



ANNUAL REPORT 2019- 2020

**TEMPE
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

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ABOUT TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the community since 1972, Tempe Community Council (TCC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is committed to addressing immediate and long-term human service needs in Tempe. A nonpartisan organization, TCC serves as a means for individuals and organizations to work together to identify and plan for needed human service programs in our community. Our unique model of including residents to make decisions is an example of what makes Tempe a great city.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

MISSION

Connecting those in need with those who care.

VISION

TCC nurtures Tempe's sense of community where children, seniors, families and individuals care for and about one another.

VALUES

TCC is committed to building a community that cares for and about each other, appreciates diversity in its people and ideas, fosters and respects resident input, works cooperatively and respectfully with stakeholders, and is efficient and effective with resources.

A WORD FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friend of Tempe Community Council,

In our 48th year of "connecting those in need with those who care," TCC continued our programs and partnerships in fiscal year 2019-2020. Starting eight months into the fiscal year, the COVID-19 pandemic curbed many programs. In response, many innovations were required. In addition, Tempe Community Foundation funded emergency grants to agencies to allow them to continue critical human services as the need continued to rapidly expand. I would like to thank our partner agencies for their superhuman efforts to try to assure that Tempe residents did not fall through the cracks during this crisis. In efforts to sustain the ongoing work of Tempe Community Council, this year we completed a restructuring of our board of directors in order to implement best practices for non-profit organizations.

This fiscal year, Tempe Community Council began an initiative to focus on equity, inclusion and diversity as it applies to our organization, its programs and our partners. Highlights, so far, include the expansion of gender identity in the Agency Review process in an effort to expand geographic diversity on our board of directors. Also, I am the first Black Tempean to be elected President of the Board of Directors of Tempe Community Council.

Thank you to all who in their own individual ways have stepped up to support the Tempe community in this unprecedented time of need.

Because we are Tempe.



Nathanael Pretlow

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Board President 2019-2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Executive Committee

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Redemption Church of Tempe

AGENCY REVIEW

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One of the most public roles of TCC for the past 35 years has been to administer and manage the distribution of human services funds on behalf of the City of Tempe, known as "Agency Review." What makes this process unique – a true community effort – and much more than simply a grant process, is that TCC mobilizes interested community members, who work and/or live in Tempe, to bring Agency Review a human touch. TCC works with citizen volunteers, who dedicate their valuable time over a three-month period, to reading and evaluating human services proposals, interviewing respective agencies and making funding recommendations to the City Council.

This process is arduous, eye-opening, complex and rewarding for everyone involved. The City of Tempe and TCC stands head and shoulders above our surrounding cities for the high level of citizen involvement in the human services funding process.

453

Community responses to the Human Services Survey, used to prioritize funding.

48

Number of volunteers, comprised of community members and TCC Board members.

49

Number of agencies with 58 programs recommended for funding for the fiscal year.



CONNECTOR AWARD

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Tempe Community Council works to build connections, while seeking ways to create an inclusive and compassionate community where everyone knows and feels they belong. The Connector Award innovation grants were established to address issues that impact our community. After connecting with community members and non profit organizations, loneliness and social isolation were identified as consistent issues that jeopardize the well-being of Tempe residents.

The Connector Award sought to fund new programs, products or services that were aimed at alleviating isolation and loneliness.

10/23

The inaugural Connector Award event held on October 23, 2019 was filled with presentations including keynote speaker Dr. Wendy Wolfersteig (ASU), Community Bridges roundtable discussion, and nine award finalists providing innovative ideas and information to address social isolation and loneliness in Tempe.

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Connector Award grants totaling \$70,000 were given to five innovative programs: Pen Pals for Seniors, Storyscope, Caregiver Services & ASL Training, Arts Integration with Salvation Army, and eSports League.



DON CARLOS

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HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

For 36 years Tempe Community Council has recognized those who compassionately dedicate themselves to improving the Tempe community through their work, services and philanthropy.

DC

Christine Hoddy-Busch received the prestigious recognition of the 2019 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year for her leadership in education and countless hours of service to improve the well-being of children, families, and community.

TCC

Bernadette Coggins received the TCC Impact Award for her long-time advocacy for children and extensive work in the community.

YH

Corona del Sol High School graduate Brooke Schmidt received the Young Humanitarian Scholar Award and received a scholarship sponsored by the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation.



TEMPE COALITION

The Tempe Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking and Drug Use was founded in 1987. A broad array of Tempe residents, businesses, school personnel and organizations that serve youth have come together monthly to address youth risk behaviors to provide education, awareness, connection to resources and impacting policy to help our Tempe youth live their full potential.

CC4Y

The 3rd Annual Celebrating Champions for Youth honored Detective Daniel Bennett, Jose Hernandez, Synthia Ramos, Keshawn Thompson and the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

SOR

The Tempe Coalition was awarded \$120,000 for the State Opioid Response Grant from the State of Arizona Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family to provide opioid prevention resources to the Tempe community.

W

The Coalition hosted numerous workshops for businesses, parents, and educators on prescription drug use, opioid overdose training, understanding vaping, and trauma-informed care.



FOUNDATION

The Tempe Community Foundation (TCF) was founded in 1992 with the support of local leaders who wished to continue the tradition of Tempe philanthropy, and establish a centralized place for giving back to the community. Gifts to TCF are held and managed as part of a permanent endowment. Endowed funds maximize donor gifts, improving the welfare of the community today while leaving a legacy for future generations.

