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#### **REAL WISHES FOUNDATION**

#### Membership Application/Donation

You can become a member of the Foundation by making a donation.

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Paying it forward to our community!

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## Since its inception as a non-profit organization, the Real Wishes Foundation has fulfilled the wishes of many in need, and has "paid it forward" to our community in many different ways.

#### **History of the Foundation**

The Real Wishes Committee began in 2005 with the help of local Realtors® and Business Partners. The concept was simple "help those in our community that were in need". The principal has not changed. The first two years the committee was able to help over 30 families with necessary repairs to their homes, fencing, a shed, painting, furniture and even a new porch.

In 2008 the Real Wishes Committee formed a 501(c)3 Foundation and continued their commitment to helping those in need.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Foundation is to pay it forward to our community which provides our livelihood. The Foundation will seek individuals or organizations in need and will work diligently to help fulfill those needs.

The foundation not only works one on one with individuals but they also help to support the local non-profits in the area by providing supplies, funding and volunteers.

#### **Monument Fire 2011**

We helped with the Monument Fire/Flood Relief efforts and raised a little over a \$1M in cash and supplies, allowing us to pay out \$130,000 to those who lost their homes. We successfully assisted evacuees and those that have lost their homes with providing a "one stop shop" of donated items as well as financial assistance. We provided endless support and supplies to the firefighters and other volunteers that were battling the blaze.

#### **Wishes Granted**

Through the years the foundation has helped over a thousand people and families in our community. The assistance comes in many forms from volunteers helping clean up a home or yard, paying for utility bills, roofs, plumbing and other medical cost, to vehicles and/or repairs which provides the opportunity for individuals to get back on their feet.

Through donations and volunteers we are able to continue to our commitment. As a small non-profit we have very little overhead so a large majority of funds raised go to help those in our community. Our Board of Directors and support staff are all volunteers.











#### **Local Programs**

#### Relay for Life

We have participated in the annual Sierra Vista Relay for Life event since 2010 to raise money for the for the American Cancer Society. Volunteers are always needed.

#### **Halloween Fall Festival**

Since October 2009 our members have been participating in the annual Halloween Fall Festival. We set up a game table for the kids and distribute candy throughout the evening. This helps to ensure a safe environment for the children—and FUN! Volunteers are always needed.

#### West End Clean Up

We have participated yearly, as needed, in the community clean up since it's beginning in 2009. Volunteers are always needed.

#### Coats for Kids

We were asked to take over the Coats for Kids program in 2010 to ensure school age children had warm winter coats. Since that time, Real Wishes has been expanding this service to include all of Cochise County School Children. During the 2019/2020 school year we distributed in excess of 400 coats each year to children whose families needed assistance. Coat and cash donations are always welcome!

#### **Senior Angel Tree**

As of 2011 we have been working with the Salvation Army every year to provide gifts for seniors without family or means to brighten up their holiday season.

## Dancing Like the Stars and Evening for Wishes Auction

This annual Dinner, Show, and Auction is held to raise funds for the foundation. Volunteers, sponsors, and auction items are needed every year.

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