



savma awards
Southern Arizona
Volunteer Management Association 2024

January 18, 2024
Tucson Convention Center



Thank you for making this year's SAVMA Awards a success!

2023 SAVMA Board of Directors

Jennifer Lohse, President

Caitlyn Keefe, Treasurer

Jill La Brie, Secretary

Cydne, Bolton

Gina Hansen

Micaela Varela

Stephanie Goetz

2024 SAVMA Awards Event Committee

Jim Marten, Co-Chair

Paloma Santiago, Co-Chair

Gina Hansen

Jennifer Lohse

Tanna Johnson

2024 SAVMA Awards Selection Panel

Caitlyn Keefe, Co-Facilitator

Jill LaBrie, Co-Facilitator

Beverly Elliott

Stephanie Chavez

Jamie Leon-Guerrero

Tamara McKinney

Wendy Erica Werden

Jenn Wolf

Connect with SAVMA



Connect with us on Facebook!

Tag photos on Facebook @SAVMA.org
and #SAVMAawards2024



Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the 3rd annual SAVMA Awards.

Volunteerism is much more than a helping hand; it is a meaningful way communities connect through service and compassion. Volunteers arrive at every shift ready to lend an ear, open their hearts and roll-up their sleeves to help others. A genuine thank you to all Southern Arizona volunteers for all they do to better our communities and bring people together.



Volunteer professionals are essential to the success of our volunteer programs. These endeavors often require long hours, exceptional creativity and interpersonal talents. A heartfelt thank you to the volunteer professionals who bring a volunteers' passion and vision to life.

As you enjoy the event this morning, please recognize the preparation and coordination of the event planning team, particularly, the steadfast efforts of Jennifer Lohse, Gina Hansen and my Co-Chair, Paloma Santiago.

We hope the 2024 SAVMA Awards will demonstrate our community's gratitude for all you do, and that it will motivate you to continue your dedicated volunteer efforts. Thank you again for your support and for joining us today.

Sincerely,
Jim Marten
Event Co-Chair

On your tables...

- Programs inspired by Godat Design and printed by TEP.
- High-5 a gift from your volunteer managers of SAVMA
- Ben's Bell Kindness Coins from Diana Charbonneau
- Centerpieces are gifts to sponsors of the table

Today's Program

Welcome and Breakfast

Welcome and Thank You

Jim Marten, Event Co-Chair
Diana Charbonneau, Master of Ceremonies

Opening Remarks

Julia Strange, TMC Healthcare
Jennifer Lohse, Tucson Foundations

Keynote Address

Nicole R. Smith, CVA

Community Service Recognitions

Introduction of Awards, Presenting Sponsor

Tonya Hamilton, Cabinet Executive Officer
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family

Presentation of the Awards

Program Volunteer of the Year

David Tabb, Court Appointed Special Advocates

Board Member of the Year

Chrisie Ballard, Junior Achievement Arizona - So. AZ District

Corporate Volunteerism Award

Caterpillar Tucson Regional Offices

Volunteer Program of the Year

Habitat for Humanity Tucson

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Felipe Garcia, Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family

Volunteer Administrator of the Year

Tori Carlson, Interfaith Community Services

Closing Remarks

Diana Charbonneau

Together, we can

strengthen the health and safety of Arizona's
communities through collaboration
and capacity building across the state



Governor's Office
of Youth, Faith
and Family



GOYFF.AZ.GOV



@AZGOYFF



@GOYFFAZ

Keynote Speaker

Nicole R. Smith, CVA
@NicoleRSmithNet

Nicole R Smith, is a Panamanian-American, workforce development expert, athlete, published author, nonprofit founder, motivational speaker and sports entertainer. Nicole enthusiastically inspires her audiences with her take on today's volunteerism.

She earned her Bachelor's degree via a Division I full-ride track scholarship. After graduating she founded Step It Up! Inc, a nonprofit dance organization. She performed for audiences nationwide, while simultaneously using dance to teach teamwork to kids in after school programs.

