

PAYSON COMMUNITY KIDS



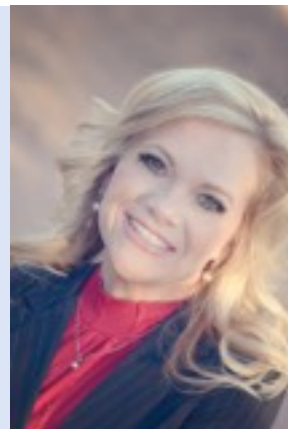
A Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Message:

[Painting your own silver lining](#)

Ray Kinsman appeared in my life 15 years ago when I was struggling as a single parent and wondering at the drugstore how I was going to afford to pay for my son's medicine. Ray was in line behind me and had begun a conversation with my son, asking him at one point if he would like to go to camp. I turned and explained to him that I could not afford to send him to camp and his reply was "Oh, I was asking him because I would like to send him to camp." And he did, outfitting him with a sleeping bag and other camping supplies. It thrilled my young son. When I got involved with Payson Community Kids one year later, once again we crossed paths because Ray had been providing (continued on page 2)



PCK Gears Up For Back to School Drive

School begins in just a few weeks, so PCK is spearheading its annual Back to School Drive to provide much needed school supplies and clothes for students. So far, 163 kids have signed up and more are expected. "We always appreciate the generosity of everyone who supports this effort each year," said Suzy Tubbs, president, "and ask once again for your help in providing the basic supplies every student needs to be ready for school." Students who have benefited from this program received their very first, new, supply-filled backpacks with huge smiles and great appreciation. A full list of items needed for the drive appears on page 2 and drop-off locations are identified on page 3.

Kinsman's Surprise Ten Local Charities

With generous hearts and checks that totaled \$200,000, **Ray and Jewell Kinsman** hosted a luncheon on June 25th for ten local charities, including PCK, and presented each of them a check for \$20,000. "It was amazing," said Suzy Tubbs, PCK president. "The Kinsman's have been PCK supporters for many years, but this particular donation held special meaning as we heard Ray's personal stories of being bounced around from foster home to foster home. He took those tough experiences and made the decision to be a good person and give back to society."

President's Message continued

financial and other support for its programs since it was Marcy's Kids. From the first moment I met him, I have been thankful for his generosity. It was only recently when he and his wife Jewell generously donated \$200,000 to ten local charitable organizations, that I heard his story and why he became such a generous person. In his youth, Ray had been moved around a lot from foster home to foster home. He was lonely, unduly mistrusted, but eventually vindicated by the truth. He went to war and returned with two Purple Hearts. He was a prisoner of war. It was all very, very hard. He had a choice about how all of that affected him, and decided at a young age that he would be a good person including giving back to society as much as possible. Ray is 92 now and I can say on good authority that he is much more than a good person. He is over-the-top stellar. There were tears in the eyes of the attendees at the luncheon where he and Jewell distributed the donations. We all recognized how very special this man is. It made me realize that many of us go through hard times in life. But, we can choose to find the good and decide to do good things. And in so doing, we get to paint the silver lining around our life's dark clouds. Ray also lives a favorite saying of mine. If there is music playing, he and Jewell can be found on the dance floor...dancing like nobody's watching. How can I ever thank them enough?

Suzy Tubbs, President

First "Non-Event - Event" Funds Summer Programs for Kids

PCK introduced a new fund raising event in May to help pay for summer programs. The "Non-Event - Event", which raised \$22,685, invited donors to remain home in their PJ's, eat their favorite food and mail in a donation instead of getting dressed up, eating a chicken dinner and buying things not really wanted at an auction or raffle. "We are always looking for new fund raising ideas," said Suzy Tubbs, "and decided to try something radically different." Bill and Carole Kushmaul provided a big boost by offering to match up to \$5,000 in donations. "The Kushmaul's have been big supporters of PCK for several years and have come to our rescue in so many ways. Once again, we give them heartfelt thanks for all that they do," she said, "And big thanks go out to every single person who participated in this fundraiser."

