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Tucson REALTORS® Charitable Foundation Awards third-quarter grants to area non-profits

The Tucson REALTORS® Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which makes funds available to organizations through a grant application process from donations by its REALTOR® and Affiliate members and friends. The mission of TRCF is to enhance the Tucson community's quality of life through financial programs, education, housing-related initiatives, and community activities.

Earn to Learn -- Awarded \$2000

Earn to Learn serves 720 students in Southern Arizona who are most at risk of never attending college, leaving prior to completion, and accruing the highest amount of debt. Students receive support and guidance all the way from initial outreach through graduation, including help with enrollment, navigating financial aid and college applications, fostering connections to on-campus resources, and building community at the University of Arizona.

Habitat for Humanity Tucson -- Awarded \$2000

There are approximately 50,000 homes in Pima County that are considered in substandard condition. Many of these homes are 50 years old or older and are disproportionately occupied by low-income individuals, families and elderly residents. Habitat for Humanity Tucson's *Aging in Place* program partners with low-income senior homeowners to help restore safety and dignity through minor exterior repair, accessibility upgrades, energy efficiency upgrades, plumbing, electrical, drywall, and more.

Interfaith Community Services -- Awarded \$2000

ISC will use the funds for their Job Resource Centers. At the Centers, trained staff and volunteers from the human resources industry and other professional career fields, provide vital employment services. These include job search assistance, resume help, and financial literacy workshops, on topics such as successful budgeting and how to purchase a home.

Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona -- Awarded \$2500

Home repair emergencies are one of a homeowner's least favorite occurrences. If a homeowner is on a very limited income, these crises can seem insurmountable. Community Home Repair is committed to being a quick-response provider of emergency home repair services for low income homeowners. Clientele includes working families as well as elderly and disabled people in Tucson and Pima County.

"These local nonprofits provide so many important family services throughout Tucson and Southern Arizona," declares 2017 Tucson REALTORS® Charitable Foundation President, Lisa Suarez. "It is a privilege to be able to provide funding so they may meet their mission and accomplish their goals."

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