

# History of FCF

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In the early 1980s, many people living in Cave Creek, Carefree and land around these two unincorporated towns sensed a need for a more formal and specific organization than was provided by Maricopa County. Both communities had independent improvement associations which served them as quasi-government groups. Even after each town was incorporated, the Carefree Improvement Association (CIA) and the Cave Creek Improvement Association continued to function, but it was becoming apparent to some citizens that there was a need for a more united effort.

At a social evening in March 1984, the idea of a citizen's organization that would encompass the entire foothills began to jell as Bob Ingersoll, Dave Rewick and Chet Goldberg discussed their long-range dreams. In April, the ideas were shared with Doug Williams and Harry Howard who offered their support.

Announcement of a Long-Range Planning Committee was made in the Foothills Sentinel on April 10, 1985.

Carefree had been incorporated as a town on December 3, 1984, and then the Carefree Improvement Association, sensing that its work was done, was discussing dissolution. They now proposed a new organization to be formed by combining the Future Committee and the CIA into an inter-community group. Their assets would be transferred to the new creation which would take the name Foothills Community Foundation.

On January 27, 1986, the Foothills Community Foundation was officially approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission. Seventeen board members were named in the documents.



Corinne Cockburn  
Hugh Downs  
F. Thomas Fifield  
Chet Goldberg  
Gary Goodman  
Harry S. Howard  
Charles Huebner  
Robert Ingersoll

Landis S. Kurz  
William Lanigan  
Gayle B. Mattingly  
Donald A. Parks  
Wayne Portanova  
Irwin Rector  
David Rewick  
Derek VanDyke  
Douglas Williams

On June 18, 1986, the Internal Revenue Service granted the Foothills Community Foundation tax exempt status and on November 4, 1986, the Carefree Improvement Association was officially dissolved.

## FCF: Your Community Connection

FCF (Foothills Community Foundation) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources for education, community service and cultural enrichment to Desert Foothills residents of all ages. We are your community connection offering learning and social opportunities, as well as support and development to emerging community needs.

We are located at the Holland Community Center on the Black Mountain Campus, along with the Desert Foothills YMCA and Paradise Valley Community College. In this 10,000 square foot facility, FCF has been able to expand its programs, to leverage the opportunity for joint programs with our partners and to continue improving the quality of life for all our Foothills neighbors.

As a community service organization, FCF is dedicated to supporting all residents of the Foothills Community irrespective of their race, religion, gender, creed, age, national or ethnic origin, disability and sexual preference.

FCF funding comes from membership dues, corporate and local government support, ticket revenues, gifts and bequests. We are steadfast about using our resources, both financial and human, wisely. The following pages describe all that FCF has accomplished this past year.



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## Letter from the Outgoing President

Dear FCF Friends,

I would like to begin by saying that it has been an honor and privilege to serve FCF as a director for six years and President for the last three. This is an exceptional organization with a rich 25 year heritage and a very bright future.

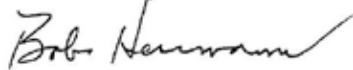
FCF is in the midst of a transformation from the storefront location on Tom Darlington Drive as an umbrella organization of programs and activities to the manager and operator of the Holland Community Center on the Black Mountain Campus. The transition has been, at times, difficult and uncomfortable as efforts have been undertaken to meet the desires and demands of a disparate community of neighbors of all ages. Much has been accomplished but much more remains to be done. The theme of collaboration with other local nonprofits has been a key objective. Successes with our campus partners, Scottsdale Healthcare, the Kiwanis Club of Carefree, the Cave Creek School District, Foothills Food Bank and others can be enumerated.

We continue to feel the financial pressure of a depressed economy and are striving to maintain a stable financial footing. It is critical that residents see the Holland Center as their own and a place to come to enjoy and be involved in activities that are varied, fun and stimulating.

I am proud to salute and welcome the election of four new board members, John Arant, Noah Kendrick, Mike Powell and Kim Prince. The backgrounds and skills of this group insure an increased focus and a strengthened organization. I am pleased to report that Tom Lankford, a four year director, will assume the role of President. Tom's leadership and financial acumen are bound to put FCF in good stead for the next quarter century.

My tenure with FCF has been challenging but extremely satisfying. My sincerest thanks to FCF staff and to each of you for your generous support of me and this wonderful organization.

Respectfully,



Bob Herrmann  
President



### Past Presidents of the FCF

Louise Rosenburgh, 2007, 2008

Susan Vanik 2005, 2006

Jill Ford, 2003, 2004

Lynn Walsh, 2002

Frank Abbruscato, 2000, 2001

Vicki King, 1998, 1999

Kathy Noltze, 1996, 1997

Gerard Veneman, 1995

Dorothy McGinnis, 1994

Luther Ditatush, 1993

Richard Bergstrom, 1992

George Holland, 1991

Marie Rector, 1990

David Rewick, 1989

George Bowles, 1988

Donald Parks, 1987

Chet Goldberg, 1986

## Letter from the Incoming President



Dear FCF Friends,

I am privileged to greet you as the incoming President of FCF. I'm Tom Lankford, and it is my honor to serve with our staff, Board of Directors and other volunteers during the 2011/2012 fiscal year. I look forward to a very productive year, during which I know I will have the opportunity to meet and work with many of you.