Back to School Items Needed:

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Paper
- Folders
- Pencils & Pens
- Crayons
- Color Pencils
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Erasers

- Highlighters
- Markers
- Tissue & Hand sanitizer

Also for 11 teens:

- Scientific calculators
- Sticky Notes
- Index Cards

And...all sizes of children's clothes and shoes for families who have been identified in special need of them.

Drop-off points identified on page 3



PCK won first choice in the "Build Your Dream Vehicle" contest at the "Beeline Cruise-In Car Show" sponsored by Payson Concrete and the Rim Country Classic Auto Club in April at Green Valley Park.



Summer Features Fun Activities, Free Tutoring in Reading, Math

The summer began with high school graduation for three seniors who “grew up” at PCK, a proud moment for PCK staff and volunteers. June was packed with a range of supervised activities including art, learning to play the ukulele, team building programs and mini golf and ping pong tournaments. Seven teens and about 15 other volunteers helped run the programs. Rim Country Literacy Program offered a free summer session of tutoring and enrichment activities during June for kids 6-18 years old. This included reading and math.

A roomful of participants (left) practice new skills on the ukulele as one of several summer programs.

Huge Business Response Provides Multiple Drop-Off Locations

Back to School Drive supplies may be dropped off at any of the following locations:

- Payson Community Kids
- Chamber of Commerce
- Roadrunner Rubbish
- ERA Young Realty & Investment
- Lowery's Window & Door
- Scoops
- High Country Healthcare
- Seely Mullins & Associates Accounting
- Steve Coury Ford
- Pacific Coast Mortgage
- Chili's
- Chitwood's Cabinets
- Rim Country Health
- Mogollon Health Alliance
- Payson Roundup
- Realty One Group

Call for Volunteers:

Volunteers are needed for playground duty, homework, reading and tutoring. Various time slots Monday - Thursday 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Call (928) 478-7160 for details.



Smiles for Life update
To date, we have raised
\$1,050 for
Payson Community Kids!

“Smiles for Life” Whitens Smiles, Raises Money for PCK

A “Smiles for Life” campaign was sponsored by Payson Premier Dental, led by Sarah Hubbard, whose team provided dental hygiene supplies and informational programs to PCK. Premier's clients paid \$300 for teeth whitening and money raised was split between PCK and Make a Wish Foundation with \$1,050 for each at press time.

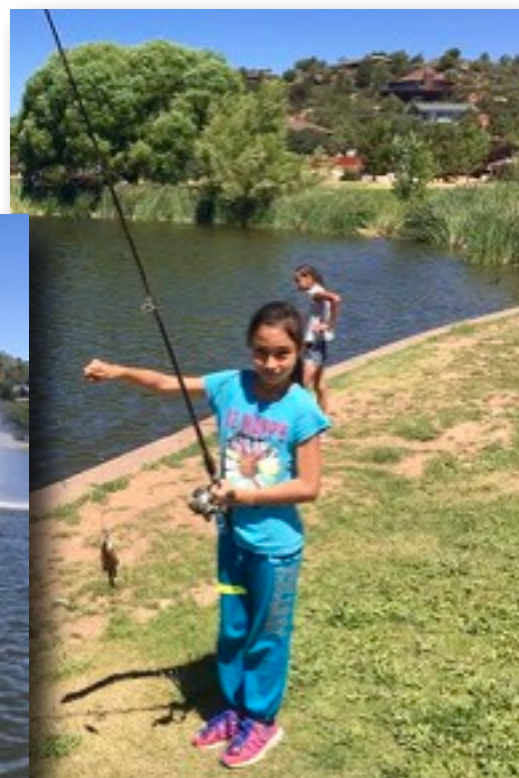


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Summer Program fishing fun at Green Valley Park



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