



COUNTRY FAIR WHITE ELEPHANT

Official Guide 54th Anniversary

KG VY Community Quarterly - Fall Issue, 2018

Making Music Together

This year, I once again have the distinct honor to reach out to our neighbors throughout Green Valley, Sahuarita and the Santa Cruz Valley to extend a sincere “Thank You” to each and every one of you who supports the Country Fair White Elephant.

This year, our Parade Theme is “Making Music Together”. Once again, I just have to connect our parade theme with the ongoing operations here at the White Elephant. How in the world would we be able to do what we have been doing for the past 54 years if we were not working together?

Take a look at the middle pages of this KGVY Quarterly and you will see the vast number of volunteers who work together every day to make the music that is the Country Fair White Elephant organization. About 600 volunteers give their time and energy, along with their knowledge and expertise, in about 30 different departments here at the thrift store. The volunteers who make up our truck crew are the face of the organization out in the community, picking up donations and delivering purchases to

community residents on a daily basis. Our team of volunteer managers have the huge task of coordinating, scheduling, and overseeing all of the daily store operations. Each and every one of our volunteers, in one way or another, make our store operate effectively and productively to raise the money that is then given back to the community.

Working right along with our store volunteers are the members of our Board of Directors. Working together through the various committees of the Board, these volunteers assure that the orga-

nization operates properly and effectively. Our Contributions Committee works tirelessly to make sure that grant funding is presented to the many organizations throughout the community who depend on White Elephant funds to operate. The Educational Scholarship Foundation Committee assures that local high school seniors are selected to receive college scholarships that assure their success in those institutions of higher learning. We are proud to have 20 students on scholarship at any given time. Our Parade Committee volunteers work in unison with SAV and the Sheriff’s Dept. to plan for and assure that each year the parade is a success and a wonderful gift to the community. Our Human Resources, Nominating, Audit, Risk Management, and Insurance committees assure that our organization operates safely and effectively. Our Volunteer Appreciation committee recognizes and shows appreciation to our volunteers throughout the year, and our Public Relations committee works all year long to get the word out about the good work that is done at the White Elephant. That sounds like a huge number of members of a big community band made up of people instead of musical instruments. We are definitely making music together!

So, again this year, I send out a huge **Thank You** to the perfect equation that makes up this great organization. To our donors who support us continuously, without fail; to our great volunteers who work tirelessly to process all of the donations and keep us productive and helpful

to those who receive funds from us; and to our customers who arrive at our doors on a daily basis, always in search of that special treasure that keeps us successful over the years, Thank You all for making music with the White Elephant! We are so appreciative of your contribution to our success!

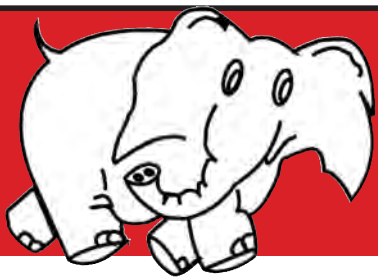


Karen Lavo, CFWE General Manager

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Schedule of Events

54th Annual Country Fair White Elephant

Thursday October 25th:

Kick Off to Midnight Madness Green Valley Style 3PM - 6PM
Live KGVY radio broadcast on 100.7FM & 1080AM

Saturday, October 27th:

White Elephant Parade 10AM - Noon
Live KGVY radio broadcast on 100.7FM & 1080AM

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH:

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1:30pm – 2:30pm Toe-tapping music from Green Valley's Big Band Sounds

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH:

10:30am–11:30am Bavarian Brass Band
1:30pm – 2:30 pm Crossfire lights up the stage
4pm - 5pm Green Valley Concert Band

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH:

11:30am – 2:30pm Rotarians annual fundraiser featuring grilled brat lunches while Spur of the Moment entertains from the stage

Green Valley Village

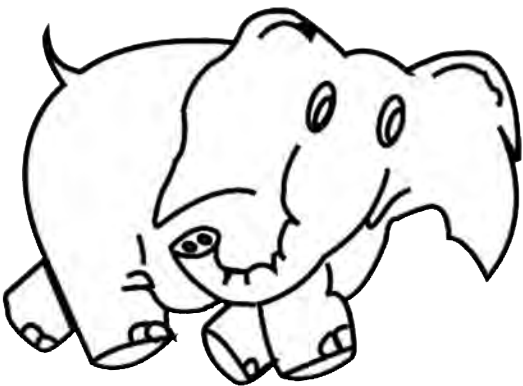
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

10AM-5PM: American Legion Oktoberfest & Car Show

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

10AM-5PM: American Legion Oktoberfest & Car Show

12PM-2PM: Live Entertainment



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Beyond Their Wildest Dream

The Country Fair White Elephant Story

By Judy "O" Oestreich
CFWE Historian

Started by Nola Scott, CFWE Volunteer

And with her permission...a few comments from Nola upon her retirement as Historian for the Country Fair White Elephant, December 2017, as she passed on the history to me.

"This is the end of the history I researched and maintained, and as you read it, please remember that it was compiled by an imperfect person who had no experience as a historian." But curiosity at the beginning of her volunteer position led her to ask many questions of the older volunteers including Lynn Norred who at one time during her presidency gave a speech on the White Elephant...the rest is HISTORY...As they say, and one would never know she didn't have a historian background.

Nola researched every outlet she could find, and thanks to the Green Valley News, found newspapers back to 1964 and the beginning of Green Valley. Thank goodness she had the foresight to know this history needed to be shared and maintained. It is my privilege to try and follow in Nola's footsteps, to record our history as it happens.

The Country Fair was organized in 1964 by a small group of local community leaders to promote good fellowship, provide an easy way for Green Valley residents to get better acquainted and also provide a way to "give back" to the community. We have continued this philosophy since that first fair.

The White Elephant is the brainchild of the Country Fair. The first sale was held in 1964 during the first Country Fair. An article in the Green Valley News dated November 12, 1964, proclaimed the White Elephant sale a big success as it made a profit of \$146.20. Items left after the sale, were given to the Continental School Welfare Depart-

ment. Lee Raney was the chairperson, assisted by a committee of 16 women. The fair's format consisted of a small parade led by the Tucson Sunnyside High School marching band, arts and crafts exhibits and entertainment. It was held October 30-31, 1964 at what is now known as the East Social Center. Governor (Senator Elect) Paul Jones Fannin cut the ribbon to open the fair. The first parade did not have a Grand Marshal.

This first fair was so successful; it was decided to hold another in the same location on May 21 and 22, 1965. This was the only fair held in the spring. Will Rogers, Jr. was Grand Marshal of the 15-minute parade. Following the parade, Rogers was master of ceremonies at the opening ceremonies held at East Center where Governor Samuel Pearson Goddard cut the ribbon to officially open the fair. A permanent organization was created in October 1965. Another two-day fair was held October 19 and 20, 1966. By 1967, the fair had grown into a three-day series of activities. It was held October 19, 20 and 21 and October became the traditional time for the fair.

As the town increased in population, the white elephant sale grew by leaps and bounds. The dream continued as those volunteers realized there was a continual market for white elephant items. This resulted in a 30' x 100' Quonset hut which became the first WE shop. In June 1981, the CFWE was open for business 10:00-12:00 every Monday-Saturday. Since the idea first took shape at a ladies' tea in 1964, approximately \$32,000,000.00 has been raised by white elephant sales. That first 3,000 square foot building has been incorporated into the northeast corner of the present 34,000 square foot facility.

Many changes happened throughout the years, and one of the more recent ones happened on June 17, 2016, when the Board of Trustees of the Hollis G. Roberts Educational Foundation, Inc. voted to change the name to: Country Fair White Elephant Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The trustees believe this change to be in the best interests of

all concerned. There was confusion created by the HGR name, when the scholarships came from the White Elephant. Few people remember Hol-lace Roberts or know who he was; however changing the name does not dishonor his memory.

At this same meeting, new by-laws for the CFWESF, written by Tom Cooke, were adopted. We currently have 20 students enrolled in colleges in Arizona and many other states. The foundation has received a grant from the White Elephant every distribution day and it is the hope that one day it will become self supporting so the education of those students selected annually continues into the future.



Judy "O" Oestreich, CFWE Historian

In 2017, Distribution Day was held on December 14th at West Center. The total of \$1,765,000 was distributed to school districts, youth organizations, national disease agencies, food banks, rural fire departments, community arts and so many more, including \$150,000

reserved for scholarships. Total income for 2017 was \$2,201,915. At the end of the year, there were five paid staff and 654 volunteers.

2018 is proving to be another booming year, and we continue to find that there is a high demand for white elephant items that are so graciously donated by our communities, purchased by our buyers, and prepared for sale by our wonderful staff and volunteers!

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Message from the Board President, Judy Barkley

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve the White Elephant as the President of the Board for 2018. As President my job is to get reports from the various committee's like Parade, Human Resources, Contributions, Volunteer Appreciation, Scholarships, Insurance and Risk Management, Nominating, Finance and Public Relations. The White Elephant Board is a working Board. Each member of the Board is either a committee head or a member of various committees.



The Board also has a close relationship with the store managers. Although the Board does not run the store, management reports on the store committee's meetings and facility updates at each Board meeting.

This year our parade is "Making Music Together" and our chairpersons Regina Ford and Ivars Vecbastiks are doing a tremendous job of making sure this parade is a success. The White Elephant parade is a way that we thank the public for their support. There is never a fee to join and it is truly a community event.

