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43RD ANNUAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

TEMPE Community Council

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Monday, October 19, 2026

Opening Remarks
Rabbanni FurQaan, TCC Board Chair

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The Spirit of Don Carlos: 2026 Humanitarian Tribute
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2026 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award
Neil Giuliano, Former Tempe Mayor, 2014 Don Carlos Humanitarian

City of Tempe Proclamation
Corey Woods, Tempe Mayor

Closing Remarks
Rabbanni FurQaan

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Humanitarian of the Year

DR. JUDY ALDRICH



For Dr. Judy Aldrich, service has never been a single role or organization—it has been a way of life. Raised in a family where volunteering was simply what one did, Judy has carried that spirit throughout her life, contributing thousands of hours to the Tempe community she has called home since 1988.

An educator for 40 years, Judy earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from Arizona State University. Her career spanned teaching and administrative roles in Las Vegas, Tempe Elementary and Deer Valley school districts, and Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Tempe since 1989, Judy has held numerous leadership positions, chaired Tempe's Fourth of July Fireworks event and supported countless community traditions and service projects. She also led a Kiwanis Legacy Project providing more than $28,000 for inclusive playground improvements at Kiwanis Park. She has been named Kiwanian of the Year four times and the prestigious George F. Hixson Fellowship Award.

Her extensive service includes leadership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley, Tempe Community Action Agency, Together Women Rise, and Tempe Community Council's Agency Review and Threadz programs. Particularly devoted to helping underserved youth and families, Judy has organized back-to-school shopping, holiday gifts and community meals, raised resources and mentored young people, helping ensure that those facing hardship have opportunities, encouragement and support. Her civic leadership includes chairing Tempe's Personnel Merit and Judicial Review boards and serving on its Police and Fire Public Safety Retirement Board and Parks and Recreation Board.

A graduate of Tempe Leadership Class XVIII, Judy has also received the organization's Outstanding Community Leadership Award, the Spirit of Tempe Karma Award and the Boys & Girls Clubs' Distinguished Service Award. In recognition of her extraordinary contributions, the Tempe City Council honored her with a proclamation celebrating her lifetime of service.

An avid traveler, tennis enthusiast, former professional tennis umpire, and member of Tempe Tarts, Judy brings boundless energy and warmth to everything she does. As one nominator observed, “She does not seek recognition, she seeks to serve.”



Young Humanitarian

SHRINITHI SHAURYA

Shrinithi Shaurya believes knowledge is most meaningful when shared. A 2026 graduate of Corona del Sol High School now attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, she has built a strong record of service centered on education, technology and expanding opportunities.

Shrinithi co-founded Aztecs Who Code, bringing free coding and AI literacy programs to Chandler's Sunset Library. She taught student-led programming classes and later organized an AI literacy bootcamp, mentoring students through hands-on learning. After attending a Mark Cuban Foundation AI Boot Camp hosted by DriveTime in Tempe, she returned as a mentor, became the Foundation's first National Student Ambassador from Arizona, and now serves as one of two Arizona ambassadors. As a current AI Education Intern, she continues her work nationally.

Her service includes free mathematics tutoring through Mathnasium and at Aprende Middle School. Through Key Club and National Honor Society, she has participated in projects benefiting seniors, schools and families. As the sole student intern in the Tempe Union High School District IT department, she helped prepare laptops for incoming freshmen and support teachers with technology. She also served as a Tempe Mayor's Youth Advisory Commissioner and member of the Maricopa County STAND East Coalition, supporting youth health and substance-use prevention.

Shrinithi was selected for a research internship at Arizona State University's prestigious Biodesign Institute, where she explored AI applications in predicting colorectal cancer treatment outcomes. She later used her research experience to help train educators on AI applications and the innovative work students are doing in science and technology.

Her achievements include a commendation from Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, special congressional recognition from U.S. Representative Greg Stanton, and Chandler's 2026 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.

Her commitment to service is at the heart of her selection as the 2026 Young Humanitarian.



Volunteer Excellence Award

DAVID GIL

David Gil has called Tempe home for more than 10 years and has devoted the past six years to volunteering with the Swappow PLUS Foundation, where he supports Arizona foster youth through mentoring, personal development and workforce preparation.

A lifelong skateboard enthusiast and musician, David's connection with Swappow+ began unexpectedly through his love of skateboard art and a search for a way to display his growing collection. What started with skateboards soon became a much deeper commitment. David has since served as a coach, life-skills instructor, professional development advisor, event volunteer and creative resource, contributing more than 1,400 volunteer hours while teaching young people goal-setting, time management and practical skills for adulthood.

Drawing on his professional experience in graphic and web design, David helps participants develop skateboard graphics, personal brands and creative projects that encourage self-expression and practical skills. His involvement extends beyond Swappow's programs, connecting young people with additional mentors, internships, employment and educational opportunities. Known for his warmth, patience and reliability, David builds lasting relationships with young people who know they can count on his encouragement and support.

Originally from Nogales, Mexico, David is fluent in Spanish and learned English as a second language before immigrating to the United States and becoming a U.S. citizen. Through his years of service, David has found a deeper sense of purpose and become a trusted role model for the young people he serves.