Nicole's experience in sports entertainment, radio, TV, the performing arts and social services spans nearly 20 years covering the Chicago, Houston, Ft. Lauderdale/Miami and Orlando markets. She danced and cheered for four Professional and Semi-Professional sports teams. Undeniably, all these experiences gave her a knack for workforce development. It wasn't long before she had prepared more than 800 interns to enter the workforce and inspired crowds upwards of 2000.

Nicole was a contributing writer for The Life of a Single Mom for two years, and has been published in several industry journals including The Volunteer Management Report,



Human Capital Leadership Magazine and Chronicle of Philanthropy Magazine.

Her podcast, From The Suggestion Box; Navigating Feedback The Good The Bad and the Say Whaaatttt???, draws on Nicole's deep workforce development skills in getting and giving performance feedback.

As an author, Nicole is known for her 101 Note-taking Affirmation Journal Series and her newest work, Game On! Relentlessly Pursue Your Dreams. Over a span of 16 years and 22 tries Nicole has been rejected 18 times. At the age of 32 she finally saw her dream come to pass. The wealth of experience she has amassed emphatically, serves as a springboard to achieve other goals with her proven 6-step process. Game On! will encourage you to keep going against all odds.

Thank you Southern Arizona
volunteers for your service to our
communities!



TUCSON

FOUNDATIONS

Special thanks to Sandy Maxfield
for your years of volunteerism and
partnership with the Lohse Ladies!

Master of Ceremonies

Diana Charbonneau,
Corporate Learning
Facilitator, TEP

Diana is a Community Connector who you may recognize from the SVP Fast Pitch stage for IMPACT earlier this year. She has a passion for reinvesting in our community and currently sits on the Board of Directors for 100+ Women Who Care and AAUW Tucson.



She is a native Tucsonan who received her B.A. from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

In her new role at TEP, she facilitates leadership & development trainings to help their teams excel. As a local Community Connector, she has a passion for reinvesting in the community and now in TEP employees.

She is co-founder of the @TucsonGIVESTo Non-Profits Facebook Page creating community for our local 501(c)3 organizations and was the 2023 @greatertucsonleadership Community Impact Awardee for Alumni Excellence.

Fun fact: she rappelled down a 17-story building for the Girl Scouts going Over the Edge for the twice.

Thank you for attending!

Tag photos on Facebook @SAVMA.org and #SAVMAawards2024
Connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn!

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

Presenting Sponsor

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

Keynote Sponsor

Tucson Foundations

Platinum Sponsor

TMC Health

Gold Sponsors

Arizona Complete Health

Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

Tucson Electric Power

Bronze Sponsors

ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation

Caterpillar Tucson Regional Offices

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

Nova Home Loans

Pacific Premier Bank

Reid Park Zoo

University of Arizona

Table Sponsors

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Arizona

CASA Support Council for Pima County

Children's Clinics

Children's Museum Tucson/Oro Valley

Easterseals Blake Foundation

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona

Habitat for Humanity Tucson

Hughes Federal Credit Union

Interfaith Community Services

Junior Achievement

Literacy Connects

The Loft Cinema

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

Community Service Recognition Awards

Melissa Acuna

Career Mentor and Classroom Educator
Junior Achievement of Arizona



Linda Down

Docent
Reid Park Zoo



Mark Brown

Community Action Team Coordinator
Tucson Electric Power



James Geringer

Special Events Volunteer
Easterseals Blake Foundation



Alexis Carreon

Weekly In-Clinic Volunteer and
Adaptive Recreation Volunteer
Children's Clinics



Aimee Graves

Emerging Leaders Mentor for
Center for Healthy Nonprofits



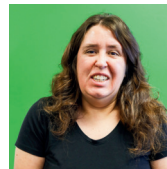
Gabriela Cervantes

Board of Directors,
Chair of Board Development
and Strategic Planning



Jennifer Gust

Administrative Volunteer
Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona



Community Service Recognition Awards

Continued

Fredericka Hills

Workforce Development Volunteer
Interfaith Community Services



Sandra Maxfield

Community Volunteer



Art Hoffman

IT Volunteer
Habitat for Humanity Tucson



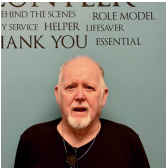
Zainab Rana

Discovery Nights Program Volunteer
Children's Museum Tucson



Larry Housner

Emergency Food Distribution Volunteer



Heather Volpe

Community Leader



Eric Majchrzak

Chair, Leadership Council,
ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy &
Nonprofit Innovation



Sandra Wong

TMC Volunteer
Former Auxiliary President



Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your service to our community!

