

TCAA Quarterly News

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Dear Joe,

Welcome to our Fall 2019 quarterly newsletter. Our newsletters are one of many methods we use to keep you informed on happenings at TCAA.

Our programs, staff and volunteers continue to work tirelessly to fulfill our mission. We're proud of their accomplishments and honored to share our most recent successes in this Fall newsletter.

Last fiscal year (which ended on June 30th) a record number of people of all ages were assisted by TCAA's array of programs. This is possible only because of involvement from people and partners like you.

The impact of support received from the community is far-reaching. Together, we are improving housing and food security, infant and family health and well-being, financial stability in low income households, and seniors' ability to remain independent and age in place.

It is the collective generosity of people like you--donors, corporate and government partners, funders and volunteers, that has helped us to realize many amazing accomplishments at TCAA. We love to share news and exciting events, partnerships, and initiatives with you. To



stay in tuned with TCAA happenings, be sure to follow us on our social media channels and keep an eye out for the next newsletter. Beyond that, I'm always eager to share TCAA news over a cup of coffee!

Again, a big 'thank you' to volunteers who continue to humble us with your passion and commitment to the seniors, adults and children receiving TCAA services and to our donors, partners, and friends for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Deborah Arteaga
Executive Director



Our Annual Impact

In our most recent fiscal year (July 2018 to June 2019) TCAA programs experienced an increase in individuals, families, and seniors seeking support. By the end of the year, 27,100 people--the equivalent of 1 in 7 Tempe residents--sought and received assistance from our staff and volunteers.

Your volunteer time and financial support made a tremendous difference!

- More than 1,000,000 meals were made available to people in need through food boxes and meals served at our various shelter and senior center sites
- More than 3,000 students and families received food boxes delivered to Tempe school sites

- Over 5,000 adults and children were helped to retain housing during a financial crisis and 478 men and women were provided with emergency shelter
- A total of 995 seniors received meals, rides, and other support to extend their ability to remain at home as they age
- Close to 300 adults received employment placement support, helping them improve their financial status.

Numbers don't always tell the entire story, but we hope that our [FY2019 Agency Impact Measures report](#) demonstrates the difference your support has made.

Grants

FHLBank
San Francisco



FHLBank San Francisco Awards \$1.5 Million in Grants to 55 Nonprofits for Economic Development Initiatives
Grants Will Boost Local Jobs Programs and Other Economic and Community Development Initiatives in AZ, CA, and NV

AHEAD Grant Award

We are excited to announce the receipt of a \$25,000 grant award from The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco through their 2019 AHEAD Program.

AHEAD funds will support the provision of Financial Opportunity Center services including enrollment into benefits programs, employment assistance, and financial coaching. These services are designed to improve the financial status of low-income households in Tempe.

The grant will provide critical financial support for the Financial Opportunity Center and compliments other awards that will allow TCAA to sustain the program long term.



Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Grant

Tempe seniors who are food insecure, are living in poverty, and struggling to meet their needs at home as they age will benefit from a grant awarded to TCAA by The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

This grant will allow TCAA to invest in comprehensive social service interventions that connect

seniors with food resources, at-home assistance, and social workers through the redesigned Senior Independence Program.

The addition of in-home care and case management services offered by a team of social workers positions TCAA as the sole provider of these services for vulnerable older adults living in Tempe. Our new "In-Home Care" program is expected to serve 160 seniors in the year ahead.



Tempe Diablos Charities

If you have ever visited TCAA's offices on Apache Blvd., then you know that we have outgrown our space! Thanks to a grant from the Tempe Diablo Charities, we have a little more breathing room. With support from the Tempe Diablos, we were able to relocate our I-HELP Emergency Shelter team to a new office next door to The Dhaba Restaurant to make room for the opening of the Financial Opportunity Center at our Apache location.

Thank you to Tempe Diablos Charities for your investment in our future!

TCAA Programs



Financial Opportunity Center

After a successful pilot program last year, TCAA opened the city's only Financial Opportunity Center. The center helps low to moderate-income individuals develop effective money habits and strengthen their financial status.

The center - developed in partnership with Local Initiative Support Corp. (LISC) and with support from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Bank of America, APS, and State Farm - complements our range of programs and provides low-income households with a solid pathway out of financial crisis to greater self-reliance.

The Financial Opportunity Center offers a variety of services, including: income supports such as SNAP enrollment, food boxes and utility assistance; employment assistance like resume and job search development; and financial coaching to tackle things like budgeting and credit counseling. Our FOC is also partnering with local businesses to help them recruit and hire qualified workers. Know someone in need of employment assistance and financial coaching? TCAA can help!

