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FCF - Holland Community Center OPENING SOON!

The Foothills Community Foundation is proud to announce that construction is underway on the Black Mountain Campus located on 60th Street just south of Carefree Highway. This multi-generational campus will include FCF, YMCA and Paradise Valley Community College. FCF will manage the FCF-Holland Community Center and offer even more programs and services to the community. The campus has 3 core values: health and wellness, lifelong learning and community service. Each partner will strive to achieve these values.

Construction began in October, 2008 and is scheduled for completion September, 2009. As we get closer, FCF is working on making the Community Center a Community Home. We are partnering with other local organizations including Foothills Caring Corps, Scottsdale Healthcare, the Foothills Food Bank and hopefully many others. Our hope is that doing this FCF will be able to bring support, opportunity and community service to the desert foothills community.

This project began in 2001 when the results from a needs assessment showed that the desert foothills community lacked a central meeting place where citizens could gather. Since then, the three partners joined together and have created this unique and wonderful campus to share with the community.

The FCF-Holland Community Center, which will serve as headquarters for FCF, will meet a variety of needs, including meeting space, food service and special purpose areas. Meeting spaces are available to partners and community groups and include a dividable multi-purpose room equipped with a state-of-the-art sound system and projection capabilities, a spacious living/reading room facility for conversations, card games or relaxation, a Café with a catering/banquet kitchen adjacent to the multi-purpose room and two small meeting rooms for groups of 15-20, as well as a room for arts and crafts.

If you are interested in more information, please contact the FCF office at (480) 488-1090



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Letter from the President

Letter from the President – The “New” FCF



Traditionally, the summer period has been a time for FCF to settle back and plan for the return of the snow-birds and fall events. Not this year -- construction is on target and the FCF will move into the FCF-Holland Community Center in September. The building name recognizes George and Patricia Holland for their generous gift to the building campaign, and that the Community Center will be FCF's new home. Our intent is to ensure that the FCF-Holland Community Center is also a home for the community, and for the many volunteers and partners who will work with FCF to provide community services, opportunities for learning and growth, and support for emerging community needs.

Going forward, we at FCF will have to change direction. We have officially changed our name to FCF to achieve better identity, but that is a surface change. The real change will be in the way we operate. As we move to the FCF-Holland Community Center we have two critical tasks: 1. to manage the community center effectively and 2. to reach out to all non-profits and community partners to share and leverage resources and to make the center a true focal point in the desert foothills. Managing the community center requires that we expand our programming, find new business partners to operate our café and collaborate in other ways, and most importantly of course, to develop a larger corps of volunteers to serve the community. We need new partners to reach our goals of bringing service, opportunity and support to Desert Foothills Communities and the results of our outreach to partners has been rewarding. In addition to our Black Mountain partners, the Valley of the Sun YMCA & Paradise Valley Community College, we are pleased to welcome the Foothills Caring Corps, the Foothills Food Bank and Scottsdale Health Care to the fold.



2008 was a tough year financially and 2009 is proving to be even tougher as we face the new need to maintain the community center. We are doing our best to manage and operate FCF with a consistent set of principles and core values. First and foremost, this means always trying to do the right thing. We hope that we can continue to count on you to help us by volunteering to serve, renewing your membership, participating in our programs, and contributing financially.

We have our work cut out for us.

Soon,


Bob Herrmann
President, FCF

Calling All Volunteers

A great big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped make 2008-2009 a success. Without your never-ending dedication we wouldn't be where we are today. Whether you helped on a fundraiser, in the office or on a specific program, we thank you!

We are beginning recruitment for volunteers for the big move to the FCF - Holland Community Center in the Fall, 2009. Are you interested in volunteering? Have some free time on your hands and looking for something to do? FCF will be looking to recruit and train volunteers to help manage our reception desk in the new FCF—Holland Community Center. It is an exciting time and we are sure you will want to be a part of the action.

