

# Don Carlos



**38TH ANNUAL  
HUMANITARIAN AWARDS**

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# Program

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**



## **PRESENTER**

Brandon Willey, Past TCC Board President

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Jacqueline Destremps, TCC Board Member

## **TITLE SPONSOR WELCOME VIDEO**

Ryan Balzer, SRP Safety Services, TCC Board Member

## **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

### **YOUNG HUMANITARIAN**

### **SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA VOLUNTEER AWARD**

### **TCC IMPACT AWARD**

## **DON CARLOS HISTORY**

## **DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN VIDEO PRESENTATION**

Produced by Mirage Productions

## **2021 DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR**

Karen Barton, Landings Credit Union

## **CITY OF TEMPE PROCLAMATION**

Corey Woods, Mayor

## **DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN CHARITY**

## **A WORD FROM THE BOARD CHAIR**

Rachel Lambert, TCC Board Chair

## **CLOSING REMARKS**



# CELEBRATING 38 YEARS

## DON CARLOS HISTORY

Charles Trumbull Hayden was one of Tempe's founders and a great humanitarian. "Don Carlos," as the Hispanic 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.



### HONORING TEMPE'S FOUNDING HUMANITARIAN

## CHARLES TRUMBULL HAYDEN

1825-1900

*From the beginning, he spent his life  
working to help those in need.*

## DON CARLOS HUMANITARIANS

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. Giuliano
2015	Raveen Arora
2016	Shana Ellis
2017	Kathy Stevens
2018	Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson
2019	Christine Hoddy Busch
2020	Harold "Woody" Wilson



# DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

## MARGARET HUNNICUTT



***Margaret Hunnicutt embodies the humanitarian spirit of the Don Carlos Awards. Formerly CEO of Landings Credit Union, but now retired, Margaret has given many years as a dedicated community leader for human services in Tempe embodying "people helping people."***

A giving nature coupled with a commitment to service and a CPA, Margaret utilizes her professional knowledge to guide many organizations toward success. To that end Margaret has served on several boards of Directors including Tempe Diablos Charities, Tempe Community Council, Tempe Chamber of Commerce, Tempe Community Action Agency, Newtown Community Development Corporation, Tempe Union High School District Foundation and Executive Women's Golf Association. Margaret is also a member of Tempe Leadership Class XXI, Valley Leadership Class XL, and Kiwanis Club of Tempe. Margaret has also received a number of professional and community awards including Mountain West CU Association Credit Union Professional of the Year, Tempe Chamber Business Woman of the Year amongst others.

Margaret has had a deep impact on students in Tempe. Among her many accomplishments is spearheading the first collaborative effort to help families understand and complete the FAFSA with the assistance of the Phoenix Leadership Class. This is the first step in securing student aid so that lower and middle-income students could pursue their college dreams without the burden of the cost of tuition to their families. Margaret also hosted back to school backpack drives benefitting Tempe school children. Margaret helped ensure teachers were supported too through her initiation of the I'm [IN]vested Reward and Recognition Program. Additionally, Margaret provided meeting space for a number of community organizations including Kiwanis Club of Tempe, and for Bond and Override Committees to come together about Bond and Override Elections which are important for the fiscal health of Tempe's K-12 public schools.

Those who nominated Margaret stated: "She is always hands on and boots on the ground when it comes to helping others." Margaret also encourages others to serve and uses any available resources as a conduit for service. Margaret is a community member who models serving others. Margaret not only helped to prepare tax returns at no cost to low and moderate-income families but served as the site coordinator and hosted the Tempe Community Council Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program at Landings Credit Union for a number of years. Margaret hosted water drives to collect water to give to people experiencing homelessness during our hottest months, and sponsored fundraisers and holiday parties for clients of The Centers for Habilitation. Margaret not only encouraged her staff to get involved but gave them time off to engage in community service.

From helping to ensure youth receive an excellent education in Tempe schools and beyond, taking the lead to raise funds that support programs for individuals with disabilities, ensuring the unhoused receive water during our hottest months, or providing ways for families to achieve economic stability, Margaret is both a contributor of resources and a leader for organizations that serve our community's most vulnerable. Margaret Hunnicutt is most deserving of being the 2021 Don Carlos Humanitarian.



