

Numerous organizations donate their time, funds

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• Elks Lodge No. 385 hosted the sixth annual Bike in A Box event, at which 525 children received a new bike on Dec. 13, along with a safety helmet custom-fitted by Tucson Medical Center volunteers. The recipients were selected by city officials, schools, churches, youth support agencies and nonprofit groups.

Volunteers from the Tucson Police Officers Association, Tucson Firefighters Association, American Legion Post 59 Riders, Tucson Electric Power and the community at large unloaded the bikes from a Walmart semi.

The \$30,000 to buy the bikes came from donations to a radiothon on the John C. Scott Show on 1210-AM.

• The **David and Lura Lovell** Foundation, based in Tucson, awarded grants totaling nearly \$400,000 this year. The largest Tucson grant was \$140,000 to Interfaith Community Services.

Other 2014 local grants included: St. Elizabeth's Health Center, \$25,000; Hope, \$24,875; National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southern Arizona, \$15,000; University of Arizona department of psychiatry, \$12,000; UA Presents, \$12,000; Arizona Theatre Company, \$7,500; Invisible Theatre, \$7,500; Tucson Museum of Art, \$7,500; and Tucson Symphony Orchestra, \$7,500.

Since 1994, the Lovell family foundation has awarded more than \$11 million in grants to support the four pillars of its mission: mental health, integrative medicine, cultural and spiritual enrichment, and philanthropic education.

• The University of Arizona Steele Children's Research Center has received a \$125,000 donation from the Arizona Elks Major Projects. The donation is part of the Arizona Elks' commitment to raise \$2.5 million for the center

over the next 10 years.

• Vantage West Credit Union is giving \$20,000 to local charities as part of its annual holiday giving endeavor. The credit union will give \$2,000 each to 10 charities nominated by Vantage West employees: Alzheimer's Association, Wheels for Kids, TRAK (Therapeutic Ranch for Animals and Kids), Divorce Recovery, Steele Children's Research Center, Linkages, Operation School Bell, 100 Club of Arizona, Greater Tucson Fire Foundation and Tucson Jazz Music Foundation.

• St. Paul's United Methodist Church needs 400 volunteers to pack 50,000 meals to be given to the Tucson Salvation Army and Gospel Rescue Mission. The volunteer work will be done at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 28 at the church, 8051 E. Broadway.

• Tucson realtor Aaron Wilson and his team, Team Integrity, set a goal to raise \$20,000 for Honor Flight, a nonprofit sending World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials. The team will donate 5 percent of commissions until June 1.

• Trees for Tucson, a program of Tucson Clean & Beautiful, worked with the students and staff of John E. White Elementary School on Dec. 12 to plant trees to shade their schoolyard and campus buildings at 2315 W. Canada St. Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC supported the program.

• **Andy Asselin**, CEO of Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise, presented **Michael McDonald**, Community Food Bank CEO, with a check for \$40,000 on Dec. 18. The donation from Desert Diamond Casino is for The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

• The Corporation for National Community Service, Tucson Police Department, Arizona Serve, Prescott College and the Community Food Bank of Southern

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The "Giving Back" column runs Mondays on the Business page and on Tucson.com. It highlights local businesses' and nonprofit organizations' current charitable donations.

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Arizona will partner from Dec. 29 through Jan. 19 to hold a food and fund drive benefiting the new "School Pantry Initiative," made possible with start-up funding from the **Bruce T. Halle** Family Foundation. Donate at communityfoodbank.org online.

• Humane Society of Southern Arizona received a \$400,000 gift from the **Cheryl Owens** Charitable Remainder Trust.

• Lazydays RV locations in Tucson and Tampa, Florida, raised a total of \$16,837 in their "Military Appreciation" fundraiser in November. In Tucson, the funds will benefit the Arizona Fisher House, which serves patients receiving medical care at VA medical centers.

• Kiwanis de Amigos took 25 low-income children from Prince Elementary School shopping Dec. 13 for holiday gifts to give to their siblings and parents.

• Sahuarita Food Bank has won a \$20,000 grant from Walmart for a facility makeover thanks to local residents who voted in the Food Pantry Holiday Makeover campaign.

• **Larry H. Miller** dealerships are matching donations up to \$20,000 until Jan. 1 to help support MADD Arizona.