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Angel Charity Announces First-Round of Funding for Seven Tucson Charities

February 16, 2018, Tucson, AZ— Angel Charity for Children, Inc., announced today its first round of funding for 2018, nearly \$200,000 in grants to seven local non-profits. This is the largest group of small non-profits that Angel Charity has funded since its inception.

Angel Charity will additionally be announcing its major 2018 funding initiative which will be selected by its membership later this month.

“Thanks to the generosity of our many donors, we are thrilled to be able to support the important and valuable services that these agencies are providing to the children in our community,” said Carla Keegan, Angel Charity’s 2018 General Chair. “As we launch our 2018 fundraising campaign, we look forward to continuing to partner with our donors in our mission to improve the quality of life for children in our community.”

Organizations Funded:

- **Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation - \$6,760 to build and maintain a website to support families who have a child with cancer or a blood disorder. Estimated to benefit 450 children per year.**
- **First Tee of Tucson - \$30,000 to purchase mobile canopy shade structures for an educational program that uses golf as a platform for skill building for youth. Estimated to benefit 275 more children per year.**
- **Gabriel’s Angels - \$35,000 to deliver pet therapy in schools through the Animals, Books and Children (ABC) program to help 100 at-risk children increase their literacy per year.**
- **More Than a Bed - \$50,000 to purchase beds, dressers and underwear for foster, kinship and adoptive families that host children in their home. Estimated to benefit approximately 564 children.**
- **SAAVI Services for the Blind - \$25,000 to fund Saturday and after-school programming for blind children to learn academic and life skills, and to purchase 10 Braille displays. Estimated to benefit 50 children.**

- **SARSEF - \$28,824 to provide year-round critical thinking and problem-solving based educational programs to low income youth vulnerable to science and math learning loss. Estimated to immediately benefit an additional 200 students and ultimately 66,000 students in 165 schools.**
- **Tucson Soccer Academy - \$20,000 to fund a scholarship program to reduce registration fees for low income youth soccer players who learn valuable moral and life lessons through competitive soccer. Estimated to benefit 50 – 200 children, depending on sliding scale needs.**

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About Angel Charity

Angel Charity for Children, Inc. is an organization of dedicated women and men who believe that together with many generous donors in the community, they can make a difference in the lives of the children in Pima County. Since its inception in 1983, Angel Charity has funded over \$26 million to over 70 agencies. These dollars have been used to construct new buildings, renovate and expand old ones, fund scientific research, retire mortgages and support much-needed programs. More than 1 million children have benefited from the services that Angel Charity and its donors have funded over the years.