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GARDEN PARTY 2003 EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS!

Guests, dressed in their finest garden party attire, donning floppy hats, wide-brimmed, romantic hats, and hats adorned with flowers and feathers, enjoyed a night of dining, dancing, and fundraising at the 2003 Garden Party. The party was held on March 29 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa.

Garden Party Corporate Chair, **Sue Clark-Johnson**, *The Arizona Republic* CEO & Publisher, and Corporate Vice Chair, **Kris Garrett**, Bank One, Arizona, President & CEO, with the support of an exceptional committee, exceeded expectations and raised over \$340,000.

Roses and tulips adorned the tables and cascaded from the chandeliers. The flower arrangements and dozens of lighted ficus trees set an enchanting backdrop for dancing to the melodies of Steve Ansel and the Jackson Street Band.

More than 550 guests attended the party. Many arrived early to guarantee an opportunity to purchase the popular surprise wagons, each one filled with different themed treasures. *The Arizona Republic's* editorial cartoonist, Steve Benson, was kept busy creating amusing caricatures.

The Family Champion Award, presented to Jacki and Howard Bowers, recognizes those who have significantly championed the cause of children and families participating in the Homeward Bound program. This is Homeward Bound's highest honor and was given in recognition of their longtime leadership, visionary thinking, and immeasurable contributions.

Guests bid on over 120 silent auction items including everything from sports memorabilia, beautiful jewelry, and art pieces to exciting trip getaways. The live auction sparked friendly bidding competition on several popular items. And every bidder was a "winner" with the **Give a Child a Chance*** segment, which generated 86 new child sponsors for one year!

The generosity extended at the Garden Party, as well as during the planning and implementation phases of the event, was tremendous! On behalf of the families and children at Homeward Bound our sincere thanks to *The Arizona Republic* and Bank One for their title and presenting sponsorships and to the corporate dinner committee, committee members, volunteers and guests who helped make this event truly bloom!

* A **Give a Child a Chance** sponsorship of \$1,000 provides housing and support services for one child for one year.



Homeward Bound Chair, Bruce Ward (middle) presents the Family Champion Award to Jacki and Howard Bowers for their longtime leadership, visionary thinking and immeasurable contributions.

Photo courtesy of Barry Jedin

Volunteer Spotlight

HATS OFF TO JIM MARSHALL

Jim Marshall wears many different hats as a Homeward Bound volunteer, but the one he is most famous for is his gardening hat. For the past several years, Jim has taken great pride and care in planting and pruning the flower garden at The Thunderbirds Family Village. From their apartment windows our mothers and their children enjoy the brilliant and colorful seasonal flowers. Whether sunflowers and hollyhocks that tower 10 feet into the air or fragrant snapdragons, his English style garden is a delightful sight.

Through his support and dedication to the children and families of Homeward Bound, and as a past Thunderbirds Big Chief, Jim has introduced the agency to other Thunderbirds who have also assumed responsibility for ongoing projects. Thanks to Jim's initial networking, we have a team of volunteers that assist with food drives, carpentry repairs, collecting and sorting donations, as well as the library.

Jim and his wife, Jan, have also supported the **Give a Child a Chance** program and they adopt a family each year for the annual Thunderbirds Holiday Party. Thanks, Jim, for the beauty and joy you bring to the many lives at Homeward Bound! ❖



Jim Marshall shares his gift for gardening with Homeward Bound families.

Our Mission

Our mission is to assist families achieve economic independence, secure long-term, safe, decent, affordable housing and break multi-generational cycles of homelessness and domestic violence.

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MOTHER'S DAY WITH ALBERTSON'S

May was truly a wonderful month at Homeward Bound. We were once again able to offer our moms and kids a great opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day. The Albertson's MESA (Mentoring, Encouraging, Supporting and Achieving) Group collected over 100 gift baskets containing various items including: lotions, perfume, powder, nail polish, brushes, soaps, make-up, gift certificates, plants, movie tickets, videos, etc. On May 3, The Thunderbirds Family Village children were invited to make a Happy Mother's Day Card, select a gift basket of their choice for their mom and stop by a special table to choose a pair of sunglasses for themselves. A very special thank you to Terry Madden and her group for making Mother's Day memorable for both the kids and moms. ❖



Mom has her hands full with her child and the gift that was selected just for her!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2003

Homeward Bound's Back-to-School Drive is currently underway with the culminating event scheduled for the first week of August.