Last year we celebrated FCF's 25th anniversary, and now it is time to look forward to our next 25 years of service to the Foothills Community. Our programs are strong, and their leaders are working to make the program offerings even more exciting and robust as we move into the coming year. In addition, we have a wonderful FCF-Holland Community Center on the Black Mountain Campus along side the YMCA and PVCC. As we transition into our next quarter century, we have a sharpened focus on how we can make that space more relevant to you through programming and other creative usage plans that will involve additional segments of our community. We welcome and encourage your ideas and involvement with our programs and the Center.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I ask for your continued support of FCF in this important transition year. We genuinely need and appreciate your contribution and involvement with our programs, and welcome any suggestions you may have to help us meet the growing needs of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

Tom Lankford

### FCF Board of Directors

#### 2010-2011

Daryl Abbott

Lee Anderson

Susan Bulfinch

Michael Cassidy

Paul Dale

Pat Dalton

Denise DiGianflippo

Dennis Gougion

Jill Hall

Kathy Haugner

Bob Herrmann

Tom Lankford

Sally MacKinnon

Breon Michel

Jeff Miller

Paula Scully

Eddie Smith

Diane Vaszily

Lisa Fullam Wheeler

Barbara Zinser

# FCF Executive Committee

## **Bob Herrmann**

*President*

**B**ob and his wife Barbara have lived in the Legend Trail community for the past 12 years. Bob spent 33 years with the U.S. Treasury Department in bank regulations and then two year with a major U.S. consulting firm in that business. Bob has been with the FCF for 5 year. He feels he has reached a time in his life where giving back is important. Bob is also involved with the Kiwanis Club of Carefree and other community services.

## **Eddie Smith**

*Vice President*

**E**ddie is a retired partner in a consulting firm and business owner. He holds a BS degree from the University of Illinois, an MBA from the University of Chicago and a JD from ASU School of Law. In addition to serving on the FCF Executive Committee, Eddie provides pro bono legal assistance to the elderly through the Arizona Senior Citizens Law Project and serves on a nonprofit board that assists the Phoenix homeless. He is an elder of the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church and sings with the Upscale Singers. Eddie chaired the committee responsible for FCF's transition to the Holland Community Center. Eddie and his wife Susan live in the Crossing of Carefree in the winter and San Diego in the summer.

## **Jeff Miller**

*Vice President*

**J**eff and Sue Miller became active supporters of FCF shortly after they began to winter in Arizona in 2005. Jeff joined the MindQuest committee in 2007 and was appointed MindQuest Committee Chair in 2008 when the Millers moved to Legend Trail full time. Jeff taught at Boston University for 26 years, and maintains an affiliation with BU as Professor Emeritus of Operations and Technology Management. Originally from Indiana, Jeff started his career in operations and marketing at Dow Chemical, and followed up with 38 years of teaching, writing, and consulting while at Purdue, Harvard Business School, Stanford and Boston University.

## **Lee Anderson**

*Treasurer*

**L**ee R. Anderson, CFA, is a Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager at Northern Trust's Pinnacle Peak office in Scottsdale, Arizona. Prior to joining Northern, Lee served as VP and Senior Portfolio Manager at First National Bank of Colorado/Tributary Capital Management in Denver. All in all, Lee has more than 20 years of experience in investment management and brokerage services. Lee and his wife, Karen have three children in the Cave Creek Unified School District. Lee is active in Rotary, Boy Scouts of America, Cactus Foothills Little League and Cave Creek/Carefree Football.

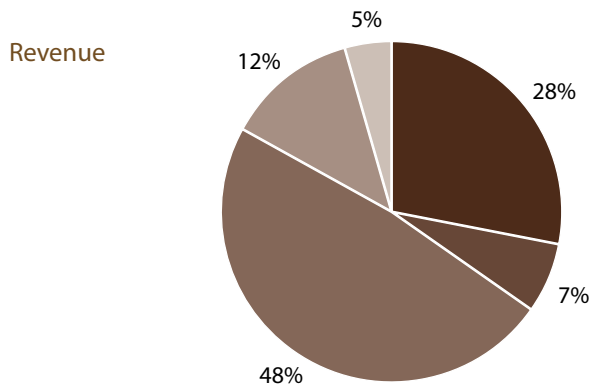
## **Susan Bulfinch**

*Secretary*

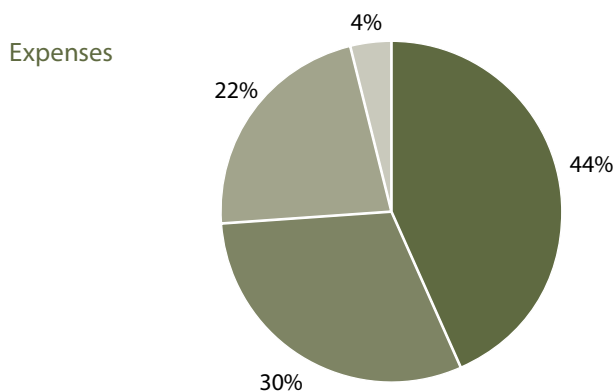
**S**usan Bulfinch, J.D. brings non-profit experience to FCF. Susan serves on the executive committee and is one of the tri-chairs of the MindQuest committee. Last year, she served on the 25th Anniversary dinner committee. Self-described as a recovering attorney, Susan has a private practice specializing in mediation and conflict resolution training. She mediates for the U.S. Postal Service REDRESS Program and serves on the Employment Mediation Panel for the American Arbitration Association among others. She is past president of the Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution, immediate past president of the Maricopa County Association for Family Mediators, and vice president of the Metropolitan chapter of Business and Professional Women. She is active in Project Civil Discourse, a coalition of partner organizations committed to sharing proven skills that enhance and improve debate on important public policy issues. Susan and her husband Gary moved to Arizona in 2005 and enjoy reading, hiking, and traveling.