Next year we will be celebrating our 55th year as the White Elephant. As we look back on the many accomplishments of this organization we know that none of this would have been possible without the support of our wonderful community and their donations.

Judy Barkley
CFWE Board President

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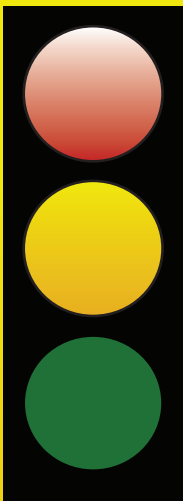
White Elephant Thrift Store

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**MIDNIGHT
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October 25, 2018
3pm-6pm

Traffic Alert: Parade Day



If you are a parade participant or plan to be driving in the following areas, please take note of the following temporary changes in the parade area. The north and south bound lanes of La Cañada will be closed to traffic starting at Desert Bell/La Canoa to Continental Road. The SAV Director of Field Operations Larry Blade wants to remind everyone to please follow the direction of the SAV officers, Deputy Sheriffs and volunteers as they are there for your safety.

SAV will be blocking the parade roads as early as 7:30 a.m. Participants are asked to start staging after the road closure. Please be no later than 9:30. The parade starts at 10 a.m. sharp.

Parade entry drivers should enter the parade from the north and the SAV officers will direct you to cross over to the east side of the road at the intersection of Desert Bell and La Canoa. The north bound lane is the parade route, which is completely blocked from Desert Bell/ La Canoa to Esperanza for staging and from there all the way to Continental Road. Further instructions will be sent out to all parade participants. The south bound lane of La Cañada will also be closed for the safety of all parade participants and viewers.



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2018 Parade Chairs Work Together In Harmony

By Regina Ford
CFWE Parade Chair

The Country Fair White Elephant Parade is simply one of my favorite events of the year. I haven't missed a parade in 25 years and I can't wait for the next one on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Serving as the 2018 parade chair has been a pleasure due to the incredible work done by my co-chair, Ivars Vecbastiks and last year's parade chair, Judy Barkley, who also happens to be president of the County Fair White Elephant Board. So many volunteers make this parade a reality.

Over 100 parade entries will line the streets.

This year's theme is "Making Music Together" and nothing says that more than a parade with all the marching bands and floats making music as they travel down La Canada.



Regina Ford, CFWE Parade Chair

Musician and vocalist Joey Lessa is the Grand Marshal. He will also join me on the parade stand following his trip down the parade route and we will announce the parade together, a volunteer job we have enjoyed since 2001.

This year, both lanes of the parade route will be closed to traffic from



Ivars Vecbastiks, CFWE Parade Co-chair

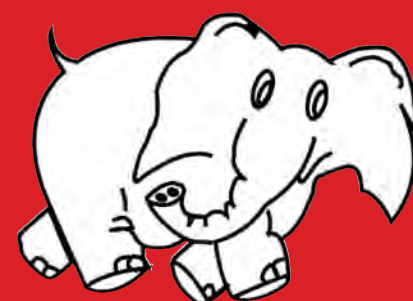
Desert Bell Drive / La Canoa to Continental Road. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. and proceeds down La Canada past the grand stand located not far from Esperanza and La Canada near Sunstreet Mortgage. Street closures will begin as early as 7:30 a.m. and extend through 1 p.m.

Spectators may view the parade from the sidewalks as well as the median. Folks are encouraged to

bring their own lawn chairs or blankets.

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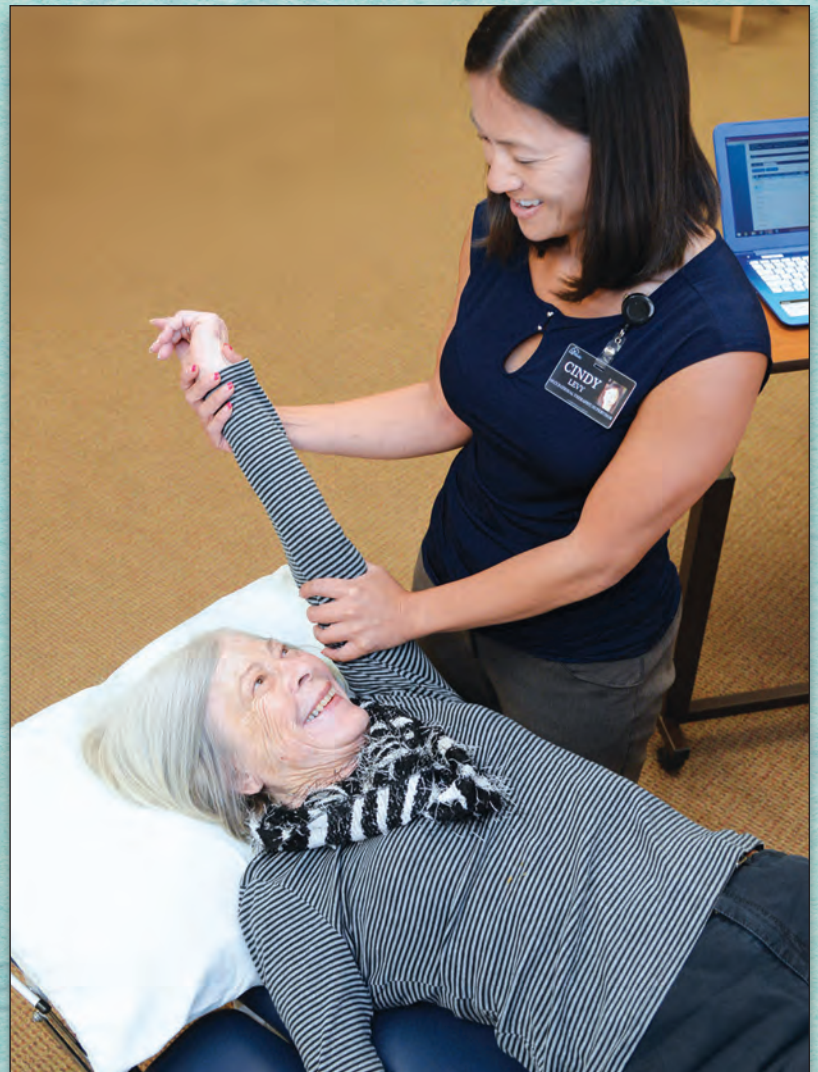
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2018 CFWE Grand Marshal and Parade Judges

By Jerry Schultz

White Elephant Parade planners carried out the “Making Music Together” theme in selecting judges and the Grand Marshal for the 2018 march down La Canada Drive.

All have music in their blood.

They include pianists, vocalists and a guitarist who’s also a golf professional, all entertainers with thick resumes. The judges are Mary Lou Catania, Tamara Kahrmanis and Larry Worster. Big band vocalist and long-time radio personality Joey Lessa is Grand Marshal.

Kahrmanis is a classically trained pianist and vocalist who has been involved in music all her life. She is the assistant director of the Green Valley Chorus and directed the Green Valley Summer Chorus’ September performance at Community Performance and Arts Center.

Plaza during White Elephant Days.

She was graduated from the University of Connecticut and received a master’s degree from Bryn Mawr College.

She arrived to Green Valley in 2004 from Greenwich, CT, after working in advertising for New York Life in New York and assisting with performing arts programs at Lincoln Center.

Kahrmanis sang with New England Lyric Operetta (Stamford, CT) and the Greenwich Choral Society. After being featured in community theater, she became music director for Connecticut Playmakers in 1991 and has directed seven full-length Broadway musicals.

She says equestrian entries are one of her favorite parts of the parade, noting she’s been a fan of the Budweiser commercials with the Clydesdale horses for years. She also enjoys the diversity of the floats and she said she will be looking for originality of the entries and how music is approached as a universal language. “I never thought I’d be asked to judge the parade,” she said. “It’s such an honor.”

Catania is an Ohio State University music graduate with a double major in piano and flute. She played with the university’s concert band four years and studied with an artist in residence.

“I think our musical journey prepares us for anything,” she said. “I think it made me a more successful sales person.” Her non-musical endeavors included developing corporate programs and training and managing sales personnel.

She arrived in Green Valley in 2002 from Las Vegas to manage the Fletcher Music Center. She said the center became the most profitable center in the system of 38 stores. She managed the music center until 2007 when performing opportunities grew.

She said she has never worked at the thrift store, but has performed at a number of White Elephant special events, including annual dinners honoring volunteers. “I’ve never worked there, but I’ve shopped there a lot and brought in a bunch of stuff,” she said.

The 2018 parade will be Catania’s

first, she said. She said she will be checking out entries for “creativity, imagination and fun.”

She plays with ensembles all around Green Valley and Tucson in addition to accompanying programs and services regularly at Desert Hills Lutheran Church.

Now, she said, she’s performing “all of the time, and she’s finally doing what she loves.”

Worster has combined careers as a music educator, performer and a teaching golf professional. This year’s parade will be his first.

He says he set out to be a rock star as a guitarist and bassist in the mold of The Eagles, but changed course, concentrating in music education and teaching youngsters how to hit a golf ball.

Purchasing a GreenValley house 10 years ago and making snowbird visits he said his local residence will now be his main residence.

He said he has been running golf clinics in Colorado each summer, offering instruction to up to 250 youngsters and 150 adults. He has been the lead golf instructor at Indian Peaks Golf Course near Boulder and taught music history at Denver’s Metropolitan State University. He also works with high school golf teams.

