveraging those community-based assets and using our mannequins to get them excited, we can reach into the community and engage community members,” Weyer says.

The partnership will increase people’s odds of not only surviving cardiac arrest, but surviving without neurological deficit. “We are so grateful to BHHS Legacy Foundation for trusting in our passion and our ability to impact the community and to demonstrate that lives can be saved,” Wagner says.
Started in 1958, UPWARD for Children and Families is one of the oldest nonprofit organizations in Arizona serving children with disabilities. It provides special education and childcare for children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities, as well as medically fragile children.

“UPWARD offers a variety of services for families and children,” says Sharon Graham, vice president of programs. These include outpatient therapy for children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spinal meningitis, seizure disorders, autism, and Down syndrome.

Funding from BHHS Legacy Foundation supports UPWARD’s outpatient therapy, which provides low-income children with physical, occupational, speech-language, feeding, and music therapy services—as well as hope and joy.

“We have an arrangement with a group called PAWsitive Friendships,” Graham explains. “Their focus is to provide pet therapy for kids in outpatient therapy.” Recently, a miniature horse named Music visited the kids and helped them improve a variety of life skills.

“It calmed them down,” Graham said. “When they brushed her mane, it put the children’s fine motor skills into play. When they were interacting together, they worked on communication skills.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, recent estimates in the United States show that one in six—or about 15 percent of—children ages 3 through 17 has one or more developmental disabilities. UPWARD for Children and Families is meeting a critical community need by helping kids with special needs achieve their highest potential and empowering their families to thrive.

“We’re very appreciative of Legacy’s continued support for our outpatient therapy program,” Graham says. “The staff at UPWARD love what they’re doing. They love working with the kids—and it shows.”

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**GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT:**

**UPWARD for Children and Families**

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Improve Community Health

We support organizations that improve community health and quality of life through prevention, education, and awareness.

Grants 2016

Arizona Burn Foundation
Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona State University Foundation for a New American University
Arizona United Spinal Cord Injury Association
Banner Alzheimer’s Foundation
Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona
Bullhead City Lions Club
Esperança
Feeding Matters
notMykid
Phoenix Symphony Association
RightCare Foundation
Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS
Sun Health Foundation
Topock Elementary School District #12
Translational Genomics Research Institute Foundation
VALLEYLIFE

Grants 2017

Accept the Challenge
Arizona Burn Foundation
Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona Myeloma Network
Cancer Support Community – Arizona
Children’s Museum of Phoenix
Childsplay
notMykid
Phoenix Day
RightCare Foundation
Soldier’s Best Friend
Upward for Children and Families

Grantee Snapshot: notMYkid

notMYkid prepares families to face challenges with courage and confidence. Through its unique model of peer-to-peer education, the organization addresses real-life issues such as substance abuse, bullying, unhealthy relationships, eating disorders, depression/self-injury, and Internet safety. Funds from BHHS Legacy Foundation help to provide student, parent, and educator presentations to Title I schools in Maricopa County and the Tri-State region.

According to Aimee Runyon, CEO of notMYkid, this grant funding has been essential in helping to address the opioid epidemic, cyberbullying, and the teen suicide crisis. “We know that prevention education helps to save lives,” she says. Indeed, in a state with an alarming suicide rate—suicide is the leading cause of death among kids ages 10 to 14 in Arizona—notMYkid offers tangible help.

“You stopped me from killing myself,” a student said after a recent notMYkid presentation.
Doctor or nurse. For many young people, those careers are all they envision when they imagine jobs in the medical field. Midwestern University (MWU) aims to change that with its high school science programs.

An independent, not-for-profit institution that provides postgraduate education in the health sciences, MWU brings high school students to its Glendale campus for three yearly events.

Each January, approximately 100 students compete in the Brain Bee, a one-day neuroscience competition. The winner receives a paid trip to the national Brain Bee competition in Baltimore as well as a scholarship to attend MWU.

In February, roughly 900 students from some 35 schools come to the campus for Health Science Career Day, where they participate in workshops in anatomy, dental simulation, nurse anesthesia, equine and bovine studies, and more.

“We try to make it as hands-on as possible,” says Janet Reiman, MWU special events manager. “In equine and bovine studies, for instance, they get to participate in a simulation of birthing a calf. In anatomy, they see human and animal specimens—something most high school kids don’t get to see.”