Each of our over 300 children (kindergarten – high school) are sponsored by church groups, companies, service organizations or individuals. Grade school children will receive new clothing, shoes, a backpack, and school supplies. Teens receive a backpack, school supplies, and a gift certificate for clothing.

Teens are always the hardest age group to supply. Gift certificates from Target, Old Navy, Ross, Payless, and Wal-Mart are always welcome.



Samantha and her mother enjoy Samantha's Winnie-the-Pooh lunch box.

This drive is not only one of our most gratifying and fun, it also is a wonderful volunteer opportunity. The average cost to sponsor a child is \$100-\$150. It is always heartwarming to see our kids start school in a new outfit and equipped with a backpack and supplies. For more information or to sponsor a child – contact Vicki Piña at 602-263-7654 ext. 335 or vpina@homewardbound-phx.org. ❖

SHREDDER OR SHREDDING SERVICE NEEDED

Homeward Bound is in need of a heavy duty shredder or donated shredding services to properly dispose of outdated files. Please call Vicki Piña, 602-263-7654 ext. 335 or email vpina@homewardbound-phx.org.

ROYALTY FOR A DAY

Eight Homeward Bound moms lived a fairytale dream when Nordstrom, Giggles Salon, Village Tavern, and America West Arena teamed up to pamper them for a day.

The day started with a trip to Nordstrom for new clothing, followed by a visit to Giggles where the ladies were treated to new hair styles and a makeup application. With their head-to-toe fresh appearance, they were off to Village Tavern for an absolutely delicious dinner including everything from appetizers to delectable desserts. When they departed Village Tavern, they were whisked away to the arena in a limo. At America West Arena, in their own suite, they enjoyed fabulous country artist, Tim McGraw, in concert.

The moms who enjoyed this dream day were selected because of their efforts and achievements to rebuild their lives and those of their families. It was a reward for those working hard in the program and a wonderful day for those who needed a boost.

Our thanks to all of the organizations that contributed to this wonderful day, but most of all to Holly MacLeod, suite ticket manager at America West Arena, for conceiving the idea for this dream day and for making all the arrangements. ❖



The pampering began at Giggles Salon with hairstyles and makeup.



Alisha, Traci and Ceci are delighted with their "new" look.

GIVING: UNIQUE TECHNIQUES!

▶ Children invited to attend a birthday party for Ava Player, daughter of Julianne & Scott Player (Arizona Cardinals), were asked to bring gifts for Homeward Bound children instead of Ava. As Julianne said, "Ava has so many toys and we want to make a difference for the Homeward Bound children." The result — diapers, new clothing and toys that helped to restock our pantries.

▶ The Oakwood Ladies Golf Association held a spring-time golf tournament to benefit **Give a Child a Chance**. Each player made a \$20 donation to Homeward Bound. They took advantage of the 50 percent match by The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust and raised enough money to sponsor three children for one year plus they enjoyed a morning of golf and were treated to lunch. ❖

Our thanks and appreciation

for all those who honored their special "moms" through Mother's Day contributions. Their contributions will help support Homeward Bound children and provide them with the services and programs they desperately need to create a healthy future for the next generation.

In Honor of:	From:
Gussie Herman	Hannah Adelman
Miriam Hoereth	Ginger Brown
Nancy Ahern.....	Leslie Budinger
Susan Case	Sarah Harper Case
Rosemary Cox.....	Jane and Jim Cox
Sarah Balo	Jane and Jim Cox
Lelia Neuhoff	Caren Crutcher
Louise Crutcher.....	Caren Crutcher
Mickey Eberle	Mark Eberle
Verne Nowicki.....	Mark Eberle
Dorothy Samuel.....	David and Karen Fleischer
Marge Warman	Judy Geiger
All single moms	Liette Greene
Mildred Sherman	Gail and Raymond Hakim
Jeanne Zahalka	The Harvey family
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Janet Lents.....	Beth and Dan Peterson
Ann P. Symington	J. Fife Symington, V
Andrea Wales.....	Leigh and Steve Wales
Deborah O'Shaughnessy	Leigh and Steve Wales