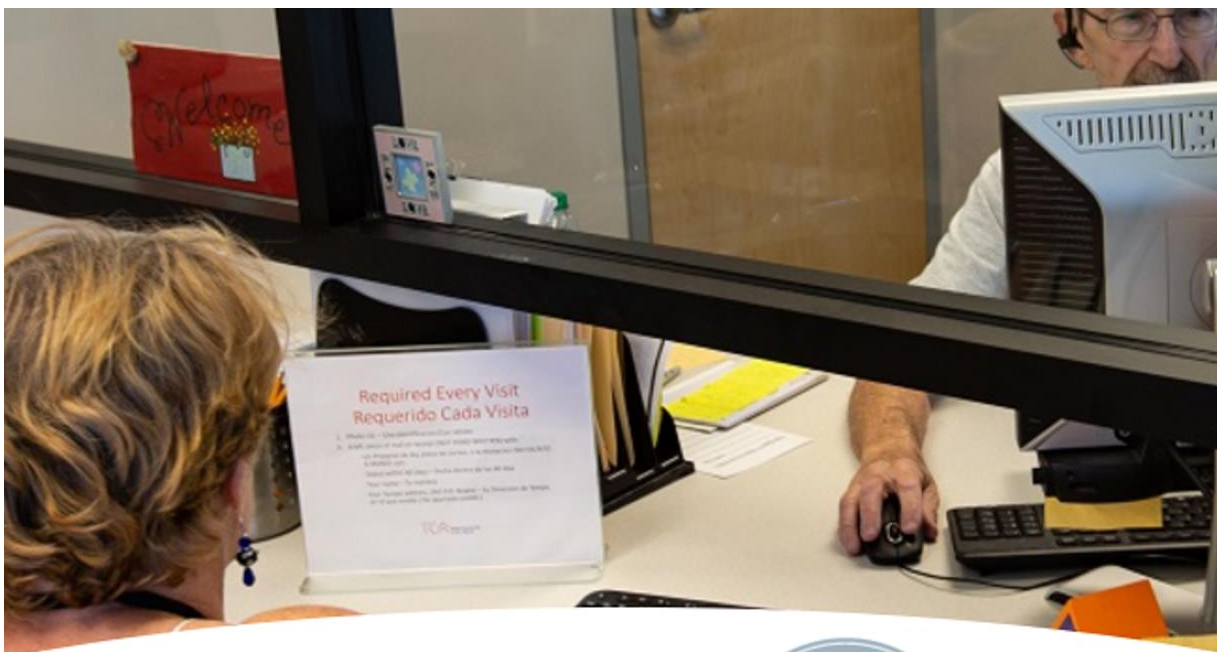


More Help for Struggling Seniors

Earlier this year TCAA merged with the volunteer-driven nonprofit Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors (TNHN) to better serve a growing number of older adults struggling to age at home in Tempe.

TCAA already offers a wide range of programs designed to help individuals, families, and seniors overcome crises, reach their potential, become more self-sufficient and contribute to their community. With the addition of services previously offered by TNHN and the addition of a social worker team, we're now able to offer home maintenance, yard care, pet care, technology assistance, social/wellness visits, and rides to the grocery store or medical appointments. Volunteers are key to this effort! Have some time on your hands? Contact us to get involved today.

Other News



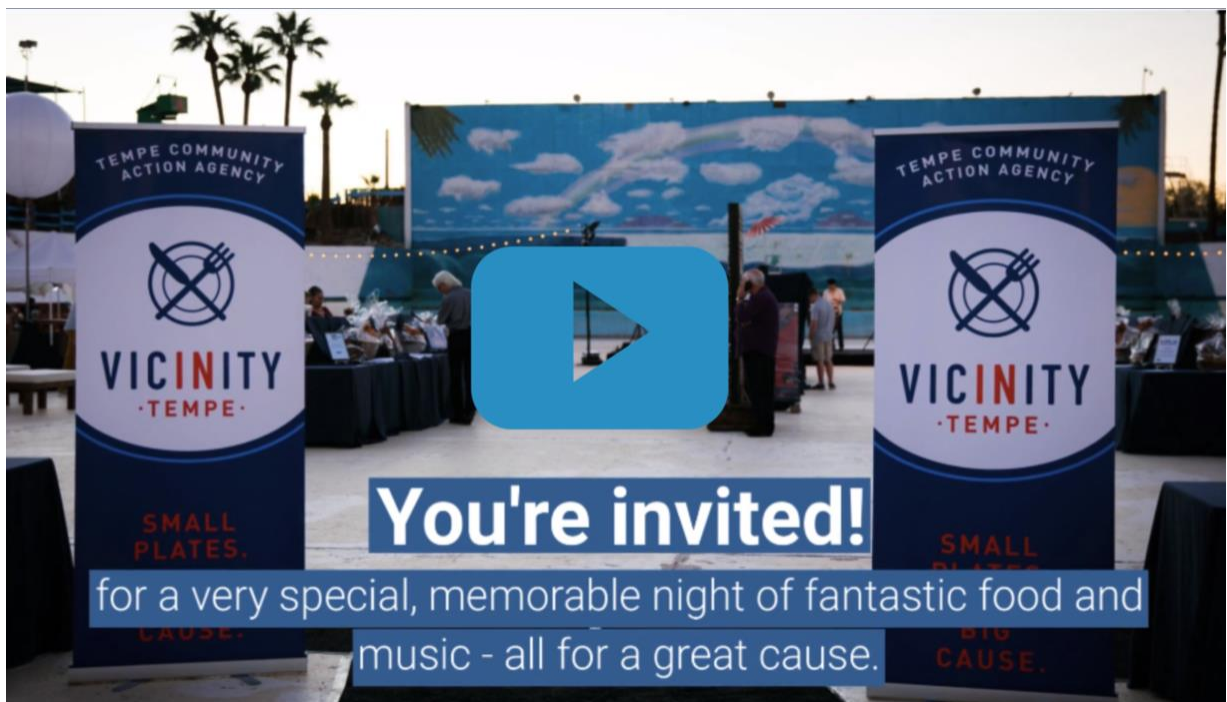
GuideStar's Highest Seal of Transparency