In July, approximately 48 handpicked students attend the Health Careers Institute for High School Students. This free, eight-day program offers an in-depth look at how medicine fits together—from the fire department to doctors, physical therapists, and occupational therapists.

“Because we have so many programs to offer at MWU, they really get a taste of 40 different ways they can be involved,” Reiman says. “We’re trying to get kids who don’t think medicine is accessible to them to see that this is a possibility, regardless of where they come from.”

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The programs seem to be working. Eighteen students who attended one of the high school programs now attend or have attended MWU. “That’s pretty remarkable when you put into perspective that they have to make it through high school and undergraduate college, and then go through the medical school testing and application process to be chosen to attend here,” Reiman says.

One such student is Anthony Willm, a fourth-year medical student at MWU who attended the Health Careers Institute in 2010. “After experiencing a shoulder injury that ended my baseball career, the program sparked my interest in medicine and human anatomy,” he says. “It is the reason I chose to pursue medical school. Not only did I learn a lot, but I had a lot of fun.”

Funds from BHHS Legacy Foundation support all three of these MWU high school science programs. “The programs are really to get younger generations excited about medicine and their future. Without BHHS Legacy Foundation, these programs wouldn’t be taking place,” Reiman says.
Before enrolling in the radiologic technology program at Mohave Community College (MCC), Anthony Salari wasn’t earning much. The father of three young children, he worked as an EMT firefighter but couldn’t support his family. He recognized that he needed to pursue higher education but didn’t want to take on significant debt. Luckily, during his first semester in the radiology program, he learned about the BHHS Legacy Foundation scholarship.

“I was desperate to find funding. I didn’t want to be saddled with a bunch of debt. So I just went for it,” he says.

Salari was selected to receive the Legacy scholarship not once, but twice. After graduating with a 4.0 GPA, he immediately received three job offers. Today, Salari works at Western Arizona Regional Medical Center—which was once Bullhead City Hospital, one of the hospitals responsible for the birth of BHHS Legacy Foundation.

It’s a job he loves.

“On a day-to-day basis, my work can range from taking a simple chest X-ray to helping someone who’s in a major trauma situation to working in the operating room,” he says.

Having grown up in Bullhead City, Salari takes pride in giving back to the community.

“I can contribute to the health of people and feel accomplished locally, without having to go somewhere else. It’s more meaningful,” he says.

Salari credits the BHHS Legacy Foundation scholarship with changing the course of his life. After graduating from MCC, he went on to Northern Arizona University to earn his bachelor’s degree. Today, he is back at MCC as a student in the nursing program with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

“This scholarship changed my family’s life,” he says. “BHHS Legacy Foundation was crucial to me being successful. They were really the catalyst for me to see that people were there supporting me in the community.”
Grants 2016
Arizona Career Pathways
Arizona State University
Foundation for a New American University
College Success Arizona
Hospice of the Valley
Midwestern University
Mohave Community College
Mohave County Community Services Department
Western Maricopa Education Center

$437,400

Grants 2017
Arizona Career Pathways
Arizona State University
Foundation for a New American University
College Success Arizona
Midwestern University – Glendale Campus
Mohave Community College
Mohave County Community College Foundation
Mohave County Community Services Department
Mohave Valley Fire District
Western Maricopa Education Center

$386,800

Expand Arizona’s Healthcare Workforce

We strive to develop and expand Arizona’s healthcare workforce by investing in healthcare workers of the future.

Grantee Snapshot: Coalition Youth Team (COYOTE)

COYOTE, a program run by Mohave County’s Community Services Department, is dedicated to youth development and employment. Its mission is to help young adults develop into responsible, productive members of the workforce. In 2017, BHHS Legacy Foundation sponsored five youths in a five-week work experience in a health-related facility or business.

The program focused on work-readiness skills such as personal appearance, punctuality, follow-through, interpersonal relationships, applications, résumé development, interview skills, and life skills. Following the instruction, the youths interviewed for their respective positions. If the employer felt the youth would be a good fit, he or she started working at the job site the following week.

“Getting the opportunity to learn work experience and having hands-on skills has helped me grow, not only as a person, but also as an employee,” says Paula Woods, a BHHS Legacy-funded COYOTE participant.
It was the summer of 1964 when Diana Gregory’s passion for seniors began. She was an 8-year-old girl playing with friends when she noticed her neighbor, Miss Fannie, needed help. Miss Fannie had taken two buses to travel to the grocery store and needed assistance hauling her groceries up eight flights of stairs. So Gregory stopped playing games to make Miss Fannie’s life a little easier.