In Memory of:	From:
Margaret Erickson.....	Carol Erickson
Virginia Hammond	Frances and Larry Hammond
Mary Hunter Johns	Frances and Larry Hammond
Betty's mother.....	Betty L. Johnson
Anne DePaoli	Rosemary D. Kresock
Delores Peterson.....	Beth and Dan Peterson
Madelon DeFillipo	Sharon and Robert Rushton

DONATION POLICY

Homeward Bound families benefit from a wide variety of donations throughout the year. As our pantries are filled, we have noticed some donations are utilized more than others. With limited storage space, the list below provides specific items needed by our families on a daily basis.

Items Needed:

- diapers sizes 4,5 & 6
- small, working appliances
- twin & full beds
- vacuum sweepers
- dining tables & chairs
- bedding, pillows & linens
- dressers
- pots, pans, dishes, & glassware
- irons & ironing boards

Special arrangements will need to be made for furniture donations, as Homeward Bound no longer has a working truck to pick up items — there is always a need for volunteers to help pick up items.

We are continually restocking the food pantry and need various food items. Please consider holding a mini drive in your company or neighborhood to collect one of these items: beans, pasta & sauce, cereal, juice and sugar.

If you are unsure about a possible donation, please contact Vicki Piña to check if items are needed, 602-263-7654 ext. 335 or vpina@homewardbound-phx.org.

JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Every Day is Safety Day at Homeward Bound!

Most of us focus on safety when it's absolutely necessary or during the month of June, when safety programs are highlighted in the news. For many Homeward Bound families, focus on safety is a way of life. It's not a once-a-year condition; it's an everyday state of being. More than 60% of Homeward Bound families are domestic violence survivors who live with the fear that an abuser is lurking nearby – an abuser who poses a very real threat.

To ease the possibility of danger and to assist families feel more secure, Homeward Bound has implemented a personal safety program that provides them the tools to avoid or escape a threatening situation. The safety program is tailored to meet each family's individual history and need. Adults first attend the *Adult Safety Class*. Topics include identifying safe places to go, who and how to call for help, and family code words.

Following the class, individuals meet with Rob Ruocco, Safety & Risk Programming Director and former New York City Police Officer. Rob assists families in creating their own personalized plan. Each child is provided with age-appropriate materials. In addition, the children must learn a lot of information, such as their parents' full names and critical phone numbers. They also must become familiar with their neighborhood and identify people that can be trusted in their community. Once the safety plan is established, it must be reviewed often so it will not be forgotten in a crisis.



City of Phoenix police officers with their four-legged partners visited the children in the learning center and talked about *Stranger Danger*.

Children who attend daycare at the Nina Mason Pulliam Learning Center review safety topics three times a month with

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City of Phoenix firefighter, David Otero, teaches fire safety to children in the learning center by using props.

special guests who include firefighters teaching fire safety with magic and a mini uniform for the children to play "dress up", police officers teaching "Stranger Danger" with their K-9 and equine partners, and trauma nurses who have introduced Trama-Roo, a full-size, walkabout kangaroo character, to teach home safety.

With a safety plan in place, families begin to feel they have control and options to manage dangerous situations. As one mom, Sharon, said several months after completing the training, "The kids and I laugh more now. We know there are risks, but we have a plan of action. We are alert, but not as worried." ❖

SECURITY REMINDER

A reminder to all – Homeward Bound's policy requires each visitor to check in with security and present picture ID prior to being admitted into our offices or onto the campus at The Thunderbirds Family Village.

This policy is in place as a safety measure to protect the families in the program, as well as Homeward Bound staff, volunteers and visitors. Many families are fleeing domestic violence situations and the volatility of their previous relationships can be a source of endangerment. We sincerely thank everyone for your cooperation and ask for your patience when checking in. ❖

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