

## HOMeward BOUND

Every Family Needs A Place To Call Home.

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*A Place to Call Home.*

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## HOW DID OUR GARDEN PARTY GROW?

**G**arden Party 2004 exceeded our wildest expectations. This year's Garden Party Corporate Chair, Kris Garrett, President & CEO, Bank One in Arizona, and Corporate Vice Chair, Cathy McKee, Senior Vice President, General Dynamics, with the support of an exceptional committee, raised over \$360,000 to benefit the families and children of Homeward Bound.



*Lovely in their garden-themed hats are Kris Garrett, Cathy McKee and Sue Clark-Johnson.*

Dressed in floral prints and donning an array of garden hats, many guests arrived early to guarantee the purchase of the popular surprise wagons, each one filled with different treasures. *The Arizona Republic's* editorial cartoonist, Steve Benson, was busy creating amusing caricatures.

New to the event were the Martini Bar, offering a chance to win diamond charms, and the Hat Boutique, featuring an assortment of one-of-a-kind hats for those who wanted to top off their outfit.

Guests bid on a variety of silent auction items including celebrity-designed hats, spectacular wine selections, sports memorabilia and unique trip get-aways. The live auction sparked friendly bidding competition on several popular items, particularly the black Labrador puppy, named Tillman. And every bidder was a "winner" with the **Give a Child a Chance**\* segment, which generated 106 new sponsors!

The Family Champion Award, presented to Sue Clark-Johnson, *The Arizona Republic* CEO and Publisher, 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 her visionary thinking, immeasurable contributions and focus on educating the community about the impact domestic violence has on families.

The effort and resources given to planning and implementing the event were incredible! On behalf of the families and children of Homeward Bound, our sincere thanks to Bank One and General Dynamics for their title and presenting sponsorships and to the corporate sponsors, dinner committee, event committee members, volunteers and guests who helped make this event blossom! ❖

\* **A Give a Child a Chance** sponsorship of \$1,000 provides housing and support services for one child for one year. For more information contact Leigh Wales, Development Manager, 602-263-7654, ext. 320 or [l.wales@hbphx.org](mailto:l.wales@hbphx.org).



*Diana Wilkinson, Angela Pitts & Nancy Mavrides, Hat Boutique Chair, assisted guests with finding the perfect hat at the event.*

## Thank You!

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY 2004

April 1st at Homeward Bound was "Volunteer Recognition Day." The day was dedicated to volunteers who had, during the previous year, helped at special events, worked on mailings, sorted donations, refurbished properties, taught our families, worked in our gardens, read to our children, provided in-kind services, and helped in many other ways. Last year, our incredibly wonderful volunteers gave a total of more than 25,000 hours of service to Homeward Bound.

Our thanks to all of our volunteers who give their time, talents, and resources to make our families' lives better and help us accomplish our mission of moving families to self-sufficiency. ❖

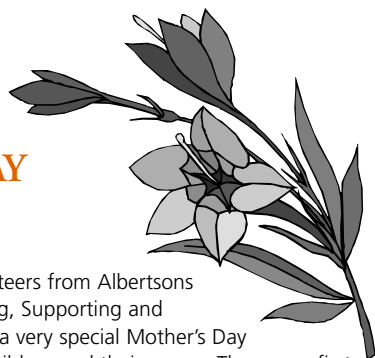


## Our Mission

*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.*

This issue of our newsletter is *dedicated* to all of our *extraordinary* volunteers. We only *wish* we had enough space to share stories about all of our *volunteers!*

## ALBERTSONS MAKES MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL



For the past three years, volunteers from Albertsons MESA (Mentoring, Encouraging, Supporting and Achieving) group have hosted a very special Mother's Day event for Homeward Bound children and their moms. The group first collects items that moms tend to like, such as baskets filled with nail polish, lipstick, and lotions. Then they bring the items to Homeward Bound and help the children pick the "right" gift for their mom. The volunteers help each child wrap the gifts and create a Mother's Day card.

The children have so much fun selecting the "perfect" gift and presenting it to their mom. As seven-year-old Shelby said, with a huge smile on her face, "My mom looks beautiful in pink — I can't wait for her to open my gift."

Thanks to all the Albertsons MESA volunteers who honored our moms by providing the children of Homeward Bound an unforgettable way to show their moms how much they love them. ❖

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEND A HAND IN OUR LIBRARY?

