

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Jeanne Baker

Why A Stepping Stone Foundation?

Ring-Ring - your phone at home rings – that is if you still have a home phone. You check your Caller ID and you see it is a local charity. Now the first dilemma, do I answer the phone or let it go to voicemail? You take your chances and answer the phone and you find yourself speaking to a very pleasant person requesting assistance for their charity.

Second dilemma, do you donate?

Every day we are faced with requests to donate to a charity. Especially today with the natural disasters displacing people from their homes and taxing state and local governments for assistance.

How do you choose? The best advice – give to a charity that speaks to **your** heart, helps **your** community and/or contributes to making the future of **your** city better.

A Stepping Stone Foundation speaks to several different causes. First, we give our preschoolers the tools needed to succeed when entering elementary school. Second, parents are involved with their children’s learning through working with their child at the school, furthering their own education and participating in home visits to ensure nutrition and continued studies are built into their home life. Lastly, our scholarship program for former preschool students entering post-secondary education programs assists in developing strong citizens for our community.

When deciding what charity to donate to, consider A Stepping Stone Foundation which speaks loudest to your heart, your community and your future.

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The 2017 Cena y Serenata was another success netting \$50,000 for our children and families of A Stepping Stone’s LEAF program (Literacy Elevates Arizona Families). Pictured here L-R: Dr. David Garcia, MC; Cynthia Gattorna, Executive Director; Honoree of Distinction, MCCC Chancellor, Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick; Event Chair, Jennifer Sanchez; and Cena 2018 Event Chair, Dr. Gabriel Escontrias.



Pictured to the left:
Event Honorary Chair,
Tom Simplot; President
of A Stepping Stone,
Jeanne Baker with
Jennifer Sanchez.

FOOTNOTES

Cynthia Gattorna, Executive Director

A vision forward for our Stepping Stone organization includes adequate support and organizational capacity. To that end, I have applied to the Piper Fellows program to increase my own capacity for growth and please find below a few new ideas to support our financial growth.

There are so many ways to support our children and families financially! See Sue Tormala's article below regarding Phoenix Open's Birdies for Charities. Below are three more ways we often do not talk enough about:

1. **IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** Are you 70.5 or older? Ask your tax advisor if donating from your Standard IRA (not Roth) is right for you! Donor pays no income tax on distribution!
2. **Have you remembered A Stepping Stone in your will?** We have provided quality two-generational learning in our community for 27 years and we will continue to do so for many years into the future as long as the need exists. Please consider including A Stepping Stone Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate. Call me for details.
3. Open a bank account at BBVA Compass, mention A Stepping Stone and we get \$50! Our BBVA Compass code is 127401. Call me at the office for details. 602-843-8281.

As always, we are so very GRATEFUL for your support!

Cindy

A NOTE FROM Sue Tormala, Development Consultant

Are you a golfer? Yes? Well, we have a great challenge for you.

Are you a golfer? No? Well, we have the same great challenge for you.

That's right. Golf or don't golf. Like golf or don't like golf. By getting involved, you can benefit the families of A Stepping Stone Foundation.

When the PGA Tour professionals roll into town for the Waste Management Phoenix Open, you can become part of the action through the tournament's **Birdies for Charity Program**, which centers around the PGA TOUR professionals making birdies – lots of them – during the Phoenix Open in February 2018.

One of our long-time donors has already made a pledge of \$10,000 for the tournament. He will make that donation directly to Birdies for Charity **on behalf of A Stepping Stone Foundation**, and we will then receive **\$11,000** from Birdies for Charity. Every single pledge or donation made to Birdies for Charity on our behalf will have their donation to us increase by 10%.

Our donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, asked us to announce his donation to inspire our friends to participate. This is one of those wonderful times when the money you donate on behalf of A Stepping Stone **will be worth even more to us because of the 110% return on that donation.**

Pledges can be made in lump sums (as the one above) or can be pledged for each birdie made during the tournament. Last year there were about 1,500 birdies made. At one penny per birdie, the donor would then be billed (or their credit card charged) for \$15. At two cents, the donation would be \$30, etc. Please call the office for more details: 602-843-8281.