Gregory didn’t know it at the time but Miss Fannie lived in a food desert and had limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Today, more than 50 years later, the problem has not gone away. So Gregory has made it her mission to supply healthy foods to older adults like Miss Fannie.

Gregory’s journey to starting the Gregory’s Fresh Market program came after a successful 30-year career at Anheuser-Busch. “All those skills that I learned in corporate America, I was able to apply to running my own nonprofit organization—marketing, communications, brand management, merchandising, and how to bring a product to the people,” she says.

Today, Gregory’s Fresh Market program impacts thousands of lives by delivering fresh, quality produce to seniors and veterans. The organization sets up mobile farmers markets where people can make their own food selections and receive wellness information, health screenings, and take healthy cooking classes. By setting up farmers markets where seniors and veterans live, Gregory’s Fresh Market provides opportunities for them to make healthy food purchases while eliminating barriers such as transportation or navigating bad weather.

“You walk out of your apartment, walk downstairs, get your stuff. And then you go back up to your apartment with no extra effort at all,” says a customer.

Thanks to assistance from BHHS Legacy Foundation, Diana Gregory Outreach Services received a refrigerated van to help expand Gregory’s Fresh Market to new centers throughout Maricopa County. Sanderson Ford came in with a competitive bid and retrofitted a transit van to help with the effort. “It was the right thing to do,” says Mark Witthar, Sanderson Ford’s general manager.

This van will allow the volunteer-run organization to bring fresh produce to more Arizonans in need of nutritious foods that they can’t afford on their limited incomes. “Gregory’s Fresh Market delivers more than apples and oranges and kale and carrots,” Gregory says. “Our volunteers pack a genuine concern for seniors.”
In 2016, BHHS Legacy Foundation awarded a $1 million grant to St. Vincent de Paul to support their Building a Resilient Community capital campaign. The Foundation award was specifically designated to the Ozanam Manor program, which provides a bridge to permanent housing for homeless men and women age 50 and above, along with physically or mentally disabled adults 18 and over. Ozanam clients receive temporary housing in small dormitories, meals, free laundry, and other necessities as well as case managers who help residents work toward the goal of permanent housing.

Located on St. Vincent de Paul’s main campus, Ozanam Manor provides enhanced housing and gives residents access to the full spectrum of services available at St. Vincent de Paul.

The facility opened just as concern about the aging homeless population was increasing throughout the Valley. For people over 50 who become homeless, the transitional shelter specifically caters to their needs, providing safe lodging, regular meals, clean clothes—and hope.

“Ozanam Manor offered so many things to make me feel comfortable,” says Cheryl, a former resident. “Staying there helped me get my humanity back.”

Today, this 40,000-square-foot outreach center provides the tools, solutions, and support to help individuals and families lift themselves out of poverty. With 49 beds, the shelter is the only one of its kind in the state.

Heidi, a secretary who became homeless after losing her job says, “Ozanam has been such a blessing. I can’t imagine where I would be without it.”
The Children First Foundation is dedicated to helping children below the poverty line or those without homes get the same education other children receive. It supports the Children’s First Leadership Academy, a K-8 charter school where almost half of the students are homeless.

“A lot of people are surprised that we have that many homeless children five minutes from downtown Phoenix,” says Tony Banegas, Children First Foundation’s executive director. “But the truth is, there are a lot of underprivileged children who go to bed hungry and don’t have what they need to go to school.”

The nearly 300 children at Children First Leadership Academy face many challenges, such as not having enough food or a safe home. “Many of our kids are a grade or two behind,” says Banegas.

A big part of the school’s mission is providing students with consistent adults in their lives, so they can learn to build healthy relationships and gain the skills they need to lead a successful life. The school works hard to build students’ resilience and show them how to be leaders and make positive choices.

To help, BHHS Legacy Foundation supports the school’s Compañero program, which provides education, guidance, support, and resources to students. Legacy funding helped to hire a bilingual behavioral support specialist, who helps redirect negative behavior to ensure the kids build coping skills to deal with mental and emotional challenges.

On top of education, the school offers students access to healthcare, food, clothing, after-school programs, and more. “We do our best to provide wraparound services so the kids can go to school,” Banegas says.