Locally, he initiated the hugely successful “Green Valley’s Got Talent” programs at Community Performing and Arts Center two years ago. “There’s an incredible amount of talent down here,” he said. “We’ve drawn hundreds to the shows,” he said.

He said he plans to follow the judging criteria with an eye out for how creative the entries are in following the parade theme and reflecting the community.

Grand Marshal **Lessa** knows the parade well. He and parade chair, Regina Ford, have been describing the parade from the judge’s stand for 17 years using his own public address equipment. He plans to return to the stand this year as soon as his trip down the parade route is completed.



Parade Grand Marshal Joey Lessa has mixed broadcasting with entertaining as a big band vocalist.

He is a veteran broadcaster, on the air locally at KGVY for 20 years, and previously working for stations in California and Nevada. At the same time he worked disc jockey shifts he performed as a vocalist with big bands, including the Green Valley Stage Band, often performing with Ford.

“Ever since I was a kid all I wanted to do was entertain and work in radio,” he said. And, he’s done it, making stops at Lake Tahoe, Apple Valley, Las Vegas, Jackpot and Winnemucca, NV, among others.

He has emceed programs at many local service organizations and mentored music students at Continental School.

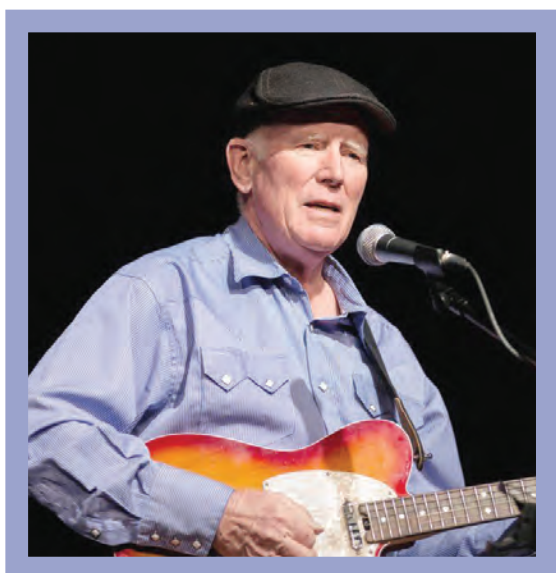
He said his favorite part of the parade often is the school musicians.

He discovered Green Valley while visiting his brother here. Not long after he relocated here he attended a community theater rehearsal and was asked to audition.

“They were doing a murder mystery dinner show,” Lessa recalled. “It was called ‘Who Killed Charlie.’ I got the part of Charlie and was killed during the salad.”



Parade judge Tamara Kahrmanis rehearses with Green Valley Summer Chorus.



Parade judge Larry Worster started the Green Valley’s Got Talent programs at CPAC.



Parade judge Mary Lou Catania on the job playing for a recent GVR dance.

This is her sixth year as music director at Our Lady of The Valley parish. She sings with local bands, including the Bavarian Brass Band where her yodeling talents are displayed. The band performs at Continental



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Saturday, November 3, 2018 ~ 9am to 4pm
Sunday, November 4, 2018 ~ 10am to 2pm

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Quail Creek's 13th Annual Community Wide Garage Sale
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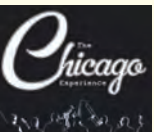
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FIND, LIKE & SHARE the White Elephant Thrift Store on Facebook

By Diane Diamond
CFWE Social Media Volunteer

Our Facebook page has been active for five years and boasts almost 2,000 LIKES! If you aren't one of them, FIND us by searching for White Elephant Thrift Store or www.facebook.com/GVWhiteElephant

Once you LIKE us you'll:

- receive pictures of items on the floor, behind the scenes pictures, pictures and stories from current volunteers
- learn how to become a volunteer
- find a link to our current eBay items and website
- find out what and how the store recycles items we cannot use or sell

- view do-it-yourself projects with White Elephant finds
- enjoy information about elephants
- find out about events like the October parade and Midnight Madness Sale and
- discover the inner workings of a local nonprofit that gifts its profits back to the community.

About 400 friends see the posting of the half price board each day. The most asked question on photos of items for sale is price. We don't post prices because if people don't get to the store when it opens at 9am, many of those items are sold more quickly than we can answer with the price.

The inventory of women's clothes turns over completely every two weeks. Items older than two weeks



Diane Diamond, CFWE Social Media Volunteer

show up on the 50 cent rack for a day or two before they are donated to charity.

In fact, specific donations are passed on to local groups regularly: women's makeup and personal items go to a local shelter for abused women, school supplies go to the schools, glasses to the Lions, medical supplies to a clinic in Nogales to name a few. Plus, we recycle all sorts of metals: pans we cannot sell, outdated golf clubs, broken items, etc. What we used to throw away now nets well over a thousand dollars every month!

All items are one of a kind and usually sell the day they are placed on the sales floor. When our Facebook followers see a picture they tend to SHARE our page with family, friends and neighbors who might be looking for the item. And we thank you because that makes the site reach those who care about what we do in our community.



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MIDNIGHT MADNESS GREEN VALLEY STYLE



By KGVY Staff

Midnight Madness Green Valley Style (MMGVS) occurs just once a year.... because it takes almost one year to prepare for the annual event! It's the biggest shopping event in the shortest amount of time with the best prices.

MMGVS is the kick off event for Country Fair White Elephant Days. Thursday, October 25th between the hours of 3 and 6, shoppers from near and far shop for the best deals on name brand clothing and accessories only seen once a year.

When the White Elephant closes for business on their normal business day Thursday, October 25th the fun begins inside and outside the White Elephant Thrift Store.

Shoppers who want to score items that are in high demand begin lining up outside the entrance hours

before the 3pm opening. The first 200 to arrive are given a raffle ticket. 50 winners are chosen from the 200 to receive a four dollar gift certificate. During Midnight Madness 4 dollars goes a long way. Cash and check only are accepted with an ATM machine available.



The line of anxious shoppers winds



From left to right: MMGVS Co-Chair Apryl Moelter, Chair Judy Oestreich, and thrift store Office Coordinator Susie Sierra

around the front of the White Elephant Thrift Store. Various means of passing the time are in view, including I Pads, headphones, books, cell phones, and computer games. Chairs, pillows, blankets soften the seats of the waiters. Water, sun screen and warm weather dress are suggested. KGVY Radio broadcasts live during the wait.

growing! Each year is improved and refined from the previous year.

The second the doors are shut and locked on the regular business day, the 150 plus White Elephant volunteers begin the tasks required for a top notch production. The Christ-



Judy Oestreich, Chair and Apryl Moelter Co-Chair of MMGVS have been working towards this moment almost since the doors closed on last year's event. Dozens of volunteers watch for unique donated items throughout the year, and recommend the most special ones for the one day event. Items are reviewed, priced, stored off property, and returned to the White Elephant Thrift Store just days before the event.

MMGVS was the brain storm of then White Elephant historian Nola Scott. Needing a replacement for a fashion show that had run its course, "Midnight Madness Green Valley Style" was rolled out in 2004. The promotion was an instant hit and hasn't stopped



mas section begins taking shape. This year's layout features nutcrackers, nativity scenes, a German Pyramid, and every type of Christmas expression manufactured.

Racks of name brand clothing roll

continued on page 13



out into the main area. Women's clothes are lined up by size. Over 60 brand names are represented including Chico, Coldwater

Creek, Lucky Jeans, White House/Black Market, Jones of New York and Levis. Hats are available from the Mary Jean collection- Victorian

Hats from Palenstine Texas.

You will find a great selection of Under Armor Sports Wear for men, Tommy Hilfiger, a selection of wraps and stylish jackets, Dooney and Bourke, Coach and Fossil purses line the shelves. Faux Furs, children's clothes and swimwear is available for purchase. Dress shoes and a pair of Justin boots in the box, Stetson Hat, belts, Perry Ellis men, leather jackets, Guess, cruise clothes and so much more at incredibly low prices.

It's not all clothes. Affordable jewelry, collectables, tools, golf clubs and balls, and patio items are also available.

Dressing rooms make it easy to try on clothes and free standing mirrors throughout the store will tell you immediately if that clothing is right for you!

As usual extra parking will be at Our Lady of the Valley over flow lot on the west side of the church. DO NOT park on the street next to the White Elephant Thrift Store.

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CFWE eBay Sales Now a Decade Old

By Jerry Schultz

The eBay team at the Country Fair White Elephant could be likened to diamond miners.

They spend a lot of time looking for gems. And, their next find may be inches away.

Joyce Barber has been on the lookout for more than a decade. Her sidekicks are Barney Foster and Gary Hurley.

Seemingly, they're on a perpetual treasure hunt on which they've got plenty of help. White Elephant volunteers keep an eye out for donated items which could interest internet shoppers.

"Items are brought to the store's collectibles department," Barber said. "We research items on the internet to determine value."

While many of the items are priced

and kept in collectibles, those with potentially higher value are referred to Barber and her team for consideration of eBay placement.

The system has enjoyed success, with this year's sales totaling more than 1,400 items and generating more than \$66,800, Barber said. Since its inception 10 years ago, the program has produced more than 14,100 sales and more than \$612,079 in revenue, she said.