David is receiving the 2026 Volunteer Excellence Award for his sustained, compassionate commitment to helping young people recognize their potential and move toward brighter futures.



Community Impact Award

THE ARC OF TEMPE

Founded in 1965 by Tempe's Bennewitz and Hammant families, The Arc of Tempe began with a shared determination to create greater opportunities, inclusion and independence for their children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more than six decades, The Arc has carried that vision forward, supporting hundreds of individuals and families.

Today, The Arc serves approximately 30 adult members, promoting independence, leadership and community participation. Through its S.E.L.F. program and administration of Arizona Achieve, a grant-supported statewide coalition reaching approximately 100 individuals, The Arc provides peer mentorship, advocacy education and leadership training.

Members learn to advocate for their rights, make informed decisions and pursue opportunities in employment and civic life. They also give back through volunteer service with Feed My Starving Children and St. Vincent de Paul.

The Arc's Tempe Trailblazers team participates in the Arizona Cardinals' Cardinal Climb, raising funds while taking on the challenge of climbing through State Farm Stadium.

Community partners, including the Knights of Pythias, generously provide gathering space for their meetings and support for member activities.

The Arc also hosts public Bingo fundraisers at Spokes on Southern on the last Saturday of each month at 6 p.m., welcoming neighbors to join the fun while supporting its programs.

Recognized with Tempe's 2024 Pride of the City Award, The Arc continues continues creating opportunities for individuals to lead fulfilling lives, build connections and contribute their talents to the community.



CHARLES TRUMBULL HAYDEN

Don Carlos History

Celebrating 43 Years

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.

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
2021 Margaret Hunnicutt
2022 Cliff Jones
2023 Glynn W. Gilcrease, Jr.
2024 Sharon S. Doyle
2025 Angie Taylor

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HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

The Man. The Legacy. The Award.

A LEGACY MEASURED NOT ONLY BY WHAT WE BUILD, BUT BY WHAT WE GIVE TO OTHERS.







THE MAN | Tempe's First Humanitarian

Charles Trumbull Hayden was more than Tempe's founding father. A merchant, town builder and champion of education, he was remembered as a tolerant, kindly benefactor whose generosity helped shape the character of early Tempe. Hayden and his wife, Sallie, were known throughout Arizona Territory for their extraordinary hospitality. Friends and strangers alike found food, shelter and welcome in their home. His concern for education, medical care and the welfare of his neighbors established a humanitarian example that would inspire generations.

THE LEGACY | A Fitting First Honoree

On February 20, 1984, Tempe Community Council presented its first Don Carlos Humanitarian Award to longtime Tempe physician Dr. William G. Payne, recognizing his contributions to medicine and more than 25 years of service to education. The inaugural dinner took place at Monti's La Casa Vieja, the popular Tempe restaurant that had once been Hayden's home. With tickets priced at just $15, a newspaper headline reported a sellout crowd. It was a fitting beginning. The first recipient's devotion to health and education reflected two causes that had been especially important to the man whose name the award bears.

THE AWARD | A Legacy Cast in Bronze

The Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is itself a work of art. Each year, the recipient receives a cast bronze bust of Charles Trumbull Hayden, mounted on a commemorative base. Created by renowned Tempe sculptor Jasper D'Ambrosi, the bronze likeness was also presented through the historic Don Carlos Society, which recognized extraordinary generosity and support for the community. The same casting continues today as TCC's highest humanitarian recognition.

TEMPE Community Council

Our Mission

Since 1972
"Connecting those in need with those who care."

Our Vision

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

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Congratulations

2026 Don Carlos Humanitarian

Dr. Judy Aldrich

And Special Congratulations to Awardees

Shrinithi Shaurya, David Gil, and The Arc of Tempe

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

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR TEMPE AND BEYOND!

With love and blessings,

Traci and Tim Estenson

TEMPE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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HUMANITARIAN AWARDEES

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2026 DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Dr. Judy Aldrich



YOUNG HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD

Shrinithi Shaurya



VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

David Gil

The Arc of Tempe

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

The Arc of Tempe

Thank you for making Tempe a stronger, more compassionate community.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2026 Don Carlos Honorees

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Honorees

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Don Carlos Volunteer Excellence Awardee

David Gil

for his outstanding commitment to Arizona foster youth and our community.

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CONNECTING TEMPE, EVERY DAY

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- **Threadz** — teen student essentials
- **VITA** — free tax preparation & financial classes
- **Open Horizons** — teen parent support
- **Teen Triple P** — parenting classes
- **Agency Review** — funding recommendations
- **Tempe Coalition** — youth prevention
- **Together Tempe** — giving to help neighbors
- **Tempe Community Foundation** — lasting support

Explore more at tempecommunitycouncil.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrating Champion for Youth
October 29, 2026

Care Fair Tempe
March 20, 2027

TURN TONIGHT'S INSPIRATION INTO ACTION

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Support TCC and its programs.

GIVE $1 A MONTH
TogetherTempe helps neighbors in need.

GIVE YOUR TIME
Volunteer with Threadz, VITA or Agency Review.

LEAVE A LEGACY
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