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Connector Award: connecting people, ideas & community

A day of seeking solutions and ideas on how to end social isolation and loneliness

Tempe, Arizona, (Oct. 14) – Tempe Community Council (TCC) will be hosting its first-ever Connector Award event 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Oct. 23 at Tempe Center for the Arts. Tempe Community Council works to build connections, while seeking ways to create an inclusive and compassionate community, where everyone knows and feels they belong. TCC made a call to the community for innovative new solutions to alleviate isolation and loneliness by strengthening connections between people in Tempe. TCC wants to work with innovators — providing technical assistance and connection to funders to transform their ideas into real programs.

Join Tempe Community Council for a day of exploring ideas and solutions on how to end social isolation and loneliness in Tempe. Wendy Wolfersteig of Arizona State University, along with experts from Community Bridges, Inc. will share information on this important issue and engage the audience in a roundtable discussion followed by lunch, then presentations where the nine chosen finalists will present their ideas to a panel of judges. The event will end with an awards ceremony where TCC will invest up to \$50,000 to the winning idea or ideas.

“At Tempe Community Council, we work to build connections, seeking ways to create compassion and inclusivity, where everyone feels they belong. Listening to our community and understanding that several people in Tempe are facing the same challenge of loneliness and social isolation, we have created the Connector Award to help transform innovative ideas into real programs that will ultimately help diminish social isolation here in Tempe,” said TCC Board President Nathanael Pretlow.

“We all know that being connected to others and feeling a part of a community is essential to our overall well-being. At TCC, we believe that our community already has the creativity, knowledge and skills to address this issue in our own unique way. The Connector Award was born out of this desire to identify innovative new solutions to diminish isolation and loneliness by strengthening connections between people in Tempe,” said TCC Immediate Past President and Connector Award Chair/Emcee Brandon Willey.

Registration can be completed online at www.tempecommunitycouncil.org. For information about the awards or nominations email info@tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300. The deadline for registration is Oct. 22.

About Tempe Community Council

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is a community-based nonprofit with a 45-year history of encouraging resident interaction and commitment to human services in Tempe. TCC brings our community together – including government, nonprofits, faith groups and residents – to provide support to Tempeans in need, plan for present and future needs, and build an enduring foundation.

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