



**ANGEL CHARITY**  
FOR CHILDREN

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Angel Charity provides \$195,020 in needed funds for 5 small grant beneficiaries**

**(May 7, 2020 - Tucson, AZ)**— Angel Charity for Children, Inc., recently presented checks totaling \$195,020 to five 2020 small grant beneficiaries that serve the needs of children in Pima County, Arizona.

"The current COVID-19 crisis has strengthened Angel Charity's commitment to improve the lives of children in our community. Our children need us now more than ever," said Adriana Rincon, 2020 Angel Charity General Chair. "We are grateful to our many generous donors and volunteers who have helped us raise critical funding for the children in our community, and we look forward to their continued support." The small grant projects funded this year include:

- **Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels - \$65,000** to support one new Play Therapist in the Amanda Dream Center at Diamond Dream center at Diamond Children's Medical Center which will provide counseling, play therapy and other therapeutic services for children battling cancer.
- **Boys to Men - \$10,000** to support a campaign to recruit and train men to help 200 at-risk middle and high school aged boys at weekly group mentorship meetings. The program will expand outside Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) into Sunnyside and Flowing Wells school districts and the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center.
- **Jewish Family and Children's Services - \$20,020** to renovate and refurnish a play therapy room with equipment and toys to help children heal and develop in healthy ways and to provide play therapy services to over 150 children each year who have experienced psychological trauma.
- **Literacy Connects - \$50,000** to provide free, educational opportunities to 50 middle school youth after school and in the summer at Literacy Connects' Youth Center in the Amphitheater school district.
- **Make Way for Books - \$50,000** to support the Family Education and Literacy strategy; where children and parents learn together. Programming, books, and resources will be delivered to ensure that 700 young children start school ready to read and succeed.

Funding for these projects are from a reserve Angel Charity sets aside each year to fund small grant projects. In addition, Angel Charity has pledged to raise \$965,000 in 2020 for its two large grant beneficiaries, Intermountain Center and Reid Park Zoo.

Angel Charity's 2020 fundraising plans include the organization's annual Capital Campaign/ Underwriting, chance ticket raffle sales, "Not All Angels Wear Halos" t-shirt campaign honoring frontline workers, the Big Deal Poker Party on September 25 at Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort, and Drop in at the Drop Out at the Culinary Drop Out on November 8. The annual Angel Ball

to celebrate and recognize volunteers and donors will be December 12 at the Westin La Paloma Resort.

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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. As of 2019, Angel Charity will have raised nearly \$28 million, funding 108 grants, and helping more than 86 different local children's organizations. 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. Learn more at [AngelCharity.org](http://AngelCharity.org).

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Amanda Hope Rainbows Angels  
Lorraine Tallman, Founder and CEO



Boys to Men  
Michael Brasher, Executive Director



Jewish Family and Children's Services  
Carlos Hernandez, CEO



Literacy Connects  
Christina Flores, Marketing & Communications Director



Make Way For Books  
Angel Charity's Donna Crawford and Adriana Rincon with Jenny Volpe (center), CEO