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CLOSING REMARKS
Kim Naig
Shana Ellis is a tireless community advocate and champion of many causes; providing a powerful voice for those who are unheard and countless hours of service to address human service needs in Tempe and beyond.

From an early age, Shana set upon a path of humanitarianism and giving. Raised to understand the value and importance of caring for others, she served with her parents on many community projects. As a toddler, she participated in pledge drives with her father to support PBS Channel 8. In her teen years, she volunteered at Tempe St. Luke’s Hospital and began her 20 years of nonprofit work with Tempe Community Council (TCC). As TCC’s Assistant Director she advocated for many underserved populations and was instrumental in incubating services for a variety of human service needs. Elected to the Tempe City Council in 2006, Shana spent eight years addressing the needs of all Tempe residents as well as local and widespread issues of homelessness, affordable housing, and public transportation.

Her dedication and exceptional leadership earned her several recognitions including the Brian Mickelsen Housing Hero Award, Desert Peaks Award for Regional Excellence in Transportation, Women in Transit Woman of the Year and Phoenix Business Journal’s Most Admired Leader. Shana has also served on many government and nonprofit boards including Valley of the Sun United Way, Arizona Community Action Agency, St. Luke’s Medical Centers, Area Agency on Aging, Tempe Community Council, Maricopa Association of Governments, Tempe Human Relations Commission, Tempe Leadership, and Kiwanis Club of Tempe.

In her personal life, she shares her endless enthusiasm and compassion to help others through activities with family and friends. Her efforts have been instrumental in raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and sharing immeasurable hours of service to support those in hardship. Those benefitting from her contributions include Tempe Center for the Arts, Association for Adopted Children, Maggie’s Place, families with medical needs, Tempe Community Action Agency, Tempe YMCA, Tempe Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley, Tempe Sister Cities, Childsplay, and Tempe schools and youth programs.

Today, she serves as the President/CEO of The Centers for Habilitation, living out a deep passion of hers to uphold the dignity of those with disabilities and help provide a better quality of life for all. Every day, Shana instills the value and importance of caring for others with her children, and continues to inspire, involve and impact the lives of many in our community.
GUIDING LIGHT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

East Valley Women’s League

The East Valley Women’s League’s dedication and contributions to improving the lives of underprivileged women and youth, fills unique needs, while empowering and warming the hearts of many.

For the past 15 years, the members of the East Valley Women’s League (EVWL) have made it their mission to embrace needs in the community affecting women and youth that often go unnoticed or unmet. Utilizing their immeasurable gifts of time and talent, the women of the EVWL raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, touching countless lives. Well known for their extensive commitment to the Cinderella Affair, providing free prom attire to teens across the state, they have founded and supported many projects including: SEEDS For Autism, Buckling Babes, Kids in Transition, SUITS, Ronald McDonald House, Packing for Success, Emily Rosamond Bauer scholarships, Camp Soaring Eagle, TeenAge Pregnancy Program (TAPP), Homebound Women’s Project, and It’s All About You/Children’s Cancer Network. The philanthropic works of this exceptional group of women make a significant impact in the community, brightening the days and future of many.

SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA VOLUNTEER

Ed Baker

Ed Baker is an extraordinary volunteer who has a relentless commitment to caring for community and shares his talents to support local needs.

A resident of Tempe and SRP employee, Ed Baker has been involved in many community service activities with his family and work group, assisting organizations such as André House, Tempe Cares, Feed My Starving Children, and St. Vincent de Paul. While participating in the Tempe Leadership program, Ed worked with his fellow classmates to raise substantial funds to benefit and expand the food distribution efforts of United Food Bank. For the past 11 years, serving as a volunteer and board member for TCAA, Ed has dedicated his work to Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA), helping meet the needs of the homeless, hungry, aging and impoverished in Tempe. Ed’s talents and efforts have rallied community and been instrumental in helping to personally raise thousands of dollars to benefit the mission and work of TCAA.

YOUNG HUMANITARIAN SCHOLAR

Carter Tyler Lindsay

Carter Lindsay is a young inspirational role model, contributing to our community as a leader and exhibiting the qualities of a budding humanitarian.

A recent graduate of Marcos de Niza High School, Carter has stepped forward to be a leader both at school and at his place of worship. While attending Marcos de Niza, Carter served as president of the Black Student Union and member of DECA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Through activities with family, school clubs, and church, he has supported others in need, impacting youth, homeless, seniors, his neighborhood and community. Organizations benefitting from his service include the City of Tempe, Elmcroft Senior Living, Arizona State University Police Department and Tempe Union High School District Early Learning Center. Now attending Arizona State University, Carter plans to become involved in campus charitable activities and hopes to inspire others to help make a difference.
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, Tempe’s most prestigious distinction.

**DON CARLOS RECIPIENTS**

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1984 Dr. William Payne  
1985 Leonard Monti, Sr.  
1986 Margaret & William Kajikawa  
1987 Jinnett B. Kirk  
1988 Peggy Bryant  
1989 Eliza Carney  
1990 Naomi Harward  
1991 Mimi & Mac Bohlman  
1992 Virginia Tinsley  
1993 Betty & John Waters  
1994 Pat Hatton  
1995 Lawn Griffiths  
1996 Rudy Campbell  
1997 Bobbie & George Overby  
1998 Sue & Bob Lofgren  
1999 Carol E. Smith  
2000 Sue Searcy  
2001 Zita Johnson  
2002 Bobbie & Don Cassano  
2003 David B. Cutty  
2004 Joseph P. Spracale  
2005 Jane & Dick Neuheisel  
2006 Gail Fisher & Mel Kessler  
2007 Linda Spears  
2008 Pen Johnson  
2009 Sue Ringler  
2010 Catherine May & Dan Abbott  
2011 Alice & Ralph Goitia  
2012 Harry Mitchell  
2013 Kerry Fetherston  
2014 Neil G. Giuliani  
2015 Raven Arora

**PHILANTHROPISTS**

2008 Tempe Diablos  
2009 Arte Moreno  
2010 Jerry Brock  
2012 SRP  
2013 Ramsey Social Justice Foundation  
2014 Kiwanis Club of Tempe  
2015 Avnet, Inc.

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SRP congratulates those being recognized at the 2016 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Ceremony.
Congratulations to all of this year’s award recipients, Shana Ellis, Ed Baker, Carter Lindsay and the East Valley Women’s League.

You are the threads that connect Tempe’s community fabric. Thank you for your commitment to our community.

Hugh & Susan Hallman
Forging a promising future takes commitment to making a difference. We honor the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award winners for their work to create stronger, more vibrant communities. Their vision for a better tomorrow is what leadership is made of, and we thank them for their contributions.
Congratulations
to the 2016 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year,
Shana Ellis.
Thank you for all you do for so many in Tempe and beyond.

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A special congratulations also to
East Valley Women’s League,
Ed Baker and Carter Lindsay.
Tempe is blessed to have such selfless individuals caring
for and helping others in our community!

With love and blessings,
Tim and Traci Estenson
Congratulations to the 2016 Don Carlos Humanitarian Honorees.
Your service improves and inspires our community.
Thank you!
Diane and Bob Kawa

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

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Congratulations to all of the 2016 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Nominees

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