Because of the students’ unique needs, BHHS Legacy Foundation and Back-to-School Clothing Drive provided the students with school uniforms, shoes, socks, school supplies, and hygiene items for the new school year. “Many of the parents can’t afford to buy uniforms and it saved the Children First Foundation a lot of money,” Banegas says.

By assisting with the hiring of a behavioral support specialist and helping the students secure school clothes, BHHS Legacy Foundation hopes to give these children the chance to be lifelong learners, leaders, and productive citizens. “Thanks to Legacy and other donors, we are doing our best to make sure they have what they need to succeed,” says Banegas.
For many years, children and families in the Tri-State region lacked adequate access to outdoor recreation. For instance, kids in Mohave Valley and Fort Mohave had no public parks and had to travel nearly 24 miles to play soccer.

The Bullhead City Municipal Pool was closed from November through May, making year-round swimming and water aerobics impossible.

And the Needles Little League had 15 teams, with more than 150 children, sharing one field.

To improve health and quality of life in these communities, BHHS Legacy Foundation provided funds to support the completion of the Kiwanis Splash Park, build the baseball tri-plex at Rotary Park, and update the Bullhead City Municipal Pool with solar technology.

BHHS Legacy board member Thomas Dallman, MD, says, “These projects ideally meet the Foundation’s mission for improving and impacting the health of our community. We are confident they will also stand the test of time.”

Today, the Mohave Valley-Fort Mohave Community Park boasts baseball, softball, football, and soccer fields; basketball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, and pickleball courts; a BMX track; horseshoe pits; a food court; and more. Members of the Bullhead City Barracudas Swim Team can competitively train year-round. And the Needles Field of Dreams has a second field to practice and play baseball.

Thanks to BHHS Legacy funding, Tri-State parks such as Legacy Community Park and Rotary Park now have amenities such as shade ramadas, walking paths, picnic tables, and water fountains and provide a range of recreational and sports activities. All of these parks will serve the community for years to come, providing residents a way to stay physically active for generations.

“I cannot say enough about Legacy Foundation and the positive things they’re doing in our community,” says Toby Cotter, the city manager of Bullhead City. “The difference they make is profound.”
We assist community efforts working to solve local healthcare issues affecting Arizona’s most vulnerable groups.

**Grants 2016**

- American Red Cross – Northern Arizona Chapter
- Arizona Community Foundation
- Arizona Youth Partnership
- Assistance League of East Valley Arizona
- Assistance League of Phoenix, Arizona
- Association of Arizona Food Banks
- Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale
- Bridges to Recovery
- Bullhead Christian Center
- Bullhead City Barracudas Swim Team
- Bullhead City Elementary School District #15
- Children’s Action Alliance
- City of Bullhead City
- Colorado River Food Bank
- Colorado River Women’s Council
- Duet Partners in Health & Aging
- Experience Matters Consortium
- Family Promise – Greater Phoenix
- FSL Programs
- Kiwanis Club of Bullhead City, Morning Community Service Foundation
- Mohave Valley – Fort Mohave Community Park Committee
- Peer Solutions
- Salvation Army
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Topock 66 Foundation
- Valley of the Sun YMCA
- Waste Not

**Grants 2017**

- A New Leaf
- ALS Association Arizona Chapter
- American Red Cross – Northern Arizona Chapter
- American Red Cross of Greater Phoenix
- Arizona Youth Partnership
- Assistance League of East Valley Arizona
- Assistance League of Phoenix, Arizona
- Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Colorado River
- Children First Foundation
- City of Bullhead City
- Community Pride Advocates
- Debbie Gaby Charities
- Diana Gregory Outreach Services
- Gabriel’s Angels
- Lions Camp Tatiyee
- Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- Mohave Accelerated Learning Center
- Mohave County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue Bullhead City Unit
- Mohave Valley Clothe-A-Child Foundation
- Mohave Valley Elementary School District #16
- Mohave Valley United Methodist Church
- New Pathways for Youth
- Northwest Christian School
- OCJ Kids
- Playworks Education Energized
- River Fund
- Salvation Army
- Save the Family Foundation of Arizona
- Topock Community Pride
- UMOM New Day Centers
- The Victoria Foundation

**Amounts**

| Grants 2016 | $2,983,965 |
| Grants 2017 | $1,956,818 |
Recently, Jerry Wissink, CEO of BHHS Legacy Foundation, presided over the dedication of Legacy Place II, a renovated building on Coronado Road in downtown Phoenix that houses nonprofit agencies dedicated to improving the quality of life and health in our community.