The eBay team never knows when its next gem will be discovered. Among recent finds is an approximately 100-year-old, 40-pound statuette depicting what could be a Roman Centurion on patrol riding his chariot pulled by two horses or Ben Hur racing around Rome's Coliseum. The table- or mantle-top piece



Joyce Barber and Barney Foster with Italian artwork donated to the White Elephant. The sculpture was put up for sale on eBay.

measures 23 inches in length and 8 1/2 inches width. It is 16 inches high.

Listed on eBay at \$450, Foster guessed the piece could be valued at \$1,000. It appears to be signed by Amilecare Santini, an early 20th century artist who was born on April 18, 1910, in Cecina, Italy, and died on Jan. 15, 1975.

Santini began sculpting as an adolescent and became known for small pieces recalling Italian history.

Earlier this year, Foster scored with two listings that added more than \$1,000 to the White Elephant's charitable coffers. Two vintage metal models of 1932 Ford Roadsters sold for just over \$642. An antique Flame Mahogany Roll Top desk and chair sold for \$450. He said his largest sale was a Versace men's chronograph watch with a sapphire crystal that sold for \$465.

Hurley, who researches sports donations, recently listed a fishing rod that sold for \$380.

Just the kind of serendipitous find that makes the eBay team's day.



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Volunteer Gary Hurley working from his home office.



Parkinson's Support Group of Green Valley

2017 Recipient

Researchers are still looking for a cure for Parkinson's disease. Meanwhile, the Parkinson's Support Group of Green Valley has found its own way to give Parkinson's the SAC: by offering opportunities for its members to stay mentally Stimulated, physically Active and socially Connected.

Thanks to a grant from the White Elephant, the group provides chair exercise classes three times weekly. During the past year, they have added aquatic tai chi classes. During the first eight months of this year, there were nearly 3500 user visits to these classes—people staying physically active. They also schedule lectures, support meetings,

activities, and social events.

With the White Elephant's continued support, the group is looking ahead to starting a club for members to gather and play games, do arts and crafts, try favorite recipes and join other activities. We all hope for a cure for the disease, but members of the Parkinson's Support Group don't sit around waiting for it. They stay active.

Thank you for your support, White Elephant!





Ballet Continental

2017 Recipient

Without the continued support of The White Elephant (WE) Ballet Continental would not be able to exist. We are so grateful and thankful for our recent grant funding from the White Elephant. These grants have allowed us to bring in nationally recognized teachers/dancers to work with our dancers, provide scholarships for our dancers, reach out to the local schools and continue building the arts education, help defray the very expensive productions costs that continue to mount from year to year. We would not be able to continue our pursuits and helping so many young people along the way without the help of The White Elephant. The White Elephant has allowed many dreams to come true and all the dancers, parents, volunteers and staff are



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White Elephant Parade Statues

By Jerry Schultz

Winners of the prized White Elephant parade trophies will need more shelf space to show off their awards this year.

The ceramic symbols of the philanthropic thrift store will be larger than those awarded in the past.

The mold used to produce the elephants in Green Valley Recreation's ceramics shop wore out and the new mold is about 20 percent larger, according to Daryl Cassidy, who has been coordinating production of the trophies for the past dozen years.

She works with Barney Foster, president of GVR's Ceramics Club, and Larry Kistler of GVR's Woodworkers of Green Valley, who make wooden plaques for the elephants.

Foster also is a volunteer at the White Elephant, working in the receiving, collectibles and eBay departments. He came to the area from Portland, OR, where he worked in computer applications.

Cassidy is a retired teacher and school librarian. The San Diego na-



White Elephant trophy coordinator Daryl Cassidy, left, and Barney Foster, chair of the GVR Ceramics Club, 2018 trophy models.

tive has an art degree from the University of California, Northridge, and a library degree from George Mason University. She taught in California and worked on the east coast outside Washington, D.C., before retiring and heading west to Arizona to escape the cold.

While working with clay has been part of her art background, her interests now include painting, metal design and jewelry design.

She said the trophy team produces a dozen or more elephants a year,

Green Valley from San Jose area 18 years ago.

He says he has been working with wood most of his life and enjoys the annual assignment to prepare the White Elephant trophies.

"Our first step is to get the wood," he said. "We have used walnut, cherry and oak in the past and this year we went with sapele, an African wood with nice grain and coloring.

"After we choose the wood we cut out and shape the plaques. Then we sand them and apply three coats of varnish. After they dry, we attach them to the elephant. It was a little



GVR woodworker Larry Kistler and members of the Woodworker's Club get plaques ready for the elephant trophies.

depending on how many are needed as gifts for presentation to longtime White Elephant volunteers.

In addition to being larger, the 2018 trophies sport a lightly textured finish rather than the smooth finish of previous models. Foster notes the molds are fired in the GVR hobby shop kilns and glazed. Then they are handed off to the woodworkers.

Kistler said he has been working on the plaques for about 10 years. "We do it as a club," he said. "We've done other projects for the White Elephant, including building three register check-out counters. Six or seven years ago we made award plaques for the volunteers."

He received bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Michigan in electrical engineering and worked with some of the nation's leading technology firms including Motorola in Phoenix, General Electric in New York, and Fairchild in California.

Along the way, he said he worked on the design and development of the Titan missile and spent 27 years in the San Francisco Bay area's Silicon Valley manufacturing semiconductors. Introduced to Green Valley by his in-laws, he moved to

trickier this year because the elephants are larger."

And, the ceramic base that provided a flat surface which could be glued to the wood is no longer part of the new trophy.

"This year we had to attach the elephant's legs directly to the plaque," Kistler said. Because the legs are hollow, we were able to use a small screw and silicon glue and it worked well. We delivered the trophies in August."

Now the woodworkers are wrapping up a major Christmas project, with a team of some 40 men and women turning out upwards to 800 toys for St. Andrews Children's Clinic in Nogales.

"It's a year-long project," Kistler said. "We do it as a team. Each member of the team makes 50 to 60 items, including cradles, cars, trucks, animals, carousels, airplanes, painted art work and the like."

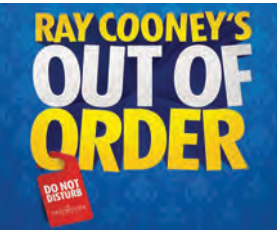
Cost for the wood, paint and other items connected to the toy project runs about \$1,000 annually and is donated by the White Elephant, he said.

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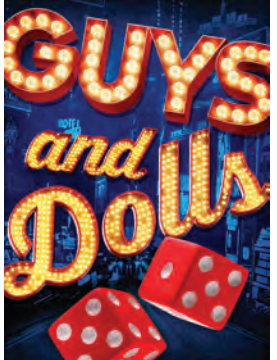


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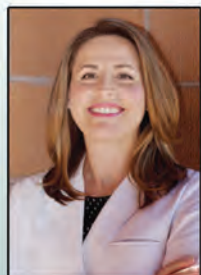
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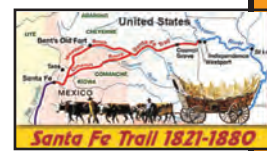
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Three Generations of White Elephant Volunteers Make Giving Back a Family Tradition

By Ann Powers

A lot of families pass down traditions from one generation to the next. For some, it's a favorite holiday recipe lovingly cooked and served on special occasions. For others, it could be a beloved vacation spot perfect for reunions.

But for Joyce Barber's tribe, it's giving back – in the form of volunteering at the Country Fair White Elephant Thrift Store in Green Valley. The 83-year-old has been at it for 20 years, with no plans on stopping anytime soon.

"As long as my health holds," Barber confirmed. "I enjoy the people, or I wouldn't be here. And, I enjoy the giving back."

Her daughter, Traci Butler, has volunteered for the past six years at her mother's side in the nonprofit's collectibles department and helping her

in her love for books via the organization's supply of donated literary works.

"I would be here with my grandma every Saturday," recalled Turner. "So, in the beginning it was mostly for the doughnuts (provided to volunteers) and the books, because I read a lot. But then, I had more fun. There was a lot of stuff to do, a lot of stuff to be exposed to."

Turner and her mother relocated to the area when Turner was in 7th grade. The White Elephant continues to be a mainstay in the teen's life, even as a freshman currently studying kinesiology at Delaware State University – some 2,400 miles away.

The recent Sahuarita High School graduate is a White Elephant Foundation scholarship recipient. Officials said the nonprofit awards five scholarships annually, with about 20 students on scholarship at any given time. The scholarships are over a four-year college term.

Turner was also active in the organization's paid student work program this past summer, on top of the many years she's given her time freely as a volunteer for the nonprofit.

"The levels of friendliness and the sense of community are my favorite things about working and volunteering at the

White Elephant," she said. "It's a lot of fun to be a part of something and you can tell everyone cares."

Like a second family kind of caring, with all the kinship-type perks for both sides, according to Butler.

"A lot of the volunteers here have watched Tren grow up," she said of her daughter. "That's kind of cool for her and for the other people who have moved out here and don't have access to their own grandkids. So, I feel like she's the community kid."

The White Elephant has also been a vital and supportive community for Butler herself, who is a licensed ther-



Traci Butler, Joyce Barber and Trenity Turner are three generations of White Elephant volunteers who make 'giving back' a family tradition. Photo by Ann Powers

apist and school counselor in Tucson and Sahuarita. Last May, she was diagnosed with stage four follicular lymphoma. To treat the cancer, she is undergoing six months chemotherapy, to be followed by two years of immunotherapy.