TCAA is thrilled to announce that we have earned a 2019 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information. By sharing metrics that highlight the progress TCAA is making toward its mission, we aim to help donors better evaluate and assess our performance in the community.

By updating our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile to earn a Platinum Seal, we can now easily share a wealth of up-to-date metrics with as well as GuideStar's vast online audience, which includes donors, grantmakers, our peers, and the media.

[Click here to read more](#)

Events



VICINITY Tempe

The one event you don't want to miss!

Back by popular demand at one of Tempe's most unique and nostalgic venues, join us and mingle the night away under the stars with friends and family at the iconic Big Surf Waterpark.

Come and enjoy a variety of wine, craft beer, delectable creations from favorite local establishments, live entertainment, and a fabulous silent auction *in the wave pool*--without water of course!

Here is a taste (pun intended) of some of the local establishments that will provide food and drinks at this year's event:

- Snooze A.M. Eatery
- BurgerFi
- Spinato's
- Ghost Ranch Southwest Cuisine
- Fate Brewery...with a newly brewed beer just for the event (more details soon)

We're also offering an exciting raffle drawing (pack your suitcases!) and will begin selling raffle tickets and silent auction opportunities prior to the evening event. Early Bird tickets start at \$85. Tickets are selling fast at vicinitytempe.com

Your Impact



Your support is making a difference

At 76 years old, Sharon, a retired senior citizen, found herself living on the streets due to unforeseen personal matters. Throughout all the struggles she faced, Sharon never lost hope that she would land back on her feet.

[Click here to read how your support made a difference in Sharon's life.](#)

Community Involvement



Holiday Opportunities

The holiday season is around the corner and TCAA has many ways you or a group can be involved. If you are interested in any of the opportunities below, please contact Deb Bacorn at Debrab@tempeaction.org

Holiday Lights

For about two/three hours on a December 7th, volunteers are needed to bring a little holiday cheer to home-bound Tempe seniors.

Volunteers will disperse throughout Tempe to hang holiday lights on the homes of TCAA older adults with physical challenges or who are unable to hang holiday decorations. In January, volunteers will return to remove and store the lights and decorations.

Turkey Drive

This year, TCAA's goal is to provide 500 families with a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.

You can help by organizing a turkey drive. Please let us know the approximate number of turkeys you hope to collect (so we can keep track). The turkeys will be distributed to households in need the week before Thanksgiving, so drives should wrap up, and turkeys delivered to TCAA by November 18.

Holiday Dinner Drive

Help provide families in need with the traditional fixings to complete a holiday dinner. Holiday meal food boxes will be distributed by our Food Pantry. Donations can include:

- Instant Potatoes
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Green Beans
- Creamed Corn
- Cornbread Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned pumpkin

Adopt a Family for the Holidays

Collect new, unwrapped toys for children ages 1-15, gift cards to stores such as Target or Walmart for teens and parents, and gift wrap. Volunteers are invited to help wrap and hand out holiday packages for families enrolled in TCAA programs.



Support TCAA

Make a Monthly Gift

Monthly Giving: TCAA DoGooder Club

Make a monthly commitment to TCAA and you'll become a member of our DoGooder Club. These scheduled gifts allow you to budget your donations while making a meaningful difference in the lives of people and families in need.

Benefits of Monthly Giving:

- Automatic monthly deductions: a hassle-free way to give!
- Alter or suspend your recurring gift at any time
- Exclusive, electronic receipts that highlight your gift's impact and other TCAA news

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Thank You!

TCAA thanks the following partners for their support and commitment to the Tempe community. To become a sponsor, please email Joe Rivera at joer@tempeaction.org



Questions? Contact us at info@tempeaction.org