## 2010-2011 Financial Highlights

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011



	2010-2011	2009-2010
Membership/Donations	\$165,000	\$171,000
Grants	39,000	130,000
Program Revenue & Events	284,000	137,000
Investment Income (Loss)	74,000	75,000
Other	25,000	57,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$587,000</b>	<b>\$570,000</b>



	2010-2011	2009-2010
Program & Event Costs	\$237,000	\$213,000
Personnel Costs	165,000	114,000
Operating Expenses	122,000	100,000
Fundraising	20,000	16,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$544,000</b>	<b>\$443,000</b>

On June 30, 2011 the Foothills Community Foundation had total net assets of \$633,351 including Education and Operating Endowment Funds of \$445,270. The Arizona Community Foundation manages the Endowment Funds.

The Foothills Community Foundation continues to develop policies and practices to improve operational efficiency and to best use and protect the funds entrusted to us. We engage certified public accountants to review our financial statements annually.

All financial reports are available online at [www.azfcf.org](http://www.azfcf.org).

\*2010-2011 Audit in progress at printing.

	2010-2011	2009-2010
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash & Equivalents	\$118,000	\$118,000
Other Current Assets	56,000	48,000
Fixed Assets, Net of Depr.	14,000	31,000
Endowment Funds	445,000	418,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$633,000</b>	<b>\$615,000</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities	\$12,000	\$1,000
Net Assets	621,000	614,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$633,000</b>	<b>\$615,000</b>

## Desert Foothills Theatre

Desert Foothills Theater has been growing dramatically for the past four years. From a season of just two musical revues and a series of one-night events called theatricals to a season of six major productions (four adult and two youth theater), three annual fundraising events (Oscar Night, Spaghetti Dinner, High-End Donor Event) DFT has beaten the odds and grown during the recession while other theaters were closing their doors.



"Seussical Jr." (from left) Sophia Tolson, Mattea Reeves, Lily Castle and Hollis Johnson



"Dan-Dee Musical" (from left) Roy Hunt, Shannon Wallace, Michael Stewart, Kat Bailes, T.A. Burrows

In the 2010/2011 season alone our projected budget was \$30,000 more than the 2009/2010 budget (to \$176,000)...but that was just the start. DFT generated \$30,000 more in income than was originally projected for 2010/2011, ending the season with over \$206,000 in income. While DFT was unable to finish the

season in the black, the deficit was less than 3% of the organization's overall budget and well under the \$14,000 in annual overhead DFT provides to the Foothills Community Foundation.



The Ladies of Dixie Swim Club

Fabulous community support and growth in the scope and popularity of DFT's youth theater program

(DFT Gecko Teatro) have both contributed to this wonderful success. Individual donations ended \$1500 over projections for the year and DFT's production of *Seussical, Jr.* garnered wonderful ticket sales and critical acclaim. This excitement

lead to DFT Gecko Teatro's 4th Annual Summer Theater Camp being sold out one month before it started with an additional 15 spaces added since the previous year.



Joshua Fowler as Conrad Birdie makes the girls swoon in "Bye Bye Birdie"

Through the 2010/2011 season, Desert Foothills Theater had some impressive numbers. DFT provided:

- Productions for 5700 audience members
- Participation opportunities for 121 youth and adult actors (ages 8-80+)
- Employment for three part-time administrative staff people and contract employment for over 30 directors and theater technicians
- Volunteer opportunities for 60+ volunteer ushers, house managers, backstage workers, box office support people, set painters and costume makers
- A two-week artist-in-residency project for 120 students in grades 1-4 at Foothills Academy Elementary Prep
- After-school and evening classes for 50 students ages 5-70+; and
- Two weeks of summer theater training (over 60 hours) for 50 campers ages 8-15

## Desert Foothills Theatre *(continued)*

The 2010/2011 season saw further growth in expertise and numbers on the DFT Advisory Board. In-depth strategic planning led to the development of a clear outline for DFT objectives over the next three years. In addition the 2010/2011 season saw the development of the DFT Gecko Teatro Teen Leadership Council (for young artists ages 13-18) and the DFT Gecko Teatro Parent Leadership Council. Both DFT Gecko Teatro support groups have taken on major fundraising events and provided extensive volunteer support to the activities of DFT overall.

The 2010/2011 season started with the garnering of five ariZoni Award nominations for our 2009/2010 season and two wins including Best Overall Production, Non-Contract Theater for our production of Unnecessary Farce, Best Actress in a Leading Role for Nathalie Cadieux of Unnecessary Farce. We were happy to receive those awards and proud of the work we had done.

That being said, the 2011/2012 season is already starting off on an even better note. Desert Foothills Theater and DFT Gecko Teatro together have earned 32 ariZoni Award nominations this year (13 for Seussical, Jr. and 19 for the adult theater with three of the four productions receiving at least one nomination). Three of our 2010/2011 productions are nominated for Best Overall Production this year and each one in a different category. The Dixie Swim Club for Non-Contract Play; A DAN-DEE Musical Revue for Non-Contract Musical and Seussical, Jr. for Musical, Youth Theatre. Awards will be announced on September 19, 2011.