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Meet our Newest Board Member

A Stepping Stone welcomes **Dr. Lenay Dunn** to the board. Dr. Dunn serves as a Senior Research Associate in Innovation Studies at WestEd. Across her portfolio of work, she provides research, evaluation, and technical assistance on topics including systemic reform, formative assessment, and school and district improvement.



Dr. Dunn also serves as a faculty associate for the ASU Lodestar Center's Nonprofit Management Institute where she teaches the Measuring for Impact course and courses for the Social Impact Measurement Certificate. She is an experienced educational leader, researcher, and evaluator.

When asked why she joined A Stepping Stone Foundation Board, she replied, "I believe in the power of family literacy and high quality early learning experiences to equip young children, and their families, with the tools to become lifelong learners and leaders. The mission of ASSF is close to my heart and I am honored to be a board member for such an important organization."

Thank You for Your Board Service!



Bev is pictured here with Stepping Stone teachers.

We would like to take this opportunity to honor outgoing board members: **Ms. Beverly Carroll** (2006-2016 & Board President 2011-2013) and **Ms. Jennifer Sanchez** (2009-2017 & Board President 2013-2015).

Beverly and Jennifer provided excellent leadership

for the board through periods of challenge and celebration. We will miss their direct advocacy for our Stepping Stone children and families, their passion for building a better community and their positive presence on the board. Best wishes on your next endeavors, ladies!



Jennifer pictured here with Phoenix Councilwoman Kate Gallego.

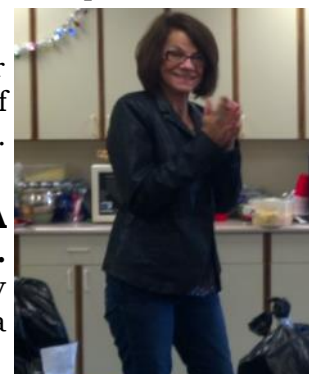
Winter is a Giving Season!

Each year, A Stepping Stone volunteers shepherd our annual giving program, lovingly called **Christmas Angels**. Outgoing board member Beverly Carroll is handing this special task to a new leader this year who is yet to be named.

If you would like to participate in the program, please call the office for details. A special thanks to **Shadow Rock UCC** who, as of the writing of this article, will once again host a Christmas Angel tree beginning Nov. 19th, where you can choose an angel to adopt for gifting.

To financially support this year's project, **you can mail a check to A Stepping Stone Foundation, P.O. Box 87149 Phoenix, AZ 85080**. Make checks payable to A Stepping Stone Foundation and please identify it as a gift to the 2017 Christmas Angel Project. A Stepping Stone is a 501c3 and donations are deductible to the extent of the law.

Gifts should be delivered to Shadow Rock no later than Saturday, December 10th. Call the Stepping Stone Office for more information: 602-843-8281



Bev Carroll is pictured here handing out gifts to our parents at the Bret Tarver Isaac site.

A Stepping Stone Foundation

Mission 2016-2017

Early Childhood Education



Billie Gannaway College Scholarship



Former preschoolers accepting their 2017-2018 college scholarships. Thanks to Shadow Rock UCC for once again donating the space!

Parenting Education



MCCC Chancellor Maria Harper Marinick visiting parents during *Kith and Kin* parenting.

All Families Participate In:

- Early Childhood Education
- Parenting Education
- Adult Literacy (GED/ESL)
- Home Visiting
- Intergenerational Activities
- Childcare
- College Scholarships

