



2018 - What A Wonderful Year!

The past 12 months have been a whirlwind of activities changes and watching our teen's dreams become reality. Branden (age 20) is now living in his own apartment, has a great savings account AND is completing his second year at a community college! What more could we hope for than to watch our kids become as successful as their dreams?

Other youth have learned how to do well in school as well. Kids who came to us with failing grades are now getting A's & B's. We have a few kids on the autism spectrum whose behavior has gone from regular blow ups to young adults with coping skills that help them manage not only their own behavior but they are helping to support their peers as well. Another one who could not be physically touched (not even a handshake) is now smiling and even initiating hugs with a few of the adults.

This past October the Department of Child Safety finally decided to have us bid for new contracts (translate – asking for a raise) after 7 years of the status quo. We did some in depth sole searching and were a little shocked at the results. The population that we have served has been more than a little “high risk”. Over 85% of them have had severely maladaptive behaviors, came from highly dysfunctional situations involving drugs, alcohol and (as you can imagine) child abuse. I hate to say it but yes, it's true, sexual abuse as well. It's hard to understand how anyone can sexually abuse a child, but the national statistics show that over 1 in 4 children under the age of 12 have been harmed this way. We work to establish a safe environment above all things, and from there we can build trust and healthy relationships where they did not exist before.

The most incredible “God thing” happened this year! Caitlyn Jenner (formerly the Olympian Bruce Jenner) showed the world that transgender dysphoria is not only real, but should be treated with every ounce of respect and support that we as human beings can offer. On November 2nd, 2018, Ms. Jenner and the Director of her foundation, Sophia Hutchins came to Phoenix. They gave money to 4 agencies including Mulligan's Manor. They came to the house and spent over 2 hours with the kids to share their stories and listen to the kid's hopes and dreams. Both ladies were incredibly inspirational and truly motivated the teens to become their very best persons. As difficult as it is for some people to understand and accept, transgender people are just as proud and professional as anyone else. Our friend Tracy Nadzieja is a perfect example of an attorney who became an honorable judge in the Maricopa County Court system in 2018. She is not only a great lawyer, but she now is the first transgender judge that we are aware of. What an accomplishment and role model for our kids!!! We were even given an award from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence for being a *TRANS*formative support system, and one from COMPETE Magazine called the Petey Award as a supportive community agency.

The Chairman of our Board of Directors, Mr. Blake Barney Loy (husband Tim Loy) and Manager of Global Operations at Discover Card has lead us all year with enthusiasm, purpose driven goals and

top-notch- professionalism. He assembled a team of volunteers who have rocked our world! From horse-back riding to Christmas shopping, the volunteers (*hey there Sam!!!*) have come and supported activities and events to show the youth just how much they are loved. It is easy for us to say how much we love and appreciate DISCOVER Card Volunteers!!!

This year, Ms. Cindy Kiraly joined the Board when she retired from a long career within the legal profession. She has given us her heart and soul and helped form a group of “Grandmas” at the Praise & Worship Center which is now expanding to “Friends & Family” because others have joined us that are both men and others not nearly old enough to be called “grama”! This group has transformed the residents lives in so many ways that we can’t even begin to mention. The youth are loved and accepted for who they are, and now they have healthy and supportive relationships to learn what unconditional love truly means.

In October our past Mayor of Tempe Mr. Neil Guiliano hosted a “*FRIEND*Raiser” at his home for people to get to know us better and enjoy a wonderful feast hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Brownfield and Mike Fornelli, Executive Director of the Phoenix PRIDE.

There are so many generous groups that have made it possible for us to go above and beyond to help our youth! The Los Amigos Del Sol (LADS), the Discover group, Realty West USA, the Imperial Court, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, our good friend Sean Smith with the Evans Dukarick Law Firm, and all of the volunteers from the Walter Hive Art Gallery in Scottsdale. Most of all, Royce and Laura Brownfield got us through the year with monthly donations of \$2,000 AND the purchase of a new van to help us transport the children to all of the many appointments, activities and court hearings that we go to throughout the year.

In hopes to not go on forever, please know that we couldn’t do any of this without you and **YOU ARE CHANGING THESE CHILDREN’S LIVES!** Ask anyone who know us about the tremendously positive changes in the children and you will agree wholeheartedly. We are only one house with 8 children but of the 54 who have come through the home, most would probably agree with the one whom recently texted me:

“No one in my life has come close to you and Chuck, very admirable people you two are and I love you more than I can say”.

Our Mission

The Mission of Mulligan’s Manor is for all youth served to have the tools for a full and healthy life.

Our Vision

Our Vision is to build a sustainable community that embraces and nurtures at-risk GLBTQA youth. Our home provides evidence-based programs, professional counseling, and supplemental education that lead to family reunification when possible. We nurture and empower youth to reach their full potential.