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Raveen Arora

Raveen Arora lives a life of service guided by his personal belief in “giving back to the community from which one receives.” At an early age, Raveen knew in his heart that it meant to be hungry after his family lost everything growing up in war-torn India. Inspired by these humble beginnings, Raveen sees the need of the individual and is driven to help others. Before immigrating to the United States from India he served as a member of the All India Boy Scouts and president of the Leo and Lions Club while also volunteering with Mother Theresa and the Missionaries of Charity. Today Raveen owns The Dhaba and India Plaza in a Tempe neighborhood with many challenges. Here he makes positive changes for his neighbors by providing clothing, bottled water, and free daily meals to people in need. Raveen upholds the dignity of people from all walks of life by providing jobs, giving individuals incentives to further their education, and encouraging the very best in each person he meets. As “uncle” to foreign students and immigrants living in the area, he also helps these individuals with their studies and transition into a new culture. Several local nonprofits and individuals have benefited from his generosity, including Arizona State University, Tempe Sister Cities/Hackett House, No Kid Left Hungry, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the annual AIDS Walk.

Kathryn White

Already exhibiting the essence of a humanitarian, Kathryn White has demonstrated leadership, compassion and service to others from a young age. As a junior in high school, Kathryn founded the Coronel del Pino Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness for the children and families in the mission countries. As founder and president of the Kids for Irish Wish club, supporting local students through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Arizona. Leading 70 students the first year her efforts helped form the largest non-corporate group participating in the annual 2013 Walk for Wishes fundraising event. The philanthropic efforts from the Kids for Irish Wish club during Kathryn’s junior and senior year collectively resulted in raising over $8,000, to help wishes come true for terminally ill youth.

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Avnet’s commitment to people, culture and community involvement through their exceptional corporate giving makes a positive impact in Tempe and surrounding communities. Annually, Avnet awards several thousands of dollars in program grants to local nonprofits and schools focusing on children, education and technology. The care and support of Avnet’s employees to the communities where they live, work and play helps impact local needs through their extensive volunteer activities and personal contributions. To go one step farther, Avnet matches employee contributions and volunteer hours in dollars to further maximize their impact. Local organizations benefiting from Avnet’s giving programs include: East Valley Boys and Girls Clubs, Tempe Community Council, East Valley Women’s League, Junior Achievement, ICAN, Salvation Army, Hands-On Greater Phoenix, and Chrysalis Shelter.

Traci Estenson

Exuding a fun and positive spirit, Traci Estenson’s kind heart and natural desire to help others drives the countless hours and breadth of her leadership, fundraising and philanthropic contributions and commitment to helping make prom possible for all deserving high school students and enhancing the Cinderella Affair, a prom dress giveaway program. In addition to the Cinderella Affair, Traci is continuously involved in numerous service projects through her membership with the East Valley Women’s League, National Charity League and parent teacher organizations that include fundraising activities for the Tempe Union High School Foundation.

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