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## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chris Gonzalez, TCC Board President

## SPONSOR WELCOME

Dave Roberts, SRP Senior Director of Water Resources

## YOUNG HUMANITARIAN SCHOLAR

Juan Mendez, State Representative & TCC Board Member  
Marc Chambers, Ramsey Social Justice Foundation

## SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA AWARD

Angela Taylor-Thornton, TCC Board Member

## GUIDING LIGHT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

Katherine Hanley, TCC Executive Director

## CITY OF TEMPE PROCLAMATION

Mark Mitchell, Mayor

## DON CARLOS VIDEO PRESENTATION

Produced by Shane Walsh and Gino Andreozzi,  
Optical Narrative

## 2015 DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

J. Ibeh Agbanyim

## TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REFLECTION

Harry Mitchell, Former U.S. Representative  
& Former Tempe Mayor

## CLOSING REMARKS

Chris Gonzalez

HUMANITARIAN  
OF THE YEAR

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 what

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 benefitted 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.

## GUIDING LIGHT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

### Avnet, Inc.

**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 help meet 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 benefitting 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.

## SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA

### 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 extensive volunteer service.** Her passion, leadership, personal contributions and commitment to helping make prom possible for all teens has been instrumental in expanding and enhancing the Cinderella Affair, a prom dress giveaway program. In addition to the Cinderella Affair, Traci is concurrently 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 Kyrene School Foundation and Tempe Union High School Foundation.

## YOUNG HUMANITARIAN SCHOLAR

### 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 Corona del Sol High School’s Kids for Wish Kids 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 Wish Kids club during Kathryn’s junior and senior year collectively resulted in raising over \$6,000 to help wishes come true for terminally ill youth.

# don carlos history

Charles Trumbull Hayden was one of Tempe’s founders and a great humanitarian. “Don Carlos,” as the Spanish pioneers affectionately called him, was known across Arizona for the assistance he provided to people in need. To honor the Hayden legacy, Tempe Community Council annually presents the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, considered one of Tempe’s most prestigious distinctions.

## DON CARLOS HUMANITARIANS

1984 Dr. William Payne	2000 Sue Searcy
1985 Leonard Monti, Sr.	2001 Zita Johnson
1986 Margaret & William Kajikawa	2002 Bobbie & Don Cassano
1987 Jinnett B. Kirk	2003 David B. Cutty
1988 Peggy Bryant	2004 Joseph P. Spracale
1989 Eliza Carney	2005 Jane & Dick Neuheisel
1990 Naomi Harward	2006 Gail Fisher & Mel Kessler
1991 Mimi & Mac Bohlman	2007 Linda Spears
1992 Virginia Tinsley	2008 Pen Johnson
1993 Betty & John Waters	2009 Sue Ringler
1994 Pat Hatton	2010 Catherine May & Dan Abbott
1995 Lawn Griffiths	2011 Alice & Ralph Goitia
1996 Rudy Campbell	2012 Harry Mitchell
1997 Bobbie & George Overby	2013 Kerry Fetherston
1998 Sue & Bob Lofgren	2014 Neil G. Giuliano
1999 Carol E. Smith	

## PHILANTHROPISTS

2008 Tempe Diablos	2013 Ramsey Social Justice Foundation
2009 Arte Moreno	2014 Kiwanis Club of Tempe
2010 Jerry Brock	
2012 SRP	