It wasn’t the first time the Foundation tried its hand in fostering connections. In 2014, BHHS Legacy Foundation pioneered the creation of a nonprofit hub by opening the original Legacy Place. Wissink offered the space to eight nonprofits, and the building was filled in short order.

By focusing on nonprofits that fit Legacy’s philanthropic mission and providing shared facilities and amenities for them, it encouraged all of the agencies to collaborate. “When they’re all in a common campus, they tend to work more closely together, which is a huge piece of this model,” Wissink says.

Because of the success of Legacy Place, Wissink continued to look for opportunities to create synergies among nonprofits by creating another shared space. The perfect spot presented itself in 2015. Located at 340 E. Coronado Road, just down the street from BHHS Legacy Foundation and the original Legacy Place, the building provided the ideal setting for a second nonprofit center. So Wissink took on the role of project manager along with Plaza Companies as he oversaw the renovation, landscaping, interior design, and more throughout 2016 and 2017.

Today, Legacy Place II is home to three new tenants dedicated to doing good in the community: Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels, the Association of Arizona Food Banks, and Smiles Beyond the Bars.

For BHHS Legacy Foundation, the renovated buildings are both an investment in real estate and an investment in the community. “They will help revitalize the area and provide nonprofits a very good space to carry out their missions,” Wissink says.

The concept of a nonprofit incubator makes sense—so much so, other organizations are contacting Wissink to follow Legacy’s lead. The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona is creating a Legacy Place in Tucson, and the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona is creating one in Sierra Vista, too.

Looking ahead, Dan Oehler, BHHS Legacy Foundation board chair, sees Legacy Place II as second in a string of facilities that will help the Foundation carry out its mission. “When can we get started on Legacy Place III?” he asks.

BHHS Legacy Foundation is pleased to have had a hand in fostering connections among nonprofit professionals. “We felt this would enhance the collaborative spirit that needs to be present in the nonprofit field,” Wissink says.

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In Arizona, where one in five students lives in poverty, many children miss school because they lack clothes or supplies. That’s why each year, Legacy Connection—an affiliate organization of BHHS Legacy Foundation—collaborates with other community organizations through the Legacy Backpack Buddies Project, a wide range of programs providing more than 20,000 Arizona children with the essentials they need, but that their families can’t afford.

For example, at the New Clothes, New Beginnings distribution event at Grand Canyon University each July, the Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association typically provides more than 8,000 elementary schoolchildren from low-income families backpacks filled with clothes, back-to-school supplies, and health and hygiene staples.

The Tri-State Dress Kids for Success event each summer outfits over 3,000 kids in need through the support of Mohave Valley Clothe-A-Child Foundation and hundreds of community volunteers.

The Assistance League of Phoenix takes its Operation School Bell Delivering Dreams Bus on the road to Title I schools to deliver essential-need items to low-income children. Between the bus and its Philanthropic Center, the organization serves approximately 8,000 children a year.

And each year, the Assistance League of East Valley Arizona provides school uniforms, shoes, socks, and underwear to more than 6,000 children living in poverty at events held by ALEV at local Target stores.

Legacy Connection also supports Alpha Delta Kappa—the honorary organization for women educators—which distributes more than 10,000 books to children who attend the July Back-to-School Clothing Drive distribution, so they can start their own library.

Through donations, Legacy Connection has contributed more than $3.5 million to the community since its inception. In 2016 and 2017, donors contributed $320,000 toward Legacy Backpack Buddies projects.

Thanks to efforts like these, thousands of Arizona students can start the school year with confidence, ready to learn. To participate in the project and make a donation online, visit bhhslegacy.org. Legacy Connection is a qualifying nonprofit under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit program, which provides donors the opportunity to donate without cost.
Additionally, Legacy Connection raises funds throughout the year to support important health-related programs such as access to affordable health and dental services. Contributions to Legacy Connection also help pay for other types of assistance to meet the basic needs of children and their families in the Greater Phoenix and Tri-State regions.

In 2016 and 2017, Legacy Connection received more than $196,000 in community contributions to support organizations providing food, clothing, healthcare, and dental care to those in need in our community. In addition, nearly all Legacy Connection grants were awarded to organizations with an accompanying BHHS Legacy Foundation matching grant.