## TCC IMPACT AWARD ICNA RELIEF

***Providing caring and compassionate service to survivors of adversities and disasters***

Established in Tempe in 2019, ICNA Relief offers assistance to the community at large. Drawing on the tenets of the Muslim faith to serve, ICNA Relief supports anyone in need despite their race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity or citizenship status. The nonprofit organization operates a food distribution warehouse, a medical clinic for the uninsured, a shelter for women who are experiencing homelessness or are survivors of domestic violence, and aids refugees including helping to locate jobs. Since being established, the organization has distributed 580 backpacks with school supplies to Tempe children in economically impoverished neighborhoods. ICNA relief engaged 1,264 volunteers who spent 4,700 hours preparing and distributing culturally appropriate food boxes to seniors, households impacted by COVID-19 and any household in need. This resulted in over 5,000 families or 25,000 individuals receiving over 250,000 pounds of food worth \$688,000. ICNA Relief also engages doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals as volunteers for their free medical clinic. ICNA Relief persistently serves the most vulnerable in Tempe.



## SPIRIT OF TEMPE KARMA VOLUNTEER AWARD MARNI ANBAR

***Individual service to the community encourages others to get involved.***

Serving others selflessly with a warm smile, positive character, faith and through multiple organizations, Marni Anbar takes every volunteer opportunity as a chance to get others involved in volunteering, too. The Air Force veteran and prior Air National Guard member with a masters degree in mathematics, and founder of DISCOVERosity Zone, which encourages STEM learning in children, could be a considered a "professional volunteer." Marni is a member of Member of Kiwanis Club of Tempe, Rotary Club of Tempe DOWNTOWN, Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) - Chapter DK based in Tempe which provides educational scholarships to women seeking a college degree, Tempe Family YMCA board member, and volunteer for I-HELP, TCC Agency Review, Kyrene schools, FIGG Community Garden, and former Boy Scout troop leader. Not only does Marni consistently participate in and lead service efforts, but she also recruits and engages others to volunteer, too. Marni's volunteerism with a variety of service organizations also allows her to share potential ways the organizations can partner together to effectively serve more of the Tempe community.



## YOUNG HUMANITARIAN ELLA ZEIDERS

***A collaborative leader who values inclusion in all endeavors.***

Ella Zeiders embraces leadership roles with empathy, awareness, kindness, and reliability. She is an excellent student who volunteers in the community and in her school. Ella's volunteer service for the past 10 years includes participating in and providing coaching for nonprofit athletic programs that give opportunities to children in foster care and children with disabilities to participate in athletic programs. She was a member and a leader of the National Honor Society and Site Based Council at McClintock High School and a student athlete participating in. Ella is currently enrolled as a student at The Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University. Ella's definition of a leader is the person who seeks to serve others, leads by example, and ensures no one is left behind.

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those who care."

## OUR VISION

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where children, seniors, families and individuals care for and  
about one another.





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We celebrate Margaret's many humanitarian accomplishments, including her years of service as a board member and officer of the Tempe Union High Schools Education Foundation. Her dedication to the betterment of Tempe's youth is exemplary.

*Congratulations*

from the  
Tempe Union High Schools Education Foundation  
Board of Directors





# Congratulations

to the 2021 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year,

**Margaret Hunnicutt**

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

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A special congratulations also to

**ICNA Relief, Marni Anbar and Ella Zeiders**

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

With love and blessings,

**Traci and Tim Estenson**



**Congratulations to Margaret Hunnicutt,  
2021 Don Carlos Humanitarian  
and all the Honorees**

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Margaret, we are so grateful for your service  
to Landings and the Tempe community.  
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**Congratulations and thank you  
to Margaret Hunnicutt and all the  
2021 awardees for  
giving of yourself to help others.**



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Congratulations to Margaret Hunnicutt  
and all the award winners!