Desert Foothills Theater's future is bright. The organization boasts fabulous community support and valley-wide recognition as one of the top theaters.



*DeJean Brown in "Inspecting Carol"*



*"The Rocky Monster Show"  
(from left) Jacob Emmett, Ashley Shirley, Nicole Tibbits*

*Photo credit: Jeremy Andorfer,  
Vangelis Productions*



To Seek. To Learn. To Inspire

## MindQuest

FCF-MindQuest had another banner year launching new initiatives. Over 300 people attended this season enjoying outstanding lectures and informative Q&A discussions. A fourth lecture was added to the series this year to meet growing demand.

In October, CSI: The Real Story presented by Luke Haag, former Director of the Phoenix Crime Lab, traced the evolution of forensics, its role in law enforcement and the challenges facing forensic detectives today. Haag shared personal stories from his forensic work on the Ruby Ridge and other cases. This program partnered with Paradise Valley Community College to present a Kid's MindQuest where students were introduced to fingerprinting and other forensic tools.



In November, U.S. Presidents in Time of War was presented by Professor Brooks Simpson, a noted Presidential historian. Simpson outlined the growth of presidential power in time of war to better understand present day policy. The program drew the interest of history buffs and students from Cactus Shadows High School Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

MindQuest began the year with The Creation of the Mexican Southwest, 1850-2011. Brian Gratton, Professor of History at ASU, explored the contested terrain of the Southwest, examining the influence of Spanish, Mexican and indigenous populations and settlement. He spoke further about the migrations which opened the door to rapid growth of Euro-American settlement.



MindQuest wrapped up the season with a provocative lecture by Dr. Bill Harris, President of Science Foundation Arizona: Science: Catalyst for a New Arizona? Arizonans want a strong economy, a good education system and more high-quality jobs. Dr. Harris compared Arizona's educational goals with respect to science and math with those of China, Ireland, Florida and California, to name a few. A lively question and answer period followed.

The season closed with the annual ice cream social during which attendees were asked to complete a survey indicating their choices of topics for next season.

MindQuest has evolved into an intergenerational learning experience. High school and college students attended many of the lectures and participated in the lively discussions afterwards.

## Visual Arts

For the past 21 years, the Visual Arts program of FCF has provided lectures and tours to over 2,000 people in our community. Our events have provided educational and entertaining activities focusing on fine arts. During our 2011 season, eight hour-long art lectures were present at the FCF Holland Community Center by well-known and respected museum docents, artists and curators.

- Larry Charles **Toulouse-Lautrec: The Other Side of Paris** – How an aristocrat from Toulouse turned night clubbing into fine art bravado. Larry Charles is both an artist in his own right and a long-time instructor at the Scottsdale Artist's School.
- Clark Olson **Eight Easy Pieces to Collecting Art** – Clark Olson is co-owner of the Bonner David Galleries and also a professor in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at ASU as well as well as being a senior docent at the Phoenix Art Museum.
- Donna Isaac **The Soleri Bridge and Plaza: 25 Year in Making a Landmark for Scottsdale** – Donna Isaac is currently Senior Project Manager with Scottsdale Public Art and she has been sheparding this project – the first bridge by Paolo Soleri to be completed in the world.
- Claire C Carter **Mapping Place: Contemporary Landscape Photography of the West** – Claire C. Carter is Assistant Curator at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art.
- Harumi Maejima **Kimono Evolution** – Within a historical context, presentations of Kimonos worn for different occasions and seasons. Harumi Maejima is Co-founder and President of the Japanese Culture Club of Arizona. She also teaches Yoga and is a Master of Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging.
- Douglas Sydnor AIA **The Evolving Scottsdale Architectural Story** – Over the years many historic architectural treasures have been lost. This lecture reminded us the rich and varied architectural heritage found in the Scottsdale area. Douglas Sydnor is the President of Douglas Sydnor Architect and Associates, inc. in Scottsdale and the author of "Images of America: Scottsdale Architecture."
- Larry Charles Charles Russell: **Creating our Western Image** –America's authentic cowboy artist helped re-create the myth of the vanishing West for art lovers at the turn of the 20th century. Larry Charles is both an artist in his own right and a long-time instructor at the Scottsdale Artist's School.
- Dr. Letitia Chambers **Art in Context** – Dr. Letitia Chambers is the President and CEO, Heard Museum.



Toulouse – leutrec



Soleri Bridge



If you are interested in volunteering and/or organizing art tours and lectures for Visual Arts, please call the FCF office at 480.488.1090.

## Foothills Film Society

The FCF Film Society offers a selection of excellent movies particularly suited to Foothills residents who truly enjoy the cinema and want to share their interest and pleasure with others. Since 2009, 62 films have been shown covering a variety of genre including drama, comedy, documentaries and foreign films – care has always been given to selecting topics that appeal to a wide range of viewers. Each film is introduced by a guest speaker who also leads a group discussion at the conclusion of the movie.