Adult Literacy



Home Visits

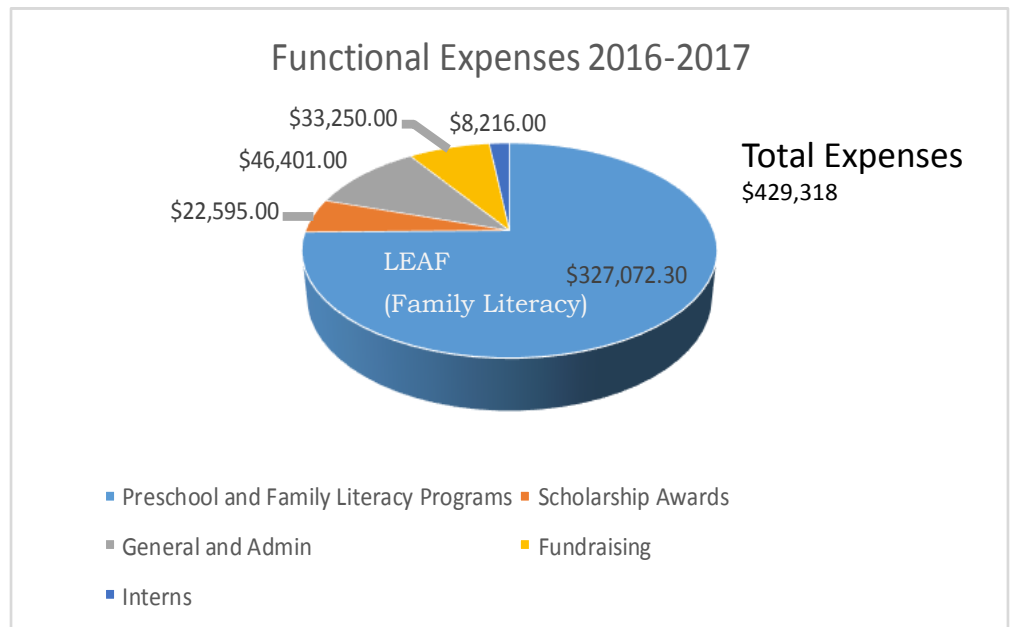
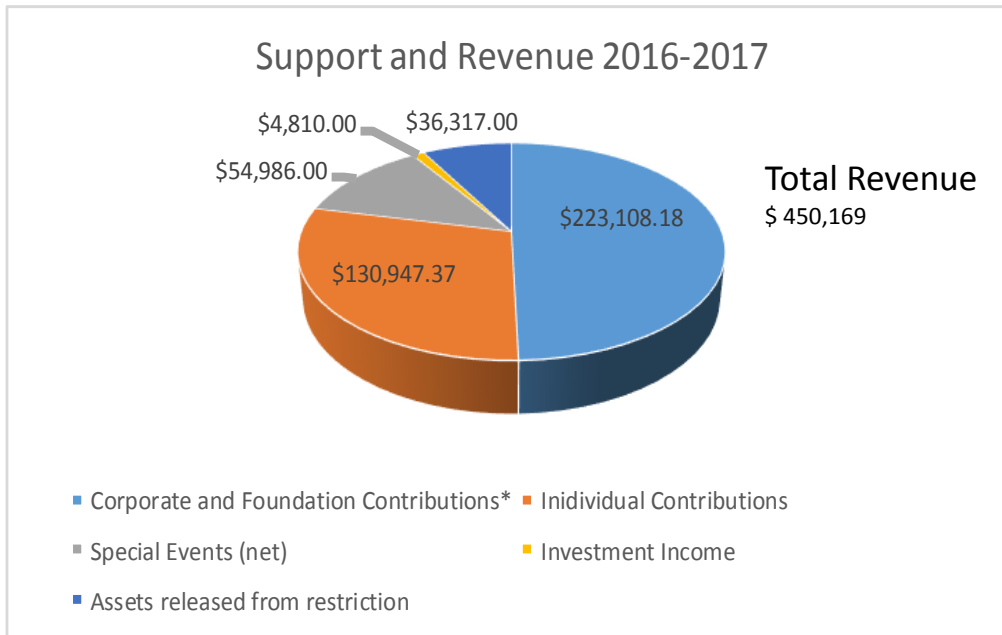


Intergenerational Activities



A Stepping Stone Foundation

Revenue and Expense Snapshots for Last Completed Fiscal Year¹



¹ Derived from preliminary financials dated August 29th. The independent audit conducted by Fester Chapman will be available in the office by November 15th. Please don't hesitate to ask for a copy by calling or emailing the Stepping Stone Office: 602-843-8281 or cindy@astepingstone.org

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