TCF

Tempe Community Foundation funded two organizations, Tempe Community Action Agency and A New Leaf, a total of \$50,000 for innovative projects focused on the coordination of transportation for individuals and families being served by human service organizations.

C

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, TCF awarded emergency grants totaling \$50,000 to support and address emergency needs of essential services for Mountain Park Health Center, Tempe Salvation Army, Tempe Community Action Agency, City of Tempe's Homeless Outreach Program Effort (HOPE), and Tempe Family YMCA.



TEMPE VITA TAX SITE

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TCC's Tempe Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is essential to Tempe as it provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Site operations were adversely affected by the COVID-19 virus. The site was closed from March 6 through June 9 in compliance with local stay-at-home mandates. The site re-opened on June 10, 2020 and accepted a limited number of clients by appointment only and followed Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Prevention Guidelines including wearing masks, social distancing, and routine site cleaning and disinfecting.

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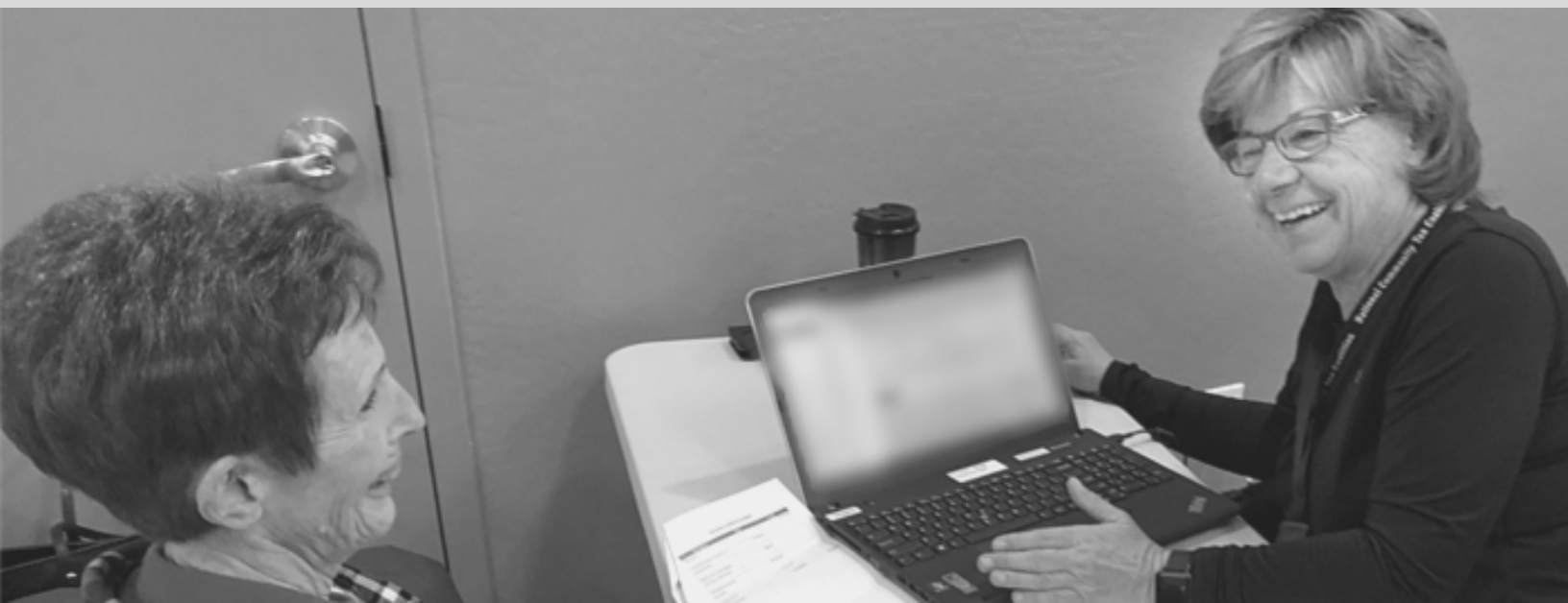
A total of 75 volunteers provided 1,536 hours serving clients at the VITA tax site, with the majority of volunteers being IRS-trained and certified tax preparers.

EITC

A total of \$451,941 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) were given to qualified taxpayers reducing their taxes and increasing refunds.

977

A total of 977 federal and state tax returns were completed for qualified taxpayers. Of those clients, 49.7% were residents of Tempe.



YOUTH & FAMILIES

Tempe Community Council's Youth & Families programs seek to provide support to young people and their families. This is done through parenting classes for parents of teens, scholarships for childcare to assist teen parents in their endeavors to complete high school, and free clothing, school supplies and hygiene products for middle and high school students. Since its inception, Tempe Community Council has focused on removing barriers for Tempe's young people and families.

PPP

Teen Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® classes were offered to parents in person and virtually resulting in total of 29 parents who recieved education to help modify and prevent emotion and behavior problems.

OH

Open Horizons provided child care services through scholarship for four teen parents.

T

While schools were open, Threadz served 994 students on-site. Following school closures due to COVID-19, Threadz continued to provide hygiene products to Tempe teens through agency partners: Tempe Salvation Army and Tempe Family YMCA.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Total Assets	\$2,128,616
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$148,849
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Net Assets	\$1,979,767
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Summarized Statement of Activities

Total Support and Revenue

Total Revenue	\$967,849
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Expenses	\$1,017,473
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Change in Net Assets	\$49,624
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$2,029,391
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,979,767
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The financial statements are the responsibility of Tempe Community Council. The above are audited results for Tempe Community Council's fiscal year ended 6/30/2020. Copies of the full financial audit and IRS Form 990 are available upon request.



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