"Many of the volunteers have shared their personal stories of beating their own battle of non-Hodgkin lymphoma," Butler said. "Or the battle their partners have fought and won. This is particularly helpful to both myself and Mom. It gives us both a sense of hope and light."

That sense of hope and light seems to be intertwined in just about everything the White Elephant does – from its inception in 1964 by a group of locals looking to promote community fellowship, to its volunteers' unwavering camaraderie, to its generous monetary contributions channeled back into dozens of local services, groups and schools.

The first White Elephant sale was organized 54 years ago by 16 volunteers in a small space at a Green

Valley recreation center, according to the organization's website. It raised \$146.20.

Officials said the now 34,400-square-foot resale store, with a crew of approximately 640 volunteers, generated \$2.2 million in revenue and \$1.8 million in grants last year benefitting numerous communities and causes along the I-19 corridor. Since 1964, the White Elephant has raised about \$30 million which has been granted out to a variety of different groups over the years.

And just like families grow and change with each new generation, the White Elephant has evolved as well. It's gone green with a dedicated recycling program and solar roof panels supplying the building's electricity. It also donates hundreds of boxes of useable, but not sellable, merchandise to various organizations every month and sells items on eBay.

"It's all about how money can best be made for the community," Butler explained.

Paying it forward has become a selfless tradition for Barber's lineage – and not just among the women in her family. Barber's husband, Jerry, is a member of the Green Valley Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers and can often be seen donating his time patrolling the White Elephant to meet, greet and ensure a safe shopping experience for customers.

Volunteers agree these customs, uniting and defining closely-knit families and communities, must be passed on in order to thrive – which is exactly what Turner plans to do when she starts a family of her own.

"If I'm living here, definitely, they will be volunteering," she said.

Which is something her grandma loves to hear.

"It's all about the togetherness," Barber concluded.

For more information about the White Elephant, visit gvwhiteelephant.com or call 520-625-4119.



Trenity Turner helps Green Valley resident, Dave Rambo, with a furniture purchase at the Country Fair White Elephant Thrift Store located at 601 North La Canada Dr., in Green Valley.

with the organization's eBay site. She doesn't hesitate to say the impetus for her involvement "was this lady right here," proudly pointing to her mom.

"Personally, what I really like the most is that I get to hang out with my mom," Butler, 55, said. "That's what I love, we get time together and that's always fun. We are a great tag team, I have to say. We get the job done."

Barber was also the reason her 18-year-old granddaughter launched her own White Elephant volunteering voyage at the tender age of seven. When visiting from Phoenix, Trenity Turner would spend weekends with her grandmother at the thrift store pricing goods, stocking shelves, satisfying her sweet tooth and indulging



Joyce Barber has been instrumental in the Country Fair White Elephant eBay site's success, generating thousands of dollars for the nonprofit's philanthropic efforts.

White Elephant Volunteers *Making Music Together* (or at Least Available)

By Ann Powers

In the words of Hans Christian Andersen, “Where words fail, music speaks.”

It seems the Country Fair White Elephant parade’s chairperson, Regina Ford, was on the same page with the 19th century Danish author when she coined this year’s theme for the

and magazines. Collectively, they’ve donated 15 years of their time to the White Elephant’s philanthropic cause.

“I got drafted by my husband five years ago,” Carol Edwards quipped while referring to her spouse, Chuck – who has been a music/media department volunteer for the past seven years.

sold each month. In the music selection alone, melophiles will find classical, rock, jazz, easy listening, religious and country music genres.

“I’m aware of what’s sellable and what’s not,” said Pedersen, adding he conducts online research to see what the donations are worth. “I always try to price below what the internet tells you. We want to give the customer a good value as well.”

Which hasn’t been lost on customers who really appreciate those tireless efforts, like Van Lawler of Sahuarita.

“The prices of the records are very good,” he said. “You get a different variety. I collect CDs too.”

Volunteers are quick to note the variety Van Lawler appreciates wouldn’t be possible without the generous and constant stream of donations made to the White Elephant.

Chuck recalled one Saturday morning when 18 large boxes of rare treasures suitable for the music/me-



Chuck Edwards volunteers at the White Elephant four days each week to help manage and keep the music/media department fully stocked. Photo by Ann Powers

up for much less.

And then there was the time when nine huge trash bags brimming with DVDs were donated – all alphabetized.

“(The donors) were very organized,” Carol mused.

“The first group that came in was marked M to Z,” Chuck added. “And I thought, uh-oh, where’s the rest? It came in two days later.”

Pedersen said many of the vintage vinyl gems passed on - like Pink Floyd’s “Dark Side of the Moon” and albums by The Doors - are as good as new.

“Collectors take good care of their records,” he explained. “If anybody... has some nice records that have been well cared for and are in good condition, consider donating them here.”

The 2018 Country Fair White Elephant parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Oct. 27.

The thrift store is located at 601 N. La Canada Dr., in Green Valley. It’s open Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Donation hours are Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Local pick up is available and delivery service fees vary. To schedule a pick-up call 520-625-4119.



Carol Edwards, Chuck Edwards and Ken Pedersen volunteer countless hours to make music happen for White Elephant shoppers visiting the nonprofit’s music/media department. Photo by Ann Powers

upcoming parade – “Making Music Together.”

“I came up with the theme, “Making Music Together,” because I believe music is a universal language,” said Ford, who is also the White Elephant Board of Directors vice president.

This will be the parade’s 54th year and regularly features local bands – jazz, marching bands, the Shriner’s band and award-winning school bands. Joey Lessa, a vocalist and popular musician in Green Valley, is the 2018 grand marshal.

“So why not focus this year on the pleasure they provide for so many?” Ford reasoned. “Music is one of the things that brings joy to so many people, whatever their ages.”

That said, it also seems fitting to focus on the dedicated White Elephant Thrift Store volunteers who help provide extremely affordable music, and endless hours of listening bliss, to so many of the nonprofit’s shoppers. Working together, Ken Pedersen and Chuck and Carol Edwards, have been making harmony happen by managing the organization’s music/media department.

The trio sorts, prices and stocks a variety of donated goods including vinyl records, CDs, cassettes, 8-tracks, DVDs, VHS tapes, books

“It’s just giving back,” he said. “The staff here is great. They help a lot.”

Pedersen has volunteered at the White Elephant for three years and oversees the music/media department’s vinyl record selection.

“I enjoy collecting and listening to them myself,” he said. “So, I take an interest in reclaiming stuff like that that’s donated and making sure it finds a new home, rather than just being thrown out, or going to someone who really doesn’t appreciate it, or just making sure it stays in the cycle of people enjoying it.”

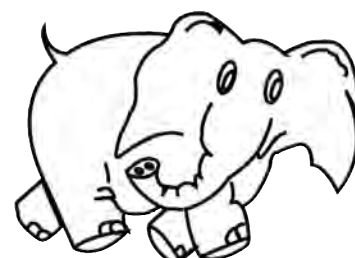
White Elephant General Manager Karen Lavo said “We are so grateful for our many dedicated volunteers.” “It is so fulfilling to know that our volunteers who have experience or an interest in a certain department are able to utilize their skills and work in a department that they enjoy.”

And there’s no question the music/media volunteers are looking to share that joy by ensuring the department offers something for every patron’s entertainment palate. Starting at ten cents and up, thousands of items are



Volunteer Ken Pedersen helps customers with rare vinyl record finds, at extremely reasonable prices, in the White Elephant music/media department. Photo by Ann Powers

dia department arrived, including the complete series of the cult-classic British sci-fi TV drama, “Doctor Who.” He said the set was selling for thousands of dollars on eBay, but some lucky White Elephant thrifty shopper was able to pick it



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2018 White Elephant Parade Line-Up

Parade lineup and participants are subject to change

1. White Elephant Banner & Volunteers
2. Pima County Sheriff/SAV
3. Pima Regional SWAT
4. Greater Green Valley CERT
5. Green Valley Fire District
6. White Elephant Trucks
7. Boy Scout Troop 301 (w/banner)
8. Grand Marshal (in Vintage Desoto)
9. Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
10. American Legion Post 66
11. The Animal League of Green Valley
12. Green Valley Community Chorus
13. Helmet Peak Fire Department
14. Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts
15. Green Valley Lions Club
16. Pride of Nogales Marching Band
17. Submarine Veterans of Tucson
18. Young Artists Community Ballet/Ballet Continental
19. Knights of Columbus
20. Borderlands Rescues
21. Rapid Sound, Inc.
22. American Association of University Women
23. Wells Fargo
24. Cub Scout Pack 300
25. Cub Scout Pack 357
26. Cub Scout Pack 328
27. Girl Scout Troop 471
28. Venturing Crew 365
29. Anza Trail Bands
30. BAJA Sporting Club
31. Continental School Builders Club
32. Paws Patrol
33. Community Performing Arts Center (CPAC)
34. Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce
35. Green Valley Recreation
36. United States Border Patrol
37. Home Smart Pros Real Estate
38. Posada Life Community Services
39. Desert Shadows Middle School Band
40. Parkinson's Support Group of Green Valley
41. Corvette Outlaws of Green Valley
42. American Cancer Society
43. Arizona Sonora Heritage Foundation
44. Boy Scout Troop 365
45. Community Food Bank Amado-Green Valley/
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The SAV provides as many as five uniformed SAV members to walk throughout the White Elephant store on a daily basis. Further, SAV uniformed volunteers provide both pedestrian and vehicular traffic control during the White Elephant's parade held annually in October. In return, the White Elephant has frequently award-



SAV Board of Directors President Charles Winkenwerder and SAV Acting Commander Doug Kenyon are pictured with SAV's newest patrol car purchased, in part, with a White Elephant \$20,000 grant.

ed the SAV with grants during their annual community grant awards presentation held in December. This past year of 2017 the White Elephant awarded the SAV with a \$20,000 grant in support of the SAV's purchase of a new patrol vehicle. This generous grant by the White Elephant allows the SAV to continue its support of the Pima County Sheriff's department in their law enforcement program. The SAV would like to offer its heartfelt Thank You to the White Elephant.