### Legacy Connection Grants
- Ability360
- CityServe Arizona
- Diana Gregory Outreach Services
- Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona
- Mission of Mercy
- Northwest Christian School
- Peer Solutions
- Phoenix Children’s Hospital
- Phoenix Day
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Joseph the Worker
Community Assistance Relief for Emergencies (C.A.R.E.) grants address diverse, time-sensitive needs for food, clothing, shelter, medical goods, pharmaceuticals, and hygiene products. In response to the ongoing and growing need for essential services, BHHS Legacy Foundation provides the funds necessary to keep crucial programs and facilities operating and communities strong. In 2016 and 2017, BHHS Legacy Foundation awarded over $450,000 in C.A.R.E. Grants to 57 nonprofit organizations.

Grants 2016

ALSAssociation Arizona Chapter
Andre House of Arizona
Arizona Community Foundation
Assistance League of Phoenix, Arizona
Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association
Bullhead City Elementary School District #15
Bullhead City Meals on Wheels
Caring Hearts Food Ministry
Central Arizona Shelter Services
Children First Foundation
Circle the City
City Bible Church
Colorado River Food Bank
Experience Matters Consortium
Food for Families – Bullhead City Food Bank
Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association
Greater Paradise Valley Community Assistance Team
Kiwanis Club of Bullhead City,
   Morning Community Service Foundation
Maggie’s Place
Mohave County Community College Foundation
Mohave Valley Clothe-A-Child Foundation
Mohave Valley United Methodist Church
National Kidney Foundation of Arizona
Neighborhood Ministries
Salvation Army
Set Free Christian Fellowship
Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Margaret Mary Conference
St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles
Therapeutic Harp Foundation
Topock 66 Foundation
UMOM New Day Centers
University of Arizona Foundation
Westcare Arizona I, Inc.
Worldly Kids, Inc.
Young Scholar’s Academy Charter School

$197,740
C.A.R.E. Grants

Grants 2017

Ability360
Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits
American Red Cross of Greater Phoenix
Andre House of Arizona
Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona Youth Partnership
Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix
Beatitudes Campus
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Colorado River
Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council
Bullhead City Firefighters Charities
Bullhead City Meals on Wheels
Caring Hearts Food Ministry
Central Arizona Shelter Services
City Bible Church Incorporated
City of Bullhead City
Colorado River Food Bank
Colorado River Union High School District #2
Colorado River Women's Council
Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
Family Promise – Greater Phoenix
Firebirds Football and Cheer
Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona
Food for Families – Bullhead City Food Bank
Greater Paradise Valley Community Assistance Team
Guardian Foundation
Hope United Methodist Church
Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council of Mohave County
Kitchen on the Street, Inc.
Kiwanis Club of Bullhead City,
  Morning Community Service Foundation
Kiwanis Club of the Colorado River, (Bullhead City, AZ)
  Community Welfare Foundation
Maggie's Place
Mohave Valley Clothe-A-Child Foundation
Mohave Valley Elementary School District #16
Mohave Valley United Methodist Church
Needles Youth Development and Education Foundation
Neighborhood Ministries
Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation
Phoenix Rotary Club Charities
Playworks Education Energized
River Fund
Salvation Army
Set Free Christian Fellowship
Shop With a Cop
Smiles Beyond the Bars
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Margaret Mary Conference
St. Joseph the Worker
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles
Tom Crawford's Leadership Children's Foundation
UMOM New Day Centers
University of Arizona Foundation
Westcare Arizona I

$256,738
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American Red Cross

Grantee Snapshot: American Red Cross

Every 8 minutes, nearly 180 times a day, the Red Cross responds to a disaster somewhere in the United States. In Maricopa County in 2016, volunteers were called out on a daily basis, responding to 377 local disasters, impacting more than 600 families.

BHHS Legacy Foundation grant funding supported the organization’s efforts throughout the state. It assisted American Red Cross of Greater Phoenix’s training for volunteers who provide prevention, education, and awareness as well as emergency food, clothing, safety, and housing in the wake of disasters such as house fires. In the Tri-State region, BHHS Legacy Foundation supported the Northern Arizona Chapter’s disaster and volunteer services. As a result, Red Cross volunteers assisted 25 local families after disaster. The organization also deployed locally trained volunteers to Texas to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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