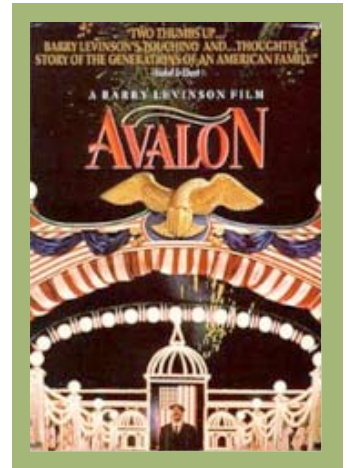
Last season's films shown between January and March were:

Darrell Copp, Cinema and Public Speaking Faculty at Scottsdale Community College introduced **Avalon** – Barry Levinson's critically acclaimed, semi-autobiographical masterpiece, *Avalon* follows an immigrant, San Krichinsky and his extended family as they seek a dream called America in a place called Avalon. From poverty to prosperity, the Krichinsky family faces a changing world with enduring humor and abiding love. Levinson never fails to find the comedy and immediacy of their immigrant experience. A superb cast led by Armin Meuller-Stahl, Aidan Quinn and Elizabeth Perkins perfectly captures the vibrant love and laughter of this quintessentially American family.

Ed Everroad, Theater Arts Faculty at Scottsdale Community College discussed **October Sky** – Based on a true story, this saga takes place in a West Virginia coal-mining town in the late 1950's. Homer Hickman, a high school student, fascinated with rocket science when he sees Sputnik race across the sky. After experimenting and nearly blowing himself up, he manages to launch his own rocket to the amazement of the entire town, and more importantly to the reluctant approval of his father. The cast includes Laura Dern, Jake Gyllenhaal, William Lee Scott, Chad Lindberg and Chris Owen.

Dr. Penelope Price, Executive Producer, Writer and Director at the SCC Film School introduced **Tea with Mussolini** – Set in Tuscany from 1932 to 1945, it is a bittersweet drama that spans the reign of Italy's fascist regime, the outbreak of World War II and the arrival of peace. The action turns to the character of a young man, taken under wing by five eccentric and strong-willed women living in Florence's Anglo-American community. Starring Joan Plowright, Maggie Smith and Judi Dench as a trio of colorful British expatriates. It also stars Lily Tomlin as an American archeologist and Cher as a wealthy American art dealer with a string of husbands and lovers behind her.

The Film Society's program continues to appeal to those who like to attend the cinema "in their own backyard" at the FCF-Holland Community Center.



## Partners in Education - PIE

Since 1992, Partners In Education (PIE) and its predecessors have raised nearly \$ 2 million to enhance the educational experience of local K-12 students by 1) Encouraging advances in teaching and learning through grants, programs and/or volunteer effort, and 2) Providing scholarships that ensure that the children of families with limited resources will be able to access tutorial and academic enrichment programs.

In 2010/11, PIE fundraising efforts netted \$72,903.24. Fundraising expenses of \$5,985.43 netted \$66,917.81 to support PIE's mission. Major fundraising events included the 1st Annual Desert Foothills Community Spelling Bee and the PIE annual appeal. \$19,160.00 was also provided from the FCF Endowment.

In partnership with DFCE, PIE provided funding to support 46 Save One Student (SOS) scholarships in 2010/11. This financial aid gave 10 children a head start in preschool; the families of 36 children that qualified for free and reduced lunch support were provided with scholarships to the enrichment and tutorial programs offered through DFCE.

FCF's Holland Community Center provided PIE with an opportunity to promote family learning while partnering with FCF's MindQuest program to present KidQuest-CSI. We are grateful for the support of the volunteers and organizations that partnered with us in offering these events, including the Paradise Valley Community College and teachers from local schools.

Our Teacher Vision Grant program supports sustainable and transferable innovations in local schools. In 2010, two Teacher Vision Grants were awarded to three teachers in the CCUSD system for a total of \$8,590. Teacher Vision Grants promise to advance learning in the arts, mathematics, communications and information technology and the environment. Multi-year projects with significant promise are considered. Each Teacher Vision Grant may be awarded up to \$5,000. In addition to the Teacher Vision Grants, PIE awarded \$7,000 in School Vision Grants to enable individual CCUSD schools to support artists, scientists or other professionals in residence, in-service training for teachers, and entry fees for student and teacher competitions.



Leah Witzig, Black Mountain Elementary Student, enjoying a computer her teacher, Heidi Befort, got with her Teacher Vision Grant.

### Domestic Violence Education & Awareness - DVEA

Beginning in 2001, the Domestic Violence Education and Awareness Committee (DVEA) has been addressing bullying and other youth violence prevention initiatives in our area through financial assistance to local schools and outside counseling programs. Research shows that aggressive behavior in children predicts risk of later delinquency, substance abuse, school dropout, early parenthood and depression. Based on more than fifteen years of classroom application and the most current academic, social and emotional research, the SECOND STEP program focuses on essential competencies – empathy, impulse control and problem solving, and anger management. The SECOND STEP curriculum is presently being funded by DVEA and is in the Cave Creek Unified School District. This program targets K-6 grades and is provided by a trained counseling staff. Results from last year show that students demonstrated an overall 43% improvement from pre- to post testing on knowledge-based items and behavior change as measured by responses to scenarios. Teachers report that students use concepts taught in SECOND STEP in their interaction with peers. Classroom use of this program helps provide children with skills they need to create safe environments and become successful adults.

