

CATEGORY:

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



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PHOENIX CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BREATHMOBILE UNIT

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In Arizona, children account for 50 percent of all asthma-related hospital discharges. In response

to this alarming figure, Phoenix Children's Hospital began operating a Breathmobile Unit in 2000.

The Breathmobile Unit is a mobile asthma clinic that goes to inner city schools to provide asthma identification, education, treatment and subsequent follow up. More than 20 schools in South Phoenix are served by the unit, which does not charge patients for treatment. The children are also given a 24-hour phone number to use in case they or their family have any questions or concerns.

A study performed by Judy Harris, the Breathmobile Unit's medical director, has shown the program is making a positive impact on children's lives. Among other things, it revealed emergency room visits for asthma complications have decreased by more than 70 percent and asthma-related hospitalizations have decreased by 73 percent.

Since its inception, the unit has screened more than 31,000 children. It conducts 1,250 site visits each year and follows the treatment of 350 to 450 students.

GOMPERS HABILITATION CENTER

(602) 336-0061 | www.gomperscenter.org



For more than 60 years, individuals with disabilities in the Greater Phoenix area have had Gompers Habilitation Center advocating for and providing services catered to them. Last year, nearly 850 clients — children to senior adults — from 18 communities in the area were helped by the center.

Gompers provides an array of programs for its clients. The Special Education School, which was recently renovated and expanded, has state-approved educational programs for students ages 5 to 22. The Day Training for Adults department provides activities that teach clients important everyday skills such as communication, self-care, social development, life skills and money management. Gompers also has a dental health center that employs dental practitioners trained to work with individuals with disabilities, and a vocational center to help clients train for and find jobs.

Gompers encourages its clients to get involved in their community. In 2007, its efforts led to 173 clients volunteering more than 5,000 hours of their time to other non-profit organizations.



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GOODWILL OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

(602) 535-4000 | www.goodwillaz.org

Good stuff.
Good work.
Goodwill.



Goodwill of Central Arizona makes a strong impact on the lives of Arizonans. People of all ages benefit from Goodwill's services and programs, which range from selling affordable clothing and household items to helping the environment, and from helping people

find jobs to educating at-risk youth.

Goodwill of Central Arizona operates 40 retail stores that sell gently used clothing and household items that have been donated by others. Sales revenues generated by the stores are used to fund Goodwill's 36 human services programs. The retail aspect also ultimately impacts the region's environment. By taking what people would have otherwise thrown away, Goodwill helps keep more than 135 million pounds of items from ending up in a land-fill each year.

The organization's mission, "We Put People to Work!" is carried out through 10 of its career centers, which provide access to the Internet, telephones and fax machines. Goodwill's efforts in this capacity boost the region's economy and help Arizonans keep off government assistance. Good-

"They have been marvelous in terms of changing the lives of the young mothers we serve. ... They've had a tremendous impact not just on the generation they are serving, but the children of the young parents, breaking the generational cycle of young poverty."

— Lydia Medina, regional director of
Central Arizona for Child and Family Resources

will of Central Arizona also operates two charter high schools that help at-risk students from ages 14 to 21 get an education.

Since its establishment in 1947, Goodwill of Central Arizona has had a direct effect on the lives of more than 775,000 people. More than \$60 million in tax revenues have been generated by the organization for Arizona.