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Upward Foundation

Upward Celebrates 50 Years

In early 1958 three families who had children with Down Syndrome got together to discuss their needs for a special child care facility. As the discussion continued it became obvious that there was no such facility in the Phoenix area. What happened next is history — Upward Foundation was born.

From those simple beginnings, Upward has grown to be a vital part of the Phoenix community, and one of the largest agencies serving children with special needs in Arizona. With your help, over the last 50 years Upward has:

- Served over 500 children and families in our Inclusive Child Care Program
- Provided Special Education to over 1,000 students

- Touched the lives of over 7,000 children with special needs and their families
- Provided over 500,000 hours of therapy for these special children

But this is only the beginning; the foundation of what is to be. As we look forward



Just One of our Special Children

to what the future may hold for Upward we continue to strive to meet the needs of our family, with the commitment to excellence that makes us Upward Foundation.

Recent reports indicate that there are over 18,000 children in Arizona that have developmental disabilities but who are not receiving the therapy they need to overcome their challenges. At Upward that information gives us the challenge to continue our expansion efforts, while maintaining the quality that has defined our 50 year history.

To find out how you can help us meet this challenge, please visit our website:
www.upwardfoundation.org

Join Kent Dana for Touch the Sky Breakfast 2008

Upward Foundation is proud to announce Touch the Sky 2008. Touch the Sky will be held on February 20, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. through 9:00 a.m., at the Phoenix Country Club.

This year we are honored to have Kent Dana as our keynote speaker. Kent is an award winning news broadcaster who has spent more than 30 years in Phoenix television. He has won several

Emmys and has been honored several times by being chosen Best Anchor in Phoenix by the Arizona Republic, Phoenix Magazine, and New Times.

Please join Kent as he helps Upward celebrate more than 50 years of serving children with special needs.

For more information please see our website:

www.touch-the-sky.org

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Eggleston Birthday Benefits Upward

Tom Eggleston turned 80 this year, and Upward Foundation received his birthday presents.

Tom is a former Glendale City Councilman, a former Vice Mayor of Glendale, and a Grandfather. When his family decided to hold an 80th Birthday Party for him, it was a big event. The Glendale Civic Center was full of people who were his friends, his co-workers, and his political supporters, and his friends. Tom, and his family, asked that gifts be given to Upward Foundation in his honor, and his friends responded in a tremendous way, donating everything from Diapers and Q-Tips, to Washcloths, Soap, Baby Bottles, Arts & Craft Supplies, and even Cash.

Why Upward? Tom has two grandchildren who receive Outpatient Therapy Services from Upward Foundation. Tom, his children, and his grandchildren are all a part of the Upward family — a family that includes more than five hundred children with special needs, and their families.

To Tom, his family, his friends, his co-workers, and his supporters Upward would like to say THANK YOU and WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

It is through your support that Upward has been able to serve children with special needs for over 50 years, and with your continued support we look forward to another 50 years.

Our new family members:

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"We are in the kid business, we specialize in special needs."

From the Desk of Jack Nevins, Executive Director

It is with heartfelt thanks to our supporters, our staff, and our Board of Directors, that I highlight Upward's major successes of 2007:

- Over 40 children served in our Special Education Program.
- More than 30 children served in our Inclusive Child Care Program.
- More than 325 children served in our Outpatient Therapy Program.
- A doubling of our Speech Therapy Staff — allowing us to double the number of children with speech disabilities that we serve.
- Four new Outpatient Therapy Rooms

Thank you for making 2007 a great year, and I look forward to working with you to make 2008 even better.



Did you know?

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is the collection of signs and symptoms resulting from the violent shaking of an infant or small child. It is a form of child abuse. In America every year an estimated 1,200 to 1,400 children are shaken for

whom treatment is sought. Of these tiny victims, 25—30% die as a result of their injuries. The rest will have lifelong complications. It is likely that many more babies suffer from the effects of SBS yet no one knows because SBS victims rarely have any ex-

ternal evidence of trauma.

For more information about SBS and other diagnoses that challenge our children please visit our website, and go the the Diagnoses page.

“Raising his eyebrows and blinking his eyes are ways in which he signals his responses.”

Caring. Compassionate. Dedicated.

That is what one teacher said sums up what Upward Foundation means to him.

As a part of our 2007 Strategic Planning Sessions, our Board of Directors posed the question to staff — “What does Upward Foundation mean to you?” The responses from staff were inspiring. Here is a sampling of

responses that we received:

- Kids with Special Needs
- We’re in the Kid Business, specializing in Special Needs
- The Kids
- Enhancing the lives of Children with Special Needs

- It’s the Kids

What does Upward Foundation mean to you? We would love to hear your responses. Simply send us an e-mail at:

info@upwardfoundation.org

We look forward to your input.

School Days

Halloween is a favorite day for children — they get to wear costumes, they get to act crazy, they get to have fun, and they get treats.