Starting in March, the CCUSD implemented an additional program for those students found guilty of bullying, harassment or hazing. In the past, the disciplinary measures used for a first offense varied from a student conference to expulsion. Through the diversion program, the student and parent will be required to attend a two hour educational session. Using a cognitive approach, students will be provided with the knowledge of what bully behaviors are along with a specific skill set to effectively change their behavior. Parents will be given a skill set to successfully deal with their children and their behaviors. Parents and students will be working in separate groups for the first hour. In the last half hour, parents and students will work together to develop a plan for the child on how they will correct their behavior and develop consistent consequences at home if the behavior continues. Principals are able to offer a reduction in suspension days to students and their parents who agree to attend the program. Failure to attend would result in the reinstatement of the original suspension. This initiative was funded by DVEA.

### Holiday Project

Working together, FCF and the Foothills Food Bank were able to make the holidays better for 285 struggling families or almost 1200 individuals (up from 48 families in 2008).

The Holiday Project is a wonderful way for the community to work together and show their support for their neighbors in need. This program helped provide food, clothing and toys to existing clients of the Foothills Food Bank – low income families who would not have a Christmas were it not for this program.

## Holiday Project *(continued)*

Other non-profit community partners such as Carefree Kiwanis, Rotary of Scottsdale, Salvation Army of Anthem and Carefree, Rural Metro of Cave Creek, the Carefree Fire Department, St. Vincent De Paul (Our Lady of Joy and St. Gabriel chapters) and Foothills Caring Corps teamed up for this Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project. FCF even put up a "Necessitree" in the lobby of the Holland Community Center where the public could donate necessities such as shampoo and paper products that aren't provided by the Food Bank. On Sunday, December 19th, with Christmas music playing, candy canes stocked and Santa's lap ready, the registered families came for a meal provided by Desert Mountain and picked up their presents. Rural Metro Firemen and other volunteers cheerfully helped carry the presents out to the recipient's car. All you needed to do was look at all the smiling faces to know that the 2010 Holiday Project was a huge success!



*(top left)* Firemen volunteers at the Holiday Project dinner. *(top right)* Holiday Project recipients. *(bottom)* Holiday Project recipient family.



## Caring Communities

Caring Communities is a community service program of FCF and the Black Mountain Campus whose mission is to build healthy communities through creating strong, healthy families. Our vision is to "Provide guidance and resources for youth and families through prevention."

Caring Communities' Advisory Board is made up of individuals representing various organizations in the community that build on existing programs addressing health and safety issues. Specifically our goal is to provide guidance and resources for youth and families through problem prevention, intervention and education in the areas of: a) family/parenting; b) social issues/peer relationships; (c) seminars/education; d) substance abuse. These services and programs are available through a part time community social worker, Krista Walker, MSW. Her office is in the Holland Community Center.

Last year the program assisted 40 elementary age students and their families; 29 middle school age students and their families; 51 high school age students and their families and 27 adults and seniors in our community. Issues included behavioral health issues, financial supports, bereavement, substance abuse, grandparents as caregivers, bullying, legal custody issues, education, medical concerns, transitional living and therapy specific topics (i.e. self-esteem, substance abuse, ADHD).

### Caring Communities *(continued)*

Caring Communities held 3 community forums - "Current Drug Trends"; "A Parent's Guide to Understanding Internet Safety"; and "Kids in Crisis: Identifying the Signs and Accessing Care". A Community Health and Resource Fair was held in late February and attracted over 20 community and outreach agencies.

Caring Communities is a project that continues to progress thanks to the generous support of FCF, Kiwanis, Desert Hills Presbyterian, Cave Creek Unified School District, Scottsdale Healthcare, Foothills Food Bank, PVCC and YMCA at Black Mountain. Because of their support Caring Communities was able to implement many beneficial programs for the 2010/2011 year. We hope that these agencies will continue to support the activities of Caring Communities so that we might increase community awareness and participation as we work to achieve our future goals:

- Offering resources to support groups that target community needs and help combat prevalent youth problems.
- Delivering educational programs that promote positive behavior and essential life skills in every child.
- Serving as a resource network for community members on existing community resources and programs.
- Strengthening family relationships by providing educational support groups (i.e. positive parenting, domestic violence...)

### Desert Awareness Committee - DAC

Our year started with our exciting program "Places to Hike" from Hassayampa to Four Peaks! And we did just that! Our December Hike found us leaping over rocks (well maybe not leaping) to find the hidden petroglyphs of New River. They are truly there! Our March hike found us on the chalcedony covered ridges of Lake Pleasant. Our April Fool's Day hike was to the Four Peaks amethyst mine between peak 3 and 4. What a beautiful hike it was! Now we need a class to make jewelry! If you missed out on the hikes this year, watch for the 2011-2012 calendar...there will be more!

The January program provided the public with a "hands'on" opportunity to see, taste and smell the desert close up in our second annual "Touch of the Desert" program. Visitors were able to see the true inner workings of our local "giants" as they handled saguaro "boots", exterior skin, skeletal ribs, cross sections, even an entire "arm". Desert plants were presented



## Desert Awareness Committee - DAC (*continued*)

both as foods and as medicines. Hard to identify “look alike” plants were explained and available for close inspection. Skulls, skins and bodies of various desert predators were on display for a close up view, while rocks and minerals from our surrounding hills were identified and discussed. A rare treat was provided by the museum and the archaeological society with a touchable display of local lithics and pottery sherds. Desert Awareness Committee was thrilled to participate in the Archaeological Society’s Expo held at Spur Cross in March. Although the wildflowers had not yet peeked out of their winter slumber, our botanist, Gretchen Mills, coaxed quite few to reveal themselves so visitors could identify them.