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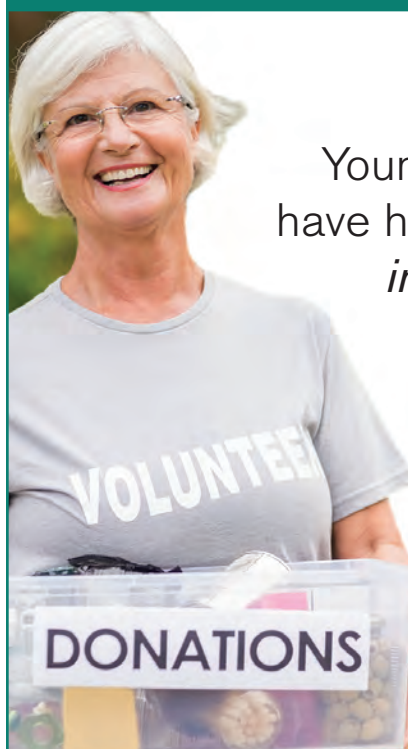
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Loyal White Elephant Shoppers

By Ann Powers

It's early Saturday morning in Green Valley with September temperatures already edging perilously close to triple digits under the sweltering southwestern sun. Nevertheless, **Debbie and John Lamm** have traveled from Tucson to line up with a growing number of other eager bargain hunters anxiously waiting for the Country Fair White Elephant Thrift Store to open its doors.

Talk about devotion.

"I used to do a thrift store caravan," Debbie says. "I used to bring people down from Tucson to hit all the thrift stores around here and this was our first stop."

The couple makes the trip to the mega resale shop once a month, like clockwork.

"You never know what you're going to find here," John explains. "From shop stuff, to rods and tools."

"And jewelry," Debbie interjects.

The White Elephant has been pleasing its patrons since 1964, when the first sale was organized by 16 volunteers in a small section of a Green Valley recreation center, according to the organization's website. It generated \$146.20.



Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Gary Chelseth says the White Elephant is so popular, he has a hard time coaxing shoppers to exit its doors when they close at noon, Monday – Saturday.

During the thrift store's busy winter and spring months, about 200 shoppers come through the doors each day when they unlock at 9 a.m., Monday through Saturday, with more streaming in at a steady pace until closing time at noon, according to White Elephant General Manager Karen Lavo.

"I always say that here at the White Elephant we have the perfect equation," she says. "A dedicated community of donors who bring us their gently used items, plus about 600 dedicated volunteers to receive, sort and process the donations,



John Colmenero, a Ben's Bells Kindness Award recipient and die-hard White Elephant shopper, tests out an exercise bike for the Red Nations Warriors gym he operates out of his Tucson home, training thousands of children and adults in the martial arts at no cost.

plus our valued customers who show up without fail to purchase their treasures."

And many of its customers can be considered treasures in their own right. The White Elephant clientele is a lot like the store's merchandise – eclectic, purposeful and endlessly interesting.

Take for example, **John Colmenero**. He runs the

Red Nations Warriors gym out of his Tucson home and has trained thousands of children, teenagers and adults in boxing, karate and self-defense for the past 40 years. He says the positive and structured environment helps kids steer clear of the streets and off drugs and alcohol. It also gives people who have been attacked, raped or molested a defense, and a voice, against such malicious assaults.

Colmenero doesn't charge his students a fee. He organizes "a lot of car washes" to help fund the gym and shops at the White Elephant for fitness equipment and gear.

"I'm here every Saturday," says the seventh-degree black belt and martial arts master, while testing out an exercise bike at the thrift store. "I bought another (bike) similar to this one and we can always use another one. It builds up the cardio. I'm always here

trying to look for equipment at good deals for the kids, because I help a lot of kids."

Including his own.

"We also help my daughter," he adds. "She's got seven kids. We get a lot of their clothes, sometimes school clothes, sometimes other things. My wife (**Karen**) picks up shoes for the kids. We just try to do the best we can."

Which hasn't gone unnoticed. In 2015, Colmenero received a Ben's Bells Kindness Award. Ben's Bells promotes benevolence and community involvement.

The White Elephant is a unique organization in itself. The kind that cares about its members (shoppers, volunteers and staff), provides a place for them to gather as wells as socialize, and promotes overall wellbeing. For added enjoyment,



Green Valley fulltime residents Joel Mondes de Oca and Lorraine Young are regular shoppers, and friends who watch out for one another, at the White Elephant resale store.

it even provides live music during shopping hours, courtesy local organ-playing volunteers tapping out easy-listening tunes from a keyboard tucked in the store's corner.

"I'm here pretty much every day and everybody gets to be friends here," says Green Valley resident **Lorraine Young**, while proudly displaying the brand-new designer garments she found with the tags still on them. "We pretty much know each other's first names, at least. And we miss them when they're not here."

Just ask **Joel Mondes de Oca**, 76, who is diabetic and a cancer survivor. The year-round Green Valley resident visits the White Elephant



Debbie and John Lamm, of Tucson, join dozens of others to wait for the Country Fair White Elephant Thrift Store's doors to open at 9 a.m.

daily to exercise and catch up with other regulars.

"I'm diabetic, so I come here and walk for an hour and 15 minutes," he says, adding he's not alone in the number of local seniors who substitute the White Elephant as a walking club. "I miss one day and everybody calls me. My phone keeps ringing with, 'Are you okay? Are you okay?'"

"We're nose-ye like that," smiles Young. "We take care of each other."

And so do the local Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV). **Gary Chelseth** has been on watch at the White Elephant for eight years as a member of the SAV.

"We're here for the safety reasons," he notes. "There's a lot of elderly people who come in and sometimes somebody collapses. And occasionally people get into a little discussion about who got what first – and on that basis sometimes you have to calm them down."

However, he's quick to add the White Elephant is a friendly place with friendly folks – evident by their reluctance to leave.

"The hardest part is right at noon when they don't want to go home," says Chelseth. "We have to almost chase them out sometimes. It's a good thing here."

Sahuarita Vice Mayor Melissa Hicks agrees. While shopping for one of her children soon to leave the nest, the retired Green Valley Fire Department captain says she frequents the White Elephant and

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encourages others to do the same.

“Even though Green Valley is personified as a retirement community, they give back to all ages starting at preschools all the way up to retirees,” explains Hicks, whose eldest daughter was a 2011 recipient of a White Elephant scholarship. “They just do so many good things for just all different generations of our community. I would highly recommend that everybody support the White Elephant because

their intentions have always been great and have been a really good foundation to this community.”



White Elephant volunteers Harriet Ayer and Linda Verbiscar assist a happy, thrifty shopper. Ayers says the resale store's patrons are, “the smartest people in the world because this is definitely the place to get wonderful buys.” She adds, “It's the only place I shop.”



Tucsonian Debbie Robbins visits the White Elephant twice a month for high-quality, low-cost treasures.

Which extends to other communities – nationwide – via high-quality goods at significant savings. **Beth Osburn**, from Toledo, Ohio, found a vast selection of top-notch housewares and antiques at rock-bottom prices. The first-time White Elephant shopper was introduced to the local resale store while visiting her sister in Sahuarita, **Christina Williams**.

“It's awesome,” Osburn exclaims. “Lots of stuff. It's a little overwhelming. Nothing like it back in Toledo.”

Nor in Tucson, according to **Debbie Robbins**. The Tucsonian happily road trips it to Green Valley every other Saturday to scout out a plethora of White Elephant finds. And while she's thrifting, she also makes several treks to her car, loading it up with her low-cost loot.

“Today I got an ottoman, a couple of big baskets, clothes for 50 cents and books,” she beams. “I've already been out to

my car once. I had a hard time getting the ottoman in my car, but I managed. We don't spend a lot of money and it's fun.”



Sisters, Christina Williams and Beth Osburn from Sahuarita and Toledo, Ohio (respectively), shop for homewares and antiques at the White Elephant. During Osburn's first visit to the thrift store, she refers to the selection of good deals and rare finds as “awesome” and “overwhelming.”

patrons we spoke with on that Saturday said they donate to the cause as well.

“If you got stuff you don't need bring it over,” Fordney suggests.

If you can't bring it over, the White Elephant has trucks, and volunteer drivers, on the roads six days a week picking up large donations and delivering hefty furniture and appliances to area customers.

But, if you can bring it over, the charity accepts donations Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the thrift store's location in the heart

of the Santa Cruz Valley, 601 N. La Canada Dr., Green Valley. For more information, call (520) 625-4119 or visit www.gvwhiteelephant.com.



Green Valley resident Don Fordney finds himself at the White Elephant Thrift Store on a Saturday morning because, “My wife wanted to stop here today.” Nevertheless, he says he appreciates all the nonprofit does for the community by channeling its proceeds into local causes.

While not everyone may be as enthusiastic about why they're at the White Elephant...