Homeward Bound children look forward to seeing "The Library is Open" sign outside the Marian E. Rowlands Memorial Library. It means they can check out a new book, maybe get some help with their homework, and enjoy an environment that is quiet and comfortable. Our moms also like seeing the "open" sign — it's their opportunity to read with their child or pick up a reference book or magazine.



Homeward Bound children look forward to time in the library.

As part of their community service, some Homeward Bound moms act as volunteer librarians; however, because we do not have a library staff, we need additional volunteers to be able to open the library more frequently. The library is open only when volunteers are available to run it. As Program Coordinator, Katy Hardcastle, stated, "Library volunteers

are the key to the success of the library. Without these volunteers, we are unable to open the doors and use the resources available for the families." If you are looking for a few hours to give during the late afternoon, weeknight or on the weekend, the library might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, please contact Katy Hardcastle, at 602-263-7654, ext. 328 or k.hardcastle@hbphx.org. ❖

## HOMeward BOUND GRADUATES GIVE BACK



When a family graduates from Homeward Bound everyone rejoices — the family, staff, family sponsors and volunteers. We are all so proud and so pleased. No matter how often we witness it, a family's move from homelessness to purchasing or renting a home and from debt to savings is incredible. After they graduate, many of the families give back to Homeward Bound — they volunteer and some of them even become donors. Following are some stories of the extraordinary ways our graduates give back.



Candace came to Homeward Bound six years ago with her four children. When she left Homeward Bound, she purchased her first home and subsequently became a family representative on Homeward Bound's Board of Directors. Most recently, Candace gave a wonderful gift to Homeward Bound. She donated \$1,000 to the Give a Child a Chance program. As Candace says, "My gift represents the Homeward Bound program in action."



Kristi is now a successful small-business woman. She frequently shares her Homeward Bound story with others and lets them know what a life-changing experience the program was for her. Her enthusiasm has brought numerous new donors to Homeward Bound. Recently, in addition to filling a table at the Garden Party and helping to collect items for the surprise wagons, Kristi donated \$500 to the Give a Child a Chance program. Kristi explained why giving to Homeward Bound is important to her — "I really believe in the program and I want to share when I can, especially when I know something good will come from it."



Elsa fled domestic violence with her two daughters three years ago. While living at The Thunderbirds Family Village, Elsa's family stabilized. She learned how to manage her budget and when she graduated was able to purchase a small home. In May, Elsa donated her car to Homeward Bound, in her words, "to help people who want to help themselves. When I came to Homeward Bound, I had to start from scratch. Homeward Bound opened their door and their heart to me; they were my family. I want to make a difference to someone else." ❖

## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE TO STOCK EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our emergency food pantry is used by Homeward Bound families, when they are faced with unexpected expenses, such as those related to illness, car repairs, or job loss. Even something as small as a twenty-dollar medical co-pay for a sick child can completely ruin an already tight budget. When one of our moms has to miss a few days of work to care for an ill child, she might not be paid for those missed days, severely reducing her income and impacting her ability to provide nutritious food for her children. In these situations, the emergency food pantry is available to help families until their situation returns to normal. In addition, the food pantry is critical for a family fleeing domestic violence and entering the program with nothing but the clothes they are wearing.



This time of year, the cupboard is getting bare and we need to restock. If you or your organization would like to hold a mini-food drive, please contact Vicki Piña at 602-263-7654, ext. 335 or v.pina@hbphx.org.

### Food items needed include:

Condiments (ketchup and mustard)  
Cereals for children  
(other than Corn Flakes)  
Jelly (other than grape)

Flour  
Sugar  
Bagged pinto beans  
Canned peaches and pears  
Toilet paper and paper towels

## OUR *Deepest* APPRECIATION

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 need to create a healthy future for our next generation.

### In Honor Of:

Their moms  
 Mary Alice Palmer  
 Gwen Allen  
 Betty Barkubein  
 Becky Lamont  
 Sarah Balo  
 Rosemary Cox  
 Anne Bailey  
 Pat Miller  
 Jeanne Zahalka  
 Georgia Fournalis  
 Shirley Anderson  
 Alice Ruth Kucharski  
 Judy Tabish  
 Linda Madison  
 Gloria Recker  
 Hattie Nichols-Jackson  
 Helen Noyes  
 Lura Brohard  
 Thersa Pope  
 Carrie Francis  
 Melissa Francis  
 Martha Francis  
 All moms  
 Dianna Pollock  
 Karen Schmidt  
 Velva Lupo  
 Deborah Griffin  
 Elaine Shoemaker