Once again the DAC helped to sponsor the Cave Creek 2nd Annual Trail Run for youth and adults along with the City of Cave Creek. A scavenger Fun Run Scavenger Hunt was set up for ages under 12 in hopes that our Desert Reach classes from the 5 elementary schools would join in for a real desert experience. Winners received a cash gift of \$25, \$15, and \$10.

The number of students who participated in the DAC fourth grade outreach program in the Cave Creek schools this year totaled 400 bringing our total for the 9 years the DAC has been providing the educational program to 3500. With enough volunteers, we hope to expand our program into the third grade.

A memorial tribute was held for long time Desert Awareness Committee member Marguerite Lanham as friends and family gathered to relate memorable moments they shared with Marguerite. A great time was held by all. The Green committee of Cave Creek presented a Green Living seminar which captured everyone’s attention. We hope to join forces to develop a program in water conservation for next year.

Have you tried the desert grocery store or the desert pharmacy lately? Our knowledgeable members can fill you in on what to eat and how to keep well from desert plants. We did that very thing with our classes on foods and medicines. If you’d like to join in a future exploration of this topic, check out the schedule on our web site at [www.azfcf.org/desert\\_awareness.html](http://www.azfcf.org/desert_awareness.html).

Look for our latest edition of “*Fragile Desert*” with new color artwork on the front cover! They will be available all over town, through our web site and on Amazon.com .



Diane Vaszily sharing her “Desert Knowledge”.



DAC on a hike.

## Activities

FCF is your community connection dedicated to providing educational, community service and cultural enrichment resources for Desert Foothills residents of all ages. FCF expanded their list of programs in the second year in the center and is always looking for new program ideas.

Here are a few programs that took place in the Holland Community Center throughout the year:

**Programs** – Foothills Film Society Movies, MindQuest Lectures, Visual Arts Lectures, Scottsdale Healthcare Lectures – Walking Program, Skin Cancer Screening, Blood Pressure, Breathing, Cardiovascular, Desert Critters and Nuts

**Fellowship** - Ladies Night Out, Sing-a-longs – Christmas and 1960's through 1970's, Pep Rally, Wine Tastings, Mini AZ Car Racing, Coloring & Conversations, Cave Creek Chamber Mixer, School Sock Hop

**Classes** – Music Together, Mommy and Me, Summer Arts Institute, Bridge, YMCA Cheer, Hoopla Exercise, Desert Foothills Theater Conservatory of Performing Arts Classes, Scottsdale Artist School classes, Brio Fine Arts School, YMCA Summer Camp

**Community Outreach** - Holiday Project, Black Mountain Summer Programs Registration Headquarters, Solar Energy Lectures, Black Mountain Fine Arts Festival , Forums, AP Testing, AZ Women in Higher Education Conference

**Meetings** - Key Club Meetings, Kiwanis Meetings, Habitat for Humanity Meetings, Foothills Caring Corps Meetings, Aktion Club Meetings, Cave Creek Football Association Meetings and Sign-ups, Little League Meetings and Sign-Ups, HOA Meetings, Annual Meetings

**Celebrations** - Baby Showers, Birthday Parties, Anniversary Parties, Memorials, Graduation Ceremony, Wedding

**Theater** - Desert Foothills Theater Rehearsals, Play Performances, Wrap parties  
FCF welcomes ideas for new programs. Please contact our office with suggestions.



## 5th Annual "A Night at the Oscars" – *Turning the Oscar on Its Head*

Where else, but in Cave Creek, could you hang with the Queen, Mark Zuckerberg and Rooster Cogburn while enjoying the presentation of the Academy Awards. Desert Foothills Theater hosted their 5th annual Academy Awards event, *Turning the Oscar on its Head*, on Sunday, February 26th at Harold's Cave Creek Corral. This "come as you wish" event provided VIP seating at tables themed according to a nominated movie and each had its own private concierge at their beck and call. Anne Hathaway and James Franco served as master and mistress of ceremonies while the guests watched the presentation of the 83rd Academy Awards on the big screen. Commercial breaks allowed for Pick the Winner contests, a silent auction and raffle. Hats off to Bill Vail and Danny Piacquadio for the food and hospitality, Francis Ford Coppola Winery for the wine, local businesses for the raffle items and all our dedicated volunteers for a very fun evening. This event gets better every year!



(top left) 50/50 Raffle Winners. (top right) Director Sara Bernstein and friends. (bottom left) Rooster Cogburn and Miss Kitty, a.k.a. Alexx Stuart and Diedre Kaye. (bottom right) The Queen and her court.



## Library Team Wins Community Spelling Bee

The D'Backs and Rockies weren't the only teams in town during March.

The 1st Annual Desert Foothills Community Spelling Bee introduced us to the Spellas on Fyah, the Hook & Book 'Ems, the Soroptospellers, the Stiff Bees Knees, the Geezer Bees, Skiller Bees and some 35 other teams all vying to outspell each other through 7 heated innings at the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center on March 30th.

Contestants ranged from 17 years old to "I no longer admit my age." They worked in teams of three and represented businesses, schools, non-profits, HOA's and clubs from Carefree, Cave Creek and North Scottsdale. Each had 25 seconds to spell such challenging words as encephalitis, diaphanous, and herpetology. But it was ponophobia which allowed the true orthographic (look it up) skills of Stephanie Bradley, Sandy Walchuk, and Tom Whittington from the Desert Foothills Library to buzz past the competition.