Volunteers are essential to the wellbeing of our community and we are all here to recognize the extraordinary volunteerism of individuals, youth, and corporate volunteerism programs across Southern Arizona!

This morning highlights the important work of amazing volunteers, administrators, and organizations and celebrates the outstanding spirit of volunteerism in our region.



Our mission is to promote excellence in the field of volunteer program management, provide educational programs, leadership, information and resources, networking opportunities and support to the volunteer community throughout Southern Arizona.

TMC HEALTH



A FUN AND MEANINGFUL WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TMC volunteers are essential to the compassionate care every patient deserves. Whether assisting in a nursing unit, helping with directions or welcoming patients at the entrances, volunteers provide the interaction and connection people will always remember.

It is Easy and Safe

We ask volunteers for one, four-hour shift per week. Volunteers assist staff, patients and visitors in many ways.

Many Opportunities

Volunteers assist staff, patients and visitors in many ways.

Here are some of the opportunities:

Assisting Clinical Staff • Clerical Assistance • Courtesy Car • Gift Shop
ICU Lobby • Information Desk • Inpatient Units • Labor & Delivery • Messenger • NICU
Pediatrics • Pet Therapy • Surgery Lobbies • Teal Saguaro Thrift Shop • Wayfinding

And so much more! If you are interested in a volunteer area not listed, here, please contact us.

Benefits

Make A Difference • Meet New People • Free Volunteer Events • Free Meals
Free Coffee & Fountain Drinks • Free Flu Shots • Appreciation
Make Connections • Enhance Patient Experience

*Must be age 18 or older. TMC does not discriminate, exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender orientation, gender identification, gender expression, or sexual orientation.



TUCSON
MEDICAL CENTER

Join our Team!
tmcaz.com/volunteers or call 520-324-5355



Together, we can build a thriving Southern Arizona for all.

For 43 years, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has brought together individuals, families, businesses, nonprofits, and ideas to make Southern Arizona a better place for everyone.

Today, we celebrate the remarkable nonprofit volunteers in our community. Thank you for making a difference in Southern Arizona through your dedication and generosity.

When we work together, the impossible becomes possible.

In Southern Arizona, we BLOOM together.

Want to learn more?
Contact us at giving@cfsaz.org or call 520-770-0800.



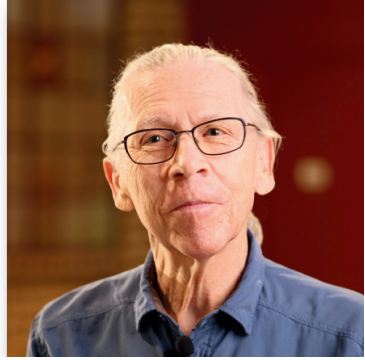
Program Volunteer of the Year

David Tabb

Nominated by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Pima County

Dave has been a volunteer for CASA of Pima County for three years. He is currently a CASA for nine children. He has donated more than 2,000 hours in support of his CASA children. Dave has created many meaningful memories with his CASA children, such as watching their first 3-D movie to taking them to experience the snow and scenic views of Mt. Lemmon.

He has tried virtual reality at the request of one of his teens, karate lessons, and will even see the same movie multiple times in one weekend for them. Many times, Dave has remained the only constant in the child's life and has proven he will be there to support them through all the ups and downs. Dave's passion in supporting kids in foster care is evident and very admirable that is why he is so deserving of this award!