At Upward our children are no different. We celebrated Halloween on October 31st with a Music Rally, a Costume Contest, and a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. On that special Wednesday

we were joined by a Pirate, an Angel, and a Doctor. Even Spiderman and Dora the Explorer came to enjoy the festivities.

Of course, what would Halloween be without a Pumpkin Decorating Contest — we have one every year. This year we had four en-

tries and the competition was fierce. After much deliberation and several reviews, the judges

selected the pumpkin entered by our Preschool students. As I am sure you will agree, the preschoolers, led by Mrs. Angelia Fugatt, did a great job — we can hardly wait to see next years entries!



The Winning Pumpkin

Bowling Ball 2007

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It was a warm Saturday night in late September, September 29th to be exact, and the Brunswick Via Linda Lanes were particularly crowded, even for a Saturday night. After surveying the lanes I found my group — the 30 lanes of bowlers participating in the Second Annual Bowling Ball Funraiser held by Upward Foundation.

Not only did I have a fun night of bowling, but I enjoyed good food, good wine, and I got to meet a lot of nice people — there was even a team of Upward Speech Therapists spending an evening enjoying themselves and raising money to help children with special needs.

By the end of the evening, not only did over 120 people have fun, they helped people who could not help themselves.

Combining the Entry Fees and the Silent Auction together, we raised over \$7,000 to help these special children.

Thank you to our bowlers:

Sandy Abalos
Lili Aguilera
David Aller
Deana Aller
Jim Bissonett
Wendy Bissonett
Christie Bonfiglio
Tom Bonfiglio

Christian Broadwell
Jill Brown
Korbin Brown
Stan Brown
Dayna Bruce
Caitlin Caldwell
Adam Ceton
Jenny Czaplicki
Kim Daniels
Stuart Daniels
Erica Dermer
Dawn Drehobl
Steve Drehobl
Sandi Driml
Scott Driml
Bret Dunaway
Katie Dunaway
Teresa Dunaway
Shelly Dunlop
Chad Ekern
Courtney Ekern
Ryan Ekern
Chad Gardemann
Elizabeth Gardemann
Maggie Grady
Mindy Grady
Steve Grady
John Hannah
Liz Hannah
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Sarah Hargest
Alan Havir
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Marisa Hicks
Andy Ingram
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Carrie Klein
Patrick Klein
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Jeanie Little
Mary Little
Mitch Little
Steve Little
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Mary Martine
Jil Miller
Ken Miller
Roxane Morrissette
Anica Parker
Joe Parker
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Amy Ross
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Patrick Rottman
Pete Rottman
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Arizona Individual Income Tax Credit

Good news! Now you can give up to \$400 and receive up to a \$400 credit against your Arizona Income Tax liability. Arizona law (ARS §43-1088) provides for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for cash donations to Registered Non-Profit Organizations that assist the Working Poor.

Yes, it is true. You are eligible if you itemized deductions and deducted charitable contributions on a prior year's Arizona Individual Income Tax Return (1996 or later). This establishes a baseline year and amount. The baseline is the total dollar amount of charitable contributions deducted on Schedule A. The credit is then figured on the amounts over and above the baseline amount.

- Once the baseline is established you no longer have to itemize to claim the credit. (If you have not established a

baseline, you can begin one NOW for next year's credit.)

- The contribution is also available on your Federal Income Tax Return, Schedule A. So, your combined Federal and State tax savings can actually exceed the amount of your donation.



Some of the children your Tax Credit eligible donations help!

- The maximum Tax Credit is \$200 for a Single Person, or Head of Household, and \$400 for those filing as Married, Filing Jointly.
- This credit is available only to individuals.
- You must complete and return AZ Forms 301 and 321 with your Arizona Individual Income Tax Form.

2007 Tax Credit Form

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A Day in the Life of ...

Bright green eyes peek out from blonde locks of hair as T.J. takes in all the activity in Room 4 — the High School Room. He is eager to participate in the activities. Though a near-drowning accident nearly took his life at age two, leaving him unable to do the many things a growing boy loves to do, an awareness lays deep within. It is apparent in his eyes, which he uses to communicate.

As his physical condition deteriorates, it is even more important to reach T.J. On some level, he understands the deterioration, and communication is vital to give him a sense of normalcy — a sense that the world is a safe place despite his difficulties. This is where I come in, I am John Pierce, and T.J. has been my student for four years.

Today T.J.'s lesson centers around textures — whether things are bumpy or soft — and placing things into categories



of food, clothing or toys. He stares intently at each item placed in front of him, and utters deep, guttural sounds that sometimes turn into high-pitched murmurs. A smile spreads slowly across his face when I ask if a sock is something he might eat, or a rattle something he would wear. He is tired at the end of the lesson, but self-satisfied. Today is the first time he has indicated the correct category for all of the items presented. We shower him with praise and encouragement for his accomplishment.

Though T.J. works hard at his lessons, Music Therapy is easily his favorite activity. He hums softly to the music and at times gives a deep belly laugh. Today he chooses the green maraca to help her make beautiful music.