“I came here because my wife wanted to stop here today,” admits **Don Fordney**, 77, of Green Valley.

They are just as enthusiastic about what the charitable organization gives back.

“I think that is the best part of it,” Fordney, a retired railroad conductor, adds. “They take all the proceeds and put it right back into our community. It's just amazing.”

Along with their appreciation for the White Elephant's contributions to the community, its shoppers contribute too – right back to the organization and more than monetarily. Most of the



Billy Biby is one of the volunteer organ players providing live music for White Elephant customers. “I enjoy playing the organ and people seem to like it,” he says. “I try to play all kinds of music.”

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By KGVY Staff

The Country Fair White Elephant truckers are some of the hardest working volunteers in Green Valley! Up before dawn on the days they are scheduled, they head to the White Elephant to pick up the truck and begin their day.

Truckers of the CFWE are responsible for a variety of duties. Showing up early is just one of them. Loading and unloading the truck takes up a good portion of the time. Great care needs to be taken moving furniture, household goods, appliances and other everyday household goods that are donated by community residents who support the White Elephant.

CFWE Truckers also deliver customer purchases to local residents. Purchases from the White Elephant of large items or multiple items can be delivered to homes in Green Valley, Sahuarita, Tubac, and Amado. Delivery fees vary.

The White Elephant is always in need of additional volunteers for the truck crew. If this sounds like something you may want to volunteer for, please contact the Office Coordinator and Truck Scheduler, Susie at 520

625 4119. She can assist you in becoming a White Elephant trucker.

Here are some guidelines for becoming a White Elephant volunteer.

The White Elephant customer department needs individuals who are able to lift at least 30-50 pounds to work in our Customer Pickup department. The truck crew volunteers must be able to lift at least 50 pounds and work 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Other volunteer opportunities are also available on various days of the week. The minimum work is 4 hours per week, one day a week, Monday through Saturday. Morning shifts are available.

Volunteer applications are available from cashiers during store hours and in the donation drop-off area of the building. Please complete your application and return it to the White Elephant. Once your application is received, you will be contacted to start the process to get you started as a White Elephant volunteer!

For questions about volunteering at the White Elephant, please contact the store directly. Please call 520-625-4119. Please consider being a White Elephant Volunteer!

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Note from Andrea: My name is Andrea Fimbers and I have been the community resource coordinator with United Community Health Center since June of this year. Since I started



Andrea Fimbers, UCHC Community Resource Coordinator. The White Elephant funded her position and as a result, she is able to help so many people.

this position in June I have helped 88 members of our community. The number continues to grow daily. In June I was able to help 4 patients. In the month of July I was able to help 21. August I helped 51 patients. I have obtained a car, wheelchairs, walkers, glasses, hearing aids, utility assistance, and rental assistance. I have helped to build resumes and assist with applying for jobs. I work closely with the food banks and diaper banks to assist patients. If it wasn't for the White Elephant grant that created my position this would not have been possible. Thank you White Elephant!



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The funds were used to supply scholarships for families who were not able to afford the registration fee and pay for instructor wages, supplies and utilities. During the camp, students between 2nd and 9th grades produced a full scale musical entitled “Shrek Junior.” Campers participated in two final performances for more than 350 audience members.

CPAC presents a wide variety of programming representing all facets of the arts. The complex includes a 203 seat theater, art gallery and multi-purpose space. CPAC annually hosts more than 110 performances and dozens of visual arts exhibits, workshops and classes in addition to various community gatherings such as rehearsals, seminars, parties and meetings.








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White Elephant Facility Update

By Richard Cramer
CFWE Facility Manager

The decision to “Go Green” by installing solar panels continues to pay off for the White Elephant. The solar power system consists of 420 photo voltaic DC generating panels. The DC current generated by the panels is delivered to an inverter which converts the DC current to AC power which is fed through a power grid. The White Elephant receives credit, Performance Based Incentive, (PBI), from Tucson Electric Power (TEP) for excess power sent through the grid. The billing from TEP for November 2017 thru April 2018 was \$8,418.05 for power provided to us. The PBI remitted to the White Elephant from TEP for the same period of time was \$11,835.20. The incentive remitted covered the entire electric bill for that period of time with a positive balance of \$3,417.15 for the White Elephant. The solar power system operates from 57% to 80% of capacity depending on the season and weather conditions. We are currently leasing the system and paying \$52,000 annually; the lease for the solar power system expires after ten years. At the expiration

of the lease we have the option of making a final one-time payment of \$150,000, or extend the lease for three years and own the system at the end of the extension. The system remains under warranty for 25 years.

We will be replacing, by attrition, all lighting in the facility from fluorescent to LED. The present light fixture wattage output on the sales floor is twice that for the same amount of LED fixtures. The current output on the sales floor alone is approximately 25,920 watts whereas LED wattage output would be approximately 11,440 watts with twice the lumens of fluorescent lighting.

In February of this year we recoated the White Elephant’s roof and in May we completed parking lot crack sealing, master sealing of pavement, and restriping. The re-coating and resealing are done every five years.

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Recycling Helps to Keep CFWE Trucks Running

By Jerry Schultz

Glen Pfefferkorn is a country boy long concerned about the health of animals.

He has dedicated years to the care and health of llamas and alpacas. Since hitting Green Valley he is working on behalf of pachyderms.

White Elephants to be precise.

He is the iconic thrift store's recycling specialist. He identifies materials that can be salvaged, sending it to recyclers and generating revenue which, for several years, has covered annual maintenance costs for a couple White Elephant collection and delivery trucks.

His interest in llamas grew out of his acquiring a pair to accompany him on backpacking adventures in western Oregon and elsewhere. Eventually, it led to the establishment of a specialization department at Oregon State University's school of veterinary medicine.

He acquired three more llamas, including females, after one of the original two died. When one of the females gave birth of an offspring and it became ill he took it to OSU's new school of veterinary medicine in 1986.

"A dean told me the school was small and new and looking for a specialty," Pfefferkorn said. "He suggested research into llama and alpaca medicine."

The dean named him to a committee to get the ball rolling and he became a founding director. Today, he is president of the Northwest Camelid Foundation supporting alpaca and llama health research.

He was instrumental in establishing the foundation and personally endowed a scholarship for veterinary students.

He has served as a trustee on the Oregon Animal Health Foundation board and established the Glen Pfefferkorn-Morris Wendorf endowed professorship of camelid medicine, the veterinary school's first endowed chair.

For Pfefferkorn, it was a gift to his alma mater. He is a 1966 business graduate of OSU. The former auditor with the Oregon state Department of Revenue was attracted to southern Arizona after reading about the region in Sunset Magazine.

He said he and his partner explored



Glen Pfefferkorn, left, at his recycling work station at the White Elephant with facilities coordinator Alejandro Ceja.

the area and heard about Green Valley while touring homes in Tucson with a real estate agent. He said the agent discouraged looking into Green Valley real estate but Pfefferkorn decided to take a look.

After "snowbird" visits beginning in 2004, he purchased a Green Valley property in 2010. He began volunteering at the White Elephant in 2009. Initially he worked in the receiving department, sorting donations. At one point, he volunteered to march down the thrift's annual parade route with a shovel, clearing droppings from equestrian entries.

Four years after going to work at the thrift he replaced the volunteers who began the recycling effort. He has been at it for five years.

He is the go-to volunteer ferreting out materials which can be recycled and generate income for the thrift operation.

"I take apart a lot of vacuum cleaners," he laughs. "I salvage motors from all kinds of electrical appliances. I look for anything with metal, as well as electrical and computer cords. We ship 80 to 100 pounds of computer cords to recyclers every week. I also pull a lot of circuit boards from radios and DVD players."

Sometimes the materials he examines can be repaired and returned to the store for sale. And, sometimes

cleaned up turned out to be a Boston Healy collector's item and ultimately sold for \$125. Recycled, he noted, it might have gotten five cents for it.

"Once, we came across an old trophy," he said. "I cleaned it up and it turned out to be a 'Flying Fickle Finger of Fate' prized by fans of the hit television show Laugh-In. It sold for \$300 on eBay."

He also tries to accommodate persons who ask him to keep a lookout for parts needed to repair items which may have broken in their homes.

He says he tries to keep an eye out for items which may have hidden value. One never knows when a hidden gem may be uncovered.

He recently removed a cloth cover from a donated ironing board which revealed the original wooden "board" with a logo on it. He returned it to the store's collectible department and it fetched \$15.

"Recycled, it might have brought in a dollar," he said.

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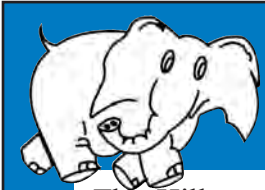
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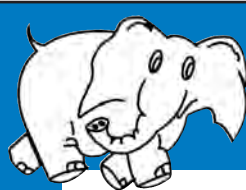


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Students graduating from Sahuarita High School or Walden Grove High School, who meet the eligibility requirements listed below, may apply for a Country Fair White Elephant Scholarship. The application period for scholarships will be in March & April of 2019. Scholarship packets and deadline information may be obtained from the Guidance Counselors at Sahuarita High School and Walden Grove High School during the application period.

Students who have graduated from Continental School and subsequently graduated from an accredited high school in Pima County, and who meet the eligibility requirements listed below, may also obtain a scholarship packet from the Guidance Counselor at either of the Sahuarita District High Schools during the application period.