"We were definitely astounded to be the last gang standing," said Stephanie, and thrilled to have the library win the trophy, she added.

## Library Team Wins Community Spelling Bee *(continued)*

Luckily, for the spellers and the audience alike, the Bee was well-officiated by some heavy hitters. Debbi Burdick, Superintendent of Cave Creek United School District, Paul Dale, President of Paradise Valley Community College, and George Scobas, President and CEO of Valley of the Sun YMCA, had to enter the fray only a few times to remind teams to admit defeat, put down their pens, and turn down their nameplates. Louise Rosenburgh, former President of the Foothills Community Foundation and Bee Chief Justice and Pronouncer, had to avert one near bench clearing brawl when the Hook & Book 'Em local police team outspelled the fire department's Spellas on Fyah. The emcee for the evening was Mike Cassidy, Senior Executive Director of the Desert Foothills YMCA, who had the dubious honor of keeping the rowdy audience in check.

There was a bit of royalty to the Bee, also. Attired in ensembles fit for the upcoming nuptials at Westminster Abbey, the Bee Royal-Tea team of Jo Gemmill, Beverly Brewer, and Hilary Davis of the English Rose Tea Room in Carefree swept the field in the best costume category.

The big winner of the evening was Partners in Education (P.I.E.) a program of the Foothills Community Foundation (FCF). Over the past twenty years, PIE has provided more than two million dollars in scholarship and Teacher Vision Grants in support of our local students and teachers. PIE co-chair Jeff Miller, along with co-chair Bob Zinser, were the brains behind the Spelling Bee and estimate that when the final tally is in, the event will have raised over \$15,000.00 for P.I.E programs.



Buzz Schilling posing with the Buzz Schilling Spelling Championship Trophy.



The Bee Winners! Stephanie Bradley, Sandy Walchuk and Tom Whittington from the Desert Foothills Library

## FCF celebrates 25 years with anniversary fundraiser dinner!

On April 14, 2011, FCF celebrated 25 years with a well-attended catered Anniversary Dinner held at the FCF-Holland Community Center---a place for local residents to visit and attend programs and services focused on the desert communities. With clever lighting and decorations, the FCF staff helped transform a large open meeting room into a silver and blue themed setting with soft lighting that made for a very special evening.

Jo Gemmill, proprietor of the English Rose Tea Room in Carefree, did an outstanding job emceeing the program. Over 100 members and guests were in attendance and viewed a nostalgic anniversary video that looked back 25 years. Among the highlights of the evening was the awards presentation. FCF debuted the FCF Goldberg Volunteer of the Year award as a posthumous honor of Chet Goldberg, a dedicated volunteer in the foothills community whose vision inspired, in part, the creation of FCF. Chet worked tirelessly behind the scenes. In grateful appreciation, the award was given to his widow, Ann Goldberg.

Three People of Vision awards were presented to those individuals who had a vision for FCF and the Desert Foothills Community and brought that vision to life. A person of vision is one who has the ability to think about or plan for the future with imagination and wisdom. Charles Dunning received the award for his dedicated years of service as chair of the cultural division. Jill Ford received the award for her strong leadership skills in arranging for FCF to sponsor a Community Needs Assessment and helped make the Holland Community Center a reality. Lastly, Paul "Buzz" Schilling was awarded a People of Vision award for his vision of the FCF education division.

With the success of the anniversary dinner, FCF plans to hold an annual dinner each year to honor its volunteers and leaders in the community.



(top) Corky Cogburn, Bob Herrmann, and Margaret Fox.  
(bottom left) Carolyn Lankford, Lillian Reed and Jo Gemmill.  
(bottom right) Table Settings.

## Quail Society

The Quail Award, a sculptured gambel quail commissioned by local artist Thelma Casanova, was first presented in 1991. The annual award was established to recognize and honor an individual or individuals who have demonstrated a continued standard of excellence in community service, over a significant period of years, in the Desert Foothills community. Quail Award recipients reflect dedication to improving the quality of life in our community through their leadership and unselfish volunteer service.

The recipient of the 2009-2010 Quail Award is Reverend Robert A. Hutson, Jr. who has served as the Senior Pastor of the Christ the Lord Lutheran Church of Carefree since 1988, when he and his wife Nancy moved to the Foothills area from Tucson.

Rev. Hutson has always been heavily committed to community activities such as the Foothills Food Bank and Resource Center (a founder and board member), Carefree Kiwanis (recipient of the Hixson Award), Mobile Meals (started by his wife Nancy and neighbors) and the Foothills Habitat for Humanity, to name only a few.

We are honored to add his name to our list of outstanding community leaders who have been given the Quail Award.

- Bob Hutson 2009-2010
- Joanne Gemmill 2008-2009
- Bill Berman 2007-2008
- Paul "Buzz" Schilling 2006-2007
- Marge and Marv Walker 2005-2006
- Jim Reed 2004-2005
- Mayor Ed Morgan 2003-2004
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- Corky Cockburn and Chet Goldberg 1990-1991

### Quail Society

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- Robert & Roberta Ansbaugh
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By leaving a gift through your will or trust, you can support FCF's mission while establishing a lasting legacy of your personal values and vision for the future. A bequest can be made by adding a provision in your will or trust naming the Foothills Community Foundation as a beneficiary to receive a percentage or specified amount from your estate.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Quail Society, please contact our Executive Director.

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