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Humanitarian Awards

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Program

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

5:30PM - 9PM





OPENING REMARKS

Elizabeth Cling, TCC Board President

SPONSOR WELCOME

Rosemary Gannon, Community Outreach Manager, SRP

YOUNG HUMANITARIAN SCHOLAR

Cindy Benson, Retired Educator, Tempe Union High School District

SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA AWARD

Kimberly DeMeritt, Director of Development, Maggie's Place

Elizabeth Ortlepp, House Manager, The Elizabeth House

GUIDING LIGHT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

Tamara Reed, TCC Board Treasurer

DON CARLOS VIDEO PRESENTATION

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2017 DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

Shana Ellis, President, The Centers for Habilitation and 2016 Don Carlos Humanitarian



CITY OF TEMPE PROCLAMATION

Mark Mitchell, Mayor

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Michael Rooney, Past TCC Board President and
Chair, Tempe Community Foundation Advisory Committee

CLOSING REMARKS

Elizabeth Cling



DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

Kathy Stevens



Kathy personifies humanitarianism in its raw form, with no boundaries of who or where she serves, seeking no fanfare and often fulfilling the undesired and unnoticed tasks that support the success of numerous endeavors, bettering the lives of many.

A long-time resident of Tempe, Kathy's lifetime of altruism began as a teen, becoming involved with a variety of service clubs in high school. Over the years, her volunteerism grew as she became a mother and grandmother, volunteering for school and youth-related organizations addressing the many needs of Tempe's youth through Girl Scouts and several Tempe school parent teacher organizations.

While an SRP employee of 25 years, Kathy recruited volunteers and initiated many activities and events to engage employees to be community-focused. As part of this work, she served as president of SRP's Employee Boosters Association and continually contributed as a mentor and volunteer benefitting organizations such as United Way, Arthritis Foundation, Special Olympics, Thomas J. Pappas Regional School, Andre House, Tempe Salvation Army and Komen Race for the Cure. Kathy's endeavors earned her to become a two-time recipient of SRP's Carl F. Able Award for volunteerism.

As a graduate of Arizona State University, Thunderbird American Graduate School, Tempe Leadership Class XII and Valley Leadership Class XXV, Kathy uses her education and training in communications and leadership to bolster her commitment to community by serving on many civic boards including the City of Tempe's Diversity Dialogues,

Sponsorship Review Commission, Beautification Awards Committee and Tempe Police Department's Citizens Advisory Review Panel. One her proud accomplishments prominently standing today, occurred while serving on the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission. As commissioner she was on the founding team helping bring the Tempe Center for the Arts into fruition and initiate the nonprofit, Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts.

Throughout the years and now into retirement, Kathy's devotion and dedication to helping others has only increased. She provides countless hours serving on nonprofit boards and tirelessly supporting activities of organizations including Kiwanis Club of Tempe, The Centers for Habilitation, Tempe St. Luke's, Tempe Impact Education Foundation, Care-7 Crisis Response Team and Tempe Family YMCA. Currently, she serves as president of the Assistance League of the East Valley and lead volunteer coordinating Tempe Community Council's Threadz teen resource center at Marcos de Niza High School. Often involving her grandchildren in her many charitable activities, she continues to serve as a role model of compassion, passing on her spirit of giving, and helping raise the next generation of volunteers.



**GUIDING LIGHT LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY**

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Providing not only electricity to many Arizona residents, APS has supported and given back to communities across the state for decades.

APS has made philanthropy a part of their company's culture providing financial contributions to nonprofits and community projects as well as encouraging staff volunteerism since 1886. For several years, APS has been recognized by the Phoenix Business Journal as being a top corporate volunteer program; indicating over 127,000 hours of service were given in 2015 alone. In addition to supporting employee volunteerism, APS generously provides communities with direct cash contributions or in-kinds services to help support the many endeavors communities are offering to address the programs and services to address the needs of their residents. Since 1995, APS has donated just under \$13.5 million to support these efforts. Several Tempe organizations have been the beneficiaries of APS' philanthropic contributions including Tempe Union High School District Education Foundation, City of Tempe police and fire departments, Tempe Community Action Agency, Tempe Community Council, Tempe sister Cities and Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The generosity of APS through their charitable contributions has helped collectively to reach millions of people both in Tempe and across the state.



**SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA
VOLUNTEER**

Jerry Tong

Sharing his skills and extending his loving and giving compassion to others, Jerry Tong, has provided immeasurable service to many organizations.