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

**— Mahatma Gandhi**

**Congratulations to all of the  
2021 Don Carlos Humanitarian Awardees**

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**The Tempe Officers Association wishes to congratulate Margaret Hunnicutt on being the 38th Don Carlos Humanitarian awardee.... Well deserved!!**



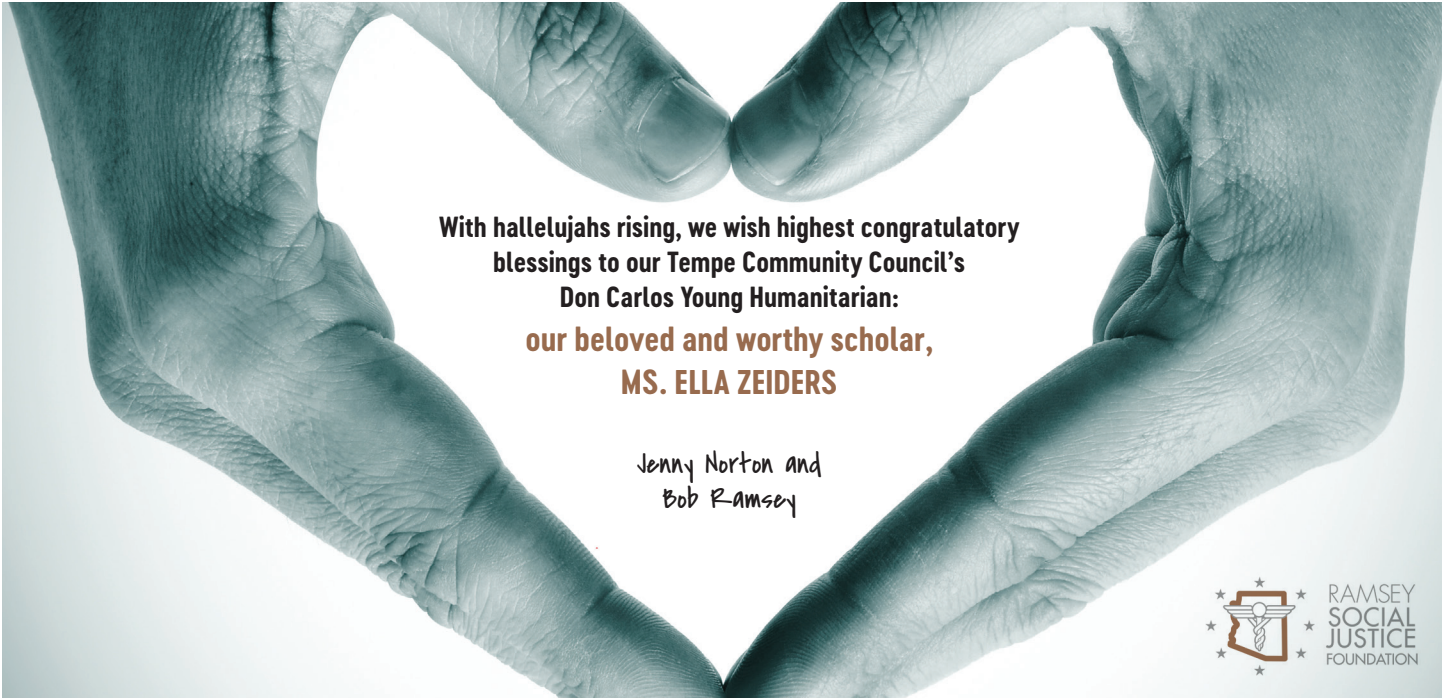
**Congratulations to all Don Carlos award winners! Special shout out to our Chief Volunteer and Board Chair, Marni Anbar. Thank you for all you do!**



# Congratulations Marni!

Your light shines bright for our P.E.O. Sisters  
and for the Tempe community.

L.I.P.E.O., Chapter DK P.E.O. Sisters



With hallelujahs rising, we wish highest congratulatory  
blessings to our Tempe Community Council's  
Don Carlos Young Humanitarian:  
**our beloved and worthy scholar,**  
**MS. ELLA ZEIDERS**

Jenny Norton and  
Bob Ramsey





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