David Tabb





POWERING COMPASSION

Tucson Electric Power is investing in Southern Arizona's future through community outreach and philanthropy. Our employees increase the impact of our financial support by volunteering their time and talents to hundreds of worthy causes, including efforts to expand educational opportunities for local schoolchildren. Together, we're harnessing the power of compassion to make Tucson a better place to live.



Tucson Electric Power

tep.com



Board Member of the Year

Chrisie Ballard

Since joining the Junior Achievement of AZ Southern District Board in 2010, Chrisie has been a force of good for 13 years. She has worked with them to overcome challenges, advocated for healthy growth and change, and increased their fundraising resulting in their two best years in 21-22 and 22-23. Chrisie passionately supports JA's mission and their work to inspire entrepreneurship in our youth. Chrisie has held every leadership role: Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair, serving on our State Governance Board and chairing multiple committees. Chrisie brings this same energy and impact as a volunteer in JA classroom programs at every grade level.



Chrisie Ballard

Nominated by
Junior Achievement of Arizona
Southern District



Junior Achievement could not improve the lives of over 12,000 young people in Tucson every year without Chrisie Ballard on their Board.



Arizona Complete Health
is proud to celebrate
**Southern Arizona's outstanding
community volunteers!**

*"Transforming the health of the community,
one person at a time."*



AzCompleteHealth.com

Corporate Volunteerism Award

Caterpillar Tucson Regional Offices

Nominated by
Junior Achievement of Arizona -
Southern District



Caterpillar’s philanthropic culture encourages employees to make a meaningful impact in their community by sharing their time and experience to inspire the next generation.

Starting in 2016, the JA and Caterpillar partnership evolved year after year, introducing critical leadership skills to Tucson’s kids while developing professional skills like public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork for Caterpillar volunteers.

In 2018, Caterpillar volunteers adopted Cragin Elementary School and annually teaches 300+ kindergarten through 5th graders about money, careers, and entrepreneurial thinking. 96% of Cragin’s diverse population are from low-income households. Altogether, Caterpillar is responsible for reaching over 7,700 students and continues to grow their community impact.



Caterpillar’s broad portfolio of offerings allows us to bring together the right people, products, technologies and services to meet the evolving needs of the mining industry. No matter the size, type or complexity of your operation, our goal is to provide full-site solutions that support your climate- and business-related objectives.

Together with our customers, we’re building a better, more sustainable world.

CAT.COM/MINING



CONGRATS!

to our Southern Arizona Volunteers
and Thank You for helping us build and
support healthy, vibrant communities.



NOVA NMLS 3087 / BK 0902429 / EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

NOVA[®]
HOME LOANS

RAQUEL COOLEY

Loan Officer, NMLS 1408237

520.404.2628

raquel.cooley@novahomeloans.com

RaquelCooley.novahomeloans.com

**Educating, empowering and connecting
nonprofit leaders and volunteers
across Arizona and beyond.**



Start your
journey

Explore our programs, services and
research at lodestar.asu.edu. Whether
you're staff or a volunteer, we can help you
accelerate social impact at your organization.

ASU Lodestar Center
for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation
Arizona State University

Nonprofit Volunteer Program of the Year

Habitat for Humanity Tucson

Nominated by
Habitat Tucson

At Habitat for Humanity Tucson, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere, should have a safe, healthy, affordable place to call home.

This important work alongside volunteers lays the foundations that strengthens families, neighborhoods, and communities. Habitat values the hearts and generosity of its volunteer workforce because, quite simply we could not do what we do without all of them.



Volunteers are treated with respect, dignity and tremendous gratitude. Volunteers participate in a variety of roles: they construct houses, they use their electrical expertise to make sure our homes are safe, they are a central part of HabiStore operations as sales reps, they serve as AmeriCorps crew leaders and e-commerce developers, they create year-long deep partnerships with homebuyers as Family Partners, they maintain the equity of our homebuyer selection process by participating in the Selection Committee, they advise Habitat Tucson on the Board of Directors, and they participate in the Audit process on the Audit Committee.