Congratulations, GRADUATES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

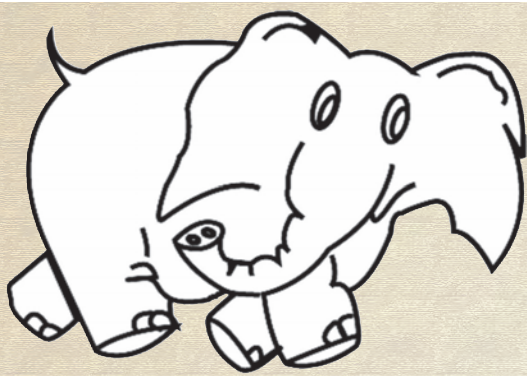
1. Graduating students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or rank in the top half of their graduating high school class.
2. Have demonstrated leadership skills.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. The top 10 student applicants are chosen to interview with the Foundation's Selection Committee. Five scholarships are awarded and three applicants are selected as alternate recipients.
2. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year but may be renewed each year for four years if the academic requirements are maintained.
3. All four college years must be consecutive.
4. Scholarship awards are sent directly to the educational institution in the name of the recipient.

Students may renew their scholarship each year for four years if the following continuation requirements are met:

1. The scholarship recipient carries 12 credit hours per semester with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
2. The scholarship recipient maintains correspondence with the Foundation.
3. The scholarship recipient provides an official transcript after each semester and submits a renewal application to the Foundation Board each year.



THE WHITE ELEPHANT

Summer STUDENT WORK PROGRAM

The White Elephant welcomes Sahuarita Middle and High School students to the 2018 Summer Student Work Program. This program began in June of 2006, and has become a life-skills experience for the students, giving them a head-start for future employment. This years workers are very excited to be hired and for some of them this is their first part-time job.

The students who participate are selected through the Sahuarita Schools Human Resource Department and students who have worked at least one summer at the White Elephant are encouraged to apply again the following year. In this way, returning students are already trained and experienced with the procedures required to do their jobs and can help the new students learn the necessary skills. White Elephant volunteers and management also train the students.

All students are required to meet the following qualifications to be considered for the Summer Student Work Program:

- Complete a White Elephant employment application and submit all necessary tax paperwork through the Sahuarita Schools Human Resource Department.
- Attend a panel interview with White Elephant management.

- Agree to the work program requirements and have parental permission to participate.

- Be on time and available for the entire duration of the program.

- Attend orientation and agree to all rules & regulations as outlined in the Student Handbook.

The qualifications for becoming a White Elephant student worker were created with the student's best interest in mind. Each student has the opportunity to experience how to complete an application, how to be interviewed, and learns that it requires personal responsibility to work at a regular job. The added bonus is that each student is able to earn extra money over the summer months, with students receiving paychecks once at the end of June and then again on their last day of work in July.

Each year, the program has had a positive impact on the work environment at the White Elephant. The students have done a great job in assisting volunteers and staff with the receiving department duties and in various other departments. In addition, several of the students have worked on the sales floor and have even learned to sell furniture and work as cashiers. This creates a win-win situation, giving the students

valuable experience that they will be able to use in future employment situations.

The White Elephant is proud to support and fund this innovative program that gives student participants a solid foundation and great advantage as they begin their journey to higher education and future employment.

2018 STUDENT WORK PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



(M-W-F shift) Dominic Cuevas, Elijah Fahrmeier, Abigail Wilson, Jessyca Casanova



(T-Th-S shift) Peyton Cornelius, Megan Todd, Chris Jimarez, Trenity Turner

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Wade Carpenter Middle School	\$11,000
Pierson Voc. High School	\$14,000
Mary Welty Elementary School	\$11,000
Coronado Elementary School	\$12,000
Challenger Elementary School	\$11,000
Lincoln Elementary School	\$16,000
RM Bracker Elementary School	\$11,000
AJ Mitchell Elementary School	\$10,000
Rio Rico High School	\$22,000
Calabasas Middle School	\$24,500
Coatimundi Middle School	\$11,000
Mountain View Elementary School	\$13,000
San Cayetano Elementary School	\$15,000
Sahuarita High School	\$15,000
Walden Grove High School	\$16,000
Sahuarita Intermediate School	\$19,000
Sahuarita Middle School	\$18,000
Anza Trail School	\$25,000
Sahuarita Primary School	\$19,000
Sopori Elementary School	\$24,000
Copper View Elementary School	\$11,000
SUSD Early Childhood	\$2,400
The Link Program	\$14,000



Adult & Child Assistance - \$733,000

Amado Communitiy Food Bank	\$50,000
United Way of Santa Cruz County	\$2,500
Quail Creek Woodcrafters	\$1,000
Arivaca Human Resources	\$27,000
Arizona Childrens Association	\$10,000
Borderlands Food Bank	\$40,000
Casa Community Service - Adult	\$30,000
Casa Community Service - Behavior	\$19,000
Casa Community Center	\$20,000
Crossroads Nogales Mission	\$35,000
Optimist Club of Green Valley	\$6,500
Valley Assistant Service	\$45,000
Green Valley Cert Council	\$2,000
Green Valley Food Bank	\$60,000
Green Valley Recreation	\$5,500
Arivaca Community Center - Facilities	\$9,000
Arivaca Community Center - Parks & Rec	\$6,000
Building Together	\$16,500
Ronald McDonald House	\$5,000
Sahuarita Police Citizens VIP	\$5,000
St. Andrew's Clinic	\$50,000
Santa Cruz Sheriff DARE	\$4,000
Sahuarita Youth Fund	\$1,000
Santa Cruz City Search & Rescue	\$2,000
Santa Cruz Training Program	\$8,000
SAV Green VALley	\$20,000
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Sun Sounds of AZ	\$9,000
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Tucson Children's Museum	\$10,000
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Arivaca Action Center	\$2,000
Sahuarita Food Bank	\$20,000
GVC Foundation-Median Green-Recycle, Hazard	\$10,000
Friends in Deed	\$12,000
Combat Veteran's Motorcycle Assn.	\$5,000
Military Order of World Wars	\$2,000
Arivaca Helping Hearts	\$2,000
Rio Rico Historical Society	\$5,000
Southern AZ Research & Engineering Foundation	\$5,000
Nogales Police DARE Program	\$3,000



Private Schools \$48,000

Great Expectations Academy	\$7,000
Montessori de Santa Cruz	\$6,000
Los Niños de Valle Pre School	\$12,000
St. Andrew's Pre School	\$4,000
Lourdes Catholic School	\$5,000
Wings on Words	\$8,000
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Youth Organizations \$159,500

Ballet Continental	\$33,000
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BSA Catalina Council	\$7,000
Copper Hills Little League	\$8,000
Funhouse Movement Theatre	\$3,000
Sahuarita Music Boosters	\$6,000
Wright Flight	\$35,000
Girl Scouts of So. Arizona	\$5,000
Sahuarita Stingrays Swim Team	\$2,500
Rich River Athletic Club	\$2,000
Wisdom Sports & Scholars	\$15,000
Red Wolves Music Boosters	\$4,000



Rural Fire Departments \$124,900

Arivaca Fire Dept Auxiliary	\$8,000
Elephant Head Volunteer Fire Dept	\$50,000
Helmet Peak Volunteer Fire Dept	\$50,000
Green Valley Fire District	\$8,000
Arivaca Fire District	\$8,900

White Elephant 2017 Contributions



Area & Nature Study

\$42,900

Friends of the Presidio	\$3,000
Green Valley Gardeners	\$4,000
Santa Cruz Humane Society	\$20,000
Friends of Madera Canyon	\$3,000
Tubac Historical Society	\$3,000
Paws Patrol	\$1,000
Tumacacori National Historical Park	\$8,900



National Disease Organizations - \$28,000

Alzheimer's Association	\$12,000
Parkinson's Support Group	\$16,000



Community Arts Support - \$67,300

Arizona Aerospace Foundation, Titan	\$6,000
Green Valley Concert Band	\$5,700
Green Valley Stage Band	\$1,500
Hilltop Art Gallery	\$15,000
Tubac Center for the Arts	\$10,000
Great Expectations Jazz Band	\$4,000
Community Center Performing Arts	\$20,000
Green Valley Community Chorus	\$1,000
Bavarian Brass Bank	\$1,800
Big Band Sounds of GV	\$2,300



GRAND TOTAL

\$1,765,000

Total Public Schools	\$411,400
Total Private Schools	\$48,000
Total Schools	\$459,400
Total Youth Organizations	\$159,500
Total National Disease	\$28,000
Total Adult/Child Assistance	\$733,000
Total Community Arts Support	\$67,300
Total Area And Nature Study	\$42,900
Total Rural Fire Depts	\$124,900
Total Outside Grants	\$1,615,000
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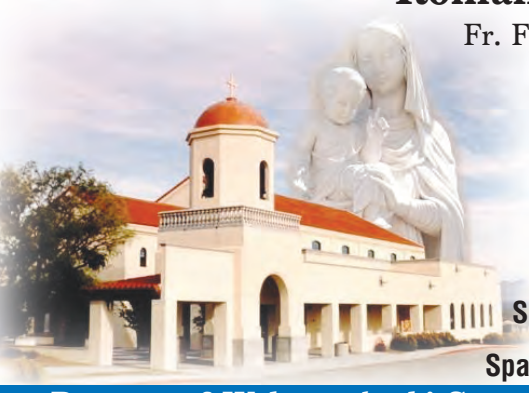
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