### From:

Anonymous  
 Roger Allen & Taylor Baird  
 Jennifer Boucek  
 Katie Calderon  
 Katie Calderon  
 Jane and Jim Cox  
 Jane and Jim Cox  
 Dana and Tom Frasco  
 Ann French  
 Shannon and Chris Greiser  
 Marina Kretsedemas  
 Christine and Steve Kuchar....  
 Christine and Steve Kucharski  
 Michelle, Ray, and Goo Libonati  
 Jason Madison  
 Sherri Nelson  
 Allanda and Christopher Nichols  
 Diana Noyes  
 Glee and Jim Pope  
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 Pope John XXIII School H.S.A.  
 Brenda Prestangen  
 Michael J. Schmidt  
 Patty Thompson  
 Beth and Josh Tice  
 Beth and Josh Tice



### In Memory Of:

Irene Isaacs  
 Joyce Frasco  
 Estelle Rushton  
 Madelon DeFillipo  
 Pauline Labelle  
 All mothers  
 Bev Sheffield

### From:

Sharan Clark  
 Dana and Tom Frasco  
 Sharon and Robert Rushton  
 Sharon and Robert Rushton  
 Denise and Louis Serro  
 SS Simon and Jude Cathedral  
 Leigh and Steve Wales

## FUN VOLUNTEER FACTS

See how many of the following facts you know:

**Q: How many full-time employees would it take to equal the number of volunteer hours logged at Homeward Bound this past year?**

*A: It would take 12 full-time employees. Over 25,000 hours of volunteer service were given to support Homeward Bound programs including working in the emergency food pantry, rehabbing homes, serving as family advocates, teaching classes to clients, and assisting with special events.*

**Q: What is the age range of our volunteers – the youngest and the oldest volunteers?**

*A: Our youngest volunteers are 10 and 11-year-old students from Pope John XXIII School. The students have assembled Thanksgiving boxes, held food drives, collected children's books for the library and even sold ice cream with proceeds benefiting Homeward Bound.*

*The volunteer with the most years of life experience and one of the youngest at heart is Georgia Swerdlow, 85 years young. At the end of each month Georgia comes into the office to assist with monthly billing, filing and mailings. She has been volunteering at Homeward Bound for over 10 years.*

## FAMILY SPONSOR ADVOCATES TRANSFORM "HOUSES" INTO "HOMES"

Our family sponsors are dedicated to not only making sure their families are successful in Homeward Bound, but also helping their families create warm, loving homes. The Project Facelift team from The Church at Litchfield Park, lead by Judie Mullins, did just that! They recently refurbished a house for their Homeward Bound family, Jacki and her children. The volunteers spent 655 hours cleaning, scraping, painting, and installing everything from new light fixtures to towel rods. For the finishing touch, they decorated the house and coordinated furniture donations with the help of the Rio Verde Community Church. When Jacki and her children first saw their new home, they were grinning from ear to ear. Jacki exclaimed, "This is my first big yard — it makes me very happy." Although it was a lot of hard work, Judie said it was worth every blister. "I suspect there were few dry eyes on moving day when we saw the tears of joy in Jacki's eyes or heard the whoop of the children when they discovered their bedrooms and the basketball hoop in their very own backyard. In addition to the satisfaction of seeing our family's delight, we were rewarded in another very special way — we formed lasting friendships with our fellow volunteers."



*Judie Mullins with Jacki and her children*

On the other side of town, Camelback Kiwanis created a playground in Edward and Rosemary's backyard. The Kiwanis club volunteers installed a fabulous swing set and even planted a couple of trees for shade. Edward and Rosemary's children are having so much fun, enjoying their own play land everyday. Joseph and Samuel would spend all day swinging if they could. They especially like that they can enjoy the swing set even before they eat breakfast. What a great way to start the day! ♦



*Camelback Kiwanis Club members, with their families, prepare to install the swing set.*

## CHARLES SCHWAB EMPLOYEES ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES



*Reorganizing one of the donation areas helped make room for additional items.*



*Volunteers weather-proofed an outside storage shed before the monsoon season.*

Forty volunteers from Charles Schwab arrived at The Thunderbirds Family Village ready to jump in and do whatever work was needed. The group divided into five teams and headed to their assigned tasks with enthusiasm and vigor. Unlike their normal workday, they shredded old documents, scrubbed walls and counters in the Learning Center, sorted donations, helped build a donations shed, and cleaned windows and doors. Our appreciation to our friends, the Charles Schwab employees, who polished, sorted, hammered, and shredded. Your hard work continues to shine at Homeward Bound. ♦

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