This is not an exhaustive list- there are still more things that our volunteers do, can do, and have done.



We strive to find unique ways to utilize our volunteers' valuable skills by inviting each volunteer into the process of partnership that is at the core of everything we do.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF
SERVICE

The University of Arizona strongly believes in giving back to the Arizona community. We promote leadership, organize volunteer opportunities for people of all backgrounds, and take pride in all that our institution continues to accomplish. Please accept our heartfelt congratulations to this year's SAVMA awardees. Your dedicated service to the community is making Southern Arizona a better place for everyone who calls the desert home.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Foundation



Save the Date

Celebrate our region's spirit of
volunteerism — join us next year
January 16, 2025

Award nominations
open July 1, 2024

Presented by:



Governor's Office
of Youth, Faith
and Family


savma awards
Southern Arizona
Volunteer Management Association **2025**

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Felipe Garcia

Nominated by
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith
and Family

Felipe's leadership on the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) is evident throughout his three years of service. He wrote reports on youth mental health in Arizona, and as Vice President, he presented these reports to the Arizona House of Representatives Ad Hoc Committee on Teen Mental Health and the Pima Behavioral Health Coalition. Beyond regular duties, Felipe collaborated with the GYC's Domestic Violence Workgroup to expand their donation drive to Tucson. Despite setbacks, he worked with his school to collect approximately \$2.6k in donations to a local domestic violence shelter. Felipe's commitment to positive change is seen in his mentoring, advising, and efforts to extend GYC's reach to southern Arizona. His leadership has made a lasting impact on the GYC, his peers, and the community.



Felipe Garcia



Governor's Office
of Youth, Faith
and Family



**Forever fun.
Forever wild.**

Make unforgettable memories and connect with over 250 animals from around the world. Your visit helps save wild animals and wild places.

ReidParkZoo.org

New! World of Play
Climb, slide, explore - all the world's your playground!



Save the Date

Join us at Reid Park Zoo
for the Annual Volunteer Fair
Thursday, April 18, 2024 (4-6PM)

Sponsored by



Southern Arizona Make a difference.
Volunteer Management Association Become a volunteer!

Volunteer Administrator of the Year

Victoria (Tori) Carlson-Foszcz, CVA

Nominated by
Gina Hansen & Tom McKinney

Tori is an exemplary example of one of the many folks in our community who leads the charge on the importance of volunteer engagement our community. She has nearly 10 years of experience overseeing volunteer programs with Interfaith Community Services (ICS).

Her service on the board of SAVMA for many years includes roles as treasurer & as board president. She has her certification in volunteer administration (CVA).

She is one of the only Volunteer Managers in Southern AZ who assists in training nonprofits in Service Enterprise with ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy Nonprofit Innovation. Tori serves on the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family's Service and Volunteerism Commission.



Victoria (Tori) Carlson-Foszcz

Tori is an exceptional leader who is a very passionate, caring, and humble. We are grateful for the many roles she plays to further advocate for volunteer engagement.

During the first two SAVMA Awards events, Tori chaired the recognition selection process, making her ineligible for as award. She is truly a leader amongst leaders and this award is clearly overdue.

Committed to Our Communities

PROUD TO SUPPORT
SAVMA Awards 2024



PACIFIC PREMIER BANK®

Where Business Meets Opportunity™



© 2023 Forbes Media LLC. Used with permission. Pacific Premier Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc.
Member FDIC | Equal Housing Lender

PPBI.com

Save the Date

Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference

Creating Influence in Your Organization:
Thinking Beyond a Seat At The Table

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024
9:00-4:00 PM
Sponsored by:



DONATE • VOLUNTEER • GET HELP

We provide meals for neighbors facing hunger today and address the root causes of hunger and poverty to build a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow.



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

communityfoodbank.org



Printing powered by



Tucson Electric Power

tep.com



**Southern
Arizona
Volunteer
Management
Association**

PO Box 12451
Tucson, AZ 85732
savma.org