We appreciate our volunteers and all the work that they put in to help us make FCF the organization that it is. Volunteer jobs in the fall will consist of answering phones, greeting guests, helping with questions, administrative tasks and much more. If you are interested in helping, please let the FCF office know by calling (480) 488-1090 or emailing Barbie Orcutt, Foundation Coordinator at Barbie@azfcf.org.

FCF looks forward to meeting new community members and continuing to bring support, opportunity and community service to the Desert Foothills community.

7th Annual Golf Tournament - "Partners for Kids"

FCF stands for community service, opportunity and support and the support we received from the community and our partners for this year's "Partners for Kids" Golf Tournament shows how important that word "support" can be. Despite economic pressures, the tournament netted almost \$20,000 that will be used to provide support for Cave Creek Unified School District (CCUSD) after-school, arts and summer programs already under severe budget pressure, for CCUSD PTO's, as well as for emerging community needs. The yield from the tournament was down by about 25% this year, but our AZPGA sources tell us that this is a great outcome compared to what other charity tournaments are experiencing.

Though the numbers were down, the weather was great and spirits were high. Our partners contributed to the high spirits with their presence, humor and good will. Students and faculty from CCUSD participated in the golf, and everyone contributed to the creative "money buckets" provided by each school in the CCUSD on each tee. During the dinner following play, school Superintendent Debbi Burdick, YMCA Director Mike Cassidy and Paradise Valley Community College Dean Denise DiGianfilippo spoke to our opportunities to work together to create more resources for Desert Foothills youth.

We give special thanks to all the local businesses and merchants as well as our donors and sponsors who generously donated time, money or items for this tournament.

We are fortunate to have created such a wonderful partnership with Mirabel Golf & Country Club. The venue not only for golf, but the dinner reception is spectacular. This year comments poured in. One person said, "I fly in for this event every year, I have such a great time, I don't want to miss it...thank goodness for the Save the Date." Another couple said, "We have never played in the event before, but we can't wait to participate again next year." It is our goal to continue to have a high class event for our supporters every year.

Please watch your mail in early 2010 for our "Partners for Kids" 8th Annual Spring Charity Golf Event. We hope, same time, same place!

Community Forum Lays Groundwork for New FCF

On Thursday, May 14th, the Foothills Community Foundation sponsored a forum for Safe & Healthy Living.

The purpose of the Forum and a community survey which preceded it, was to determine the unmet needs for safe and healthy living in the Desert Foothills. FCF will have a new home as of September, the FCF-Holland Community Center. This will provide not only a venue, but also the opportunity to assess programs and services in our communities. It has been our belief from the start that not all of us are aware of current available services and we hope that we can match up some of these service resources with needs.

We learned that services provided include the traditional local government services of public safety, fire, roads and water. Because of our relatively small size the private, nonprofit sector, provides social services. The private services are perhaps not as visible as they would like, mostly due to financial constraints.

Survey respondents identified a whole range of service gaps. We have divided these service gaps into three categories: Youth Program Services, Healthy Living and General Community Needs. **Youth Program Services**, which include alternative activities for those not sports minded, including the arts, theater, healthy living and life preparation skills, an alternative to Cactus Shadows High School, a hang out place, substance abuse efforts, drug prevention and teen recreation programs. **Healthy Living**, which includes mental health and rehabilitation services, nutritional programs and pharmaceutical information, programs for retirees and spouses, public health information, respite care and Alzheimer's information. And lastly, **General Community Needs**, which includes enrichment programs for adults, an ecumenical effort, funding to support community needs, a network center for citizens and business, newcomers club, support to military families and transportation services.

The attendees of the Forum broke out into three different groups to address priorities, services to address the priorities and programs or even new programs to meet these needs. At the conclusion of the evening each group reported back to the entire group what they felt were the priorities for this group for moving forward.

Results are being put together and will be available in the near future. It is our hope to have these meetings regularly and make this a continuing conversation that goes on within our community.

**DONT MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN...
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2008-2009 YEAR IN REVIEW PICTURES