A long-time resident of Tempe and graduate of the University of Arizona, Jerry spent most of his life raising four children and completing a full career as an electrical engineer and facilities project manager. Since his retirement in 2001, Jerry has chosen to devote his personal time helping individuals and organizations who could benefit from his skills and services he graciously offered. For two years, he helped establish and support Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, in Mesa. At the same time, Jerry also began volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul's headquarters in downtown Phoenix and continues today assisting in a variety of ways including overseeing building and maintenance projects. Since 2001, Jerry has been an invaluable volunteer to Maggie's Place, mowing lawns and making repairs where needed. Each week he is onsite overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of The Elizabeth House, in Tempe. Jerry goes beyond being handyman, but has become an honorary father and grandfather to resident mothers and infants living at Maggie's Place. Jerry has a genuine compassion and care for others and treats all with the respect and dignity they deserve.



**YOUNG HUMANITARIAN
OF THE YEAR**

Rida Imtiaz

Already exhibiting the essence of a humanitarian, Rida Imtiaz has demonstrated leadership, compassion and service to others from a young age.

A recent graduate of Marcos de Niza High School, Rida was a member of Key Club and the Academic Decathlon Team, and held several positions of leadership in school clubs including the National Honor Society and HOSA-Future Health Professionals. Through her school affiliations, she provided community service to a variety of organizations including a six-year commitment to the Tempe Public Library. An immigrant from Pakistan, Rida understands the challenges of transitioning from one language and culture to another. Wanting to support and make the transition easier for others, she created a campaign, "Pencil for our Future" raising funds and obtaining donations to supply books and school supplies for the Refugee Integration Stability Education Program at Arizona State University. Now a freshman at ASU she plans to continue her community service and one day serve as a tutor for other immigrants.

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, Tempe's most prestigious distinction.



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DON CARLOS HUMANITARIANS

1984	Dr. William Payne	2001	Zita Johnson
1985	Leonard Monti, Sr.	2002	Bobbie & Don Cassano
1986	Margaret & William Kajikawa	2003	David B. Cutty
1987	Jinnett B. Kirk	2004	Joseph P. Spracale
1988	Peggy Bryant	2005	Jane & Dick Neuheisel
1989	Eliza Carney	2006	Gail Fisher & Mel Kessler
1990	Naomi Harward	2007	Linda Spears
1991	Mimi & Mac Bohlman	2008	Pen Johnson
1992	Virginia Tinsley	2009	Sue Ringler
1993	Betty & John Waters	2010	Catherine May & Dan Abbott
1994	Pat Hatton	2011	Alice & Ralph Goitia
1995	Lawn Griffiths	2012	Harry Mitchell
1996	Rudy Campbell	2013	Kerry Fetherston
1997	Bobbie & George Overby	2014	Neil G. Giuliano
1998	Sue & Bob Lofgren	2015	Raveen Arora
1999	Carol E. Smith	2016	Shana Ellis
2000	Sue Searcy		

PHILANTHROPISTS

2008	Tempe Diablos	2013	Ramsey Social Justice Foundation
2009	Arte Moreno	2014	Kiwanis Club of Tempe
2010	Jerry Brock	2015	Avnet, Inc.
2012	SRP	2016	East Valley Women's League

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SRP congratulates the 2017 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award honorees.



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Congratulations

to the 2017 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year,

Kathy Stevens

Thank you for all you do for so many in Tempe and beyond.

A special congratulations also to

APS, Jerry Tong and Rida Imtiaz

Tempe is blessed to have such selfless individuals caring
for and helping others in our community!

With love and blessings,

Tim and Traci Estenson

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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 **JERRY TONG**

**for Years of Volunteerism
and a Lifetime of Being
a Super Dad, Papa (X15) and
Great Papa (X4 and counting)!**

Love,

*Steve & Marian Tong
Bill & Michelle Tong*

*Hal & Chettie Dodson
Joe & Pam Tong*

**Mountain Park congratulates
those being recognized at the
2017 Don Carlos
Humanitarian Award Ceremony.**

Visit our new clinic on the corner of
Broadway and McClintock in Tempe.



IN ANY GIVEN MOMENT WE
HAVE TWO OPTIONS: TO STEP
FORWARD INTO GROWTH OR
BACK INTO SAFETY.

– Abraham Maslow –

Congratulations to the 2017 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award honorees. You are bold. You are brave. You are kind. You ignite the change you want to see in the world. We are humbled and inspired by your commitment to move toward growth each day.

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Humanitarian Honorees.**
Your service improves
and inspires our
community.

Thank you!
Diane and Bob Kawa



Congratulations!

Thank you for changing
the lives of many.

**TL XXX
&
LAAHF**

**"The best way to find
yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others."**

— Mahatma Gandhi

Congratulations to all of the
2017 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Nominees

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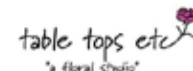
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