

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The New Year is a great opportunity for you to make an effort to give back to your community! Whether you want to donate a few hours a month or just one afternoon, there are plenty of ways that you can make a significant impact on the lives of others in the Tempe community. If you're new to volunteering, or simply looking for ways to serve others, we can help!

VOLUNTEERING 101

The city offers [long-term projects](#), [one-time projects](#) and [group projects](#) to help fit with the other commitments in your life. Throughout this issue, you'll find lots of opportunities to give back.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, [City of Tempe](#), in partnership with [Tempe Community Council](#) will host a [Volunteer 101](#) workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Tempe History Museum. The seminar, Volunteer 101, is your chance to learn about volunteer opportunities throughout the community and to learn more about developing your skills as a volunteer.

Volunteer 101 attendees will complete a questionnaire to help determine where

interests lie and how skills can best be used. Valley organizations including Volunteers in Policing, AARP Experience Corps reading tutoring program, Hands On Greater Phoenix community programs, Arizona Humane Society, Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe Community Action Agency homeless programs, and others will be in attendance.



To register, call the [Tempe Volunteer Office](#) at (480) 350-5190.



MAKE YOUR MARK... ADOPT A TEMPE PARK!



Tempe's [Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Path programs](#) can be the perfect reason to get together, enjoy the nice weather and participate in some selfless service while enhancing the appearance, safety and cleanliness of Tempe.

The Adopt-A-Park program responsibilities include picking up trash and litter; raking leaves, pulling weeds and fluffing playground sand; sanitizing playground equipment with soap and

water; sweeping all hard surfaces (i.e. basketball courts, sidewalks, ramadas, etc.); reporting any vandalism, dirty restrooms, unsafe conditions and/or necessary repairs; and completing any special projects that may be assigned by Parks staff.

The Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Path programs support litter control and storm water management throughout Tempe. The length of an adoptable street and/or path is a minimum of one mile, but no more than two miles. The commitment is a few hours each cleaning period with a minimum of one clean up every three months for two years. Signs providing information related to the litter control effort and crediting the volunteer or sponsor organization are paid for and installed by the city.

There are year-round opportunities for groups. All of Tempe's 48 parks, major streets and some side streets, as well as most of Tempe's multi-use paths, are available for adoption. For more information, visit www.Tempe.gov/Adopt.



LEAVE A LEARNING LEGACY WITH EXPERIENCE CORPS

In partnership with [AARP](#), the City of Tempe offers a unique volunteer opportunity for adults 50+ to work with elementary school children. AARP Experience Corps is a nationally recognized literacy program currently running in 19 cities across the country. More than 2,000 volunteers nationwide make this program possible and create a significant impact in their communities.

In Tempe, there are 57 volunteers who work in seven Tempe and Kyrene elementary schools. Volunteers work one-on-one with third grade students, helping them improve their literacy skills.

This fall, [Tempe's AARP Experience Corps](#) program is expanding into three new schools and is looking to add approximately 30 more volunteers to help keep the program growing. Volunteers do not need any special skills, just a willingness to share their experience, time and patience. Comprehensive training, support services and orientation are provided.

Learn more about these programs at the Wednesday, Jan. 23 [Volunteering 101](#) (mentioned above) or at an hour-long information session. The next sessions will be held Friday, Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. and Monday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the [Tempe Connections Café](#) in the [Tempe Public Library](#). For more information on this program, visit www.tempe.gov/adults50plus or call (480) 858-2464.

SHOW TEMPE HOW MUCH YOU CARE



HELP BUILD A NEW HOME IN TEMPE

The City of Tempe and Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) are teaming up with the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation, SRP and the East Valley Catholic Coalition to provide three Tempe families each with a new LEED Platinum Certified home in 2013.

The Habitat builds are part of Tempe's focused neighborhood revitalization effort to help stabilize our neighborhoods. By partnering with organizations like HFHCAZ, the City of Tempe is able to leverage our resources to maximize the positive impact on the community. Converting vacant lots and abandoned properties into affordable housing options for our residents also helps reduce the opportunities for illegal dumping and graffiti.

Ground broke on the Andrade home on Jan. 5. The home building process will take place each Saturday through May and the community is invited to help. The Tempe Community Action Agency is [recruiting volunteers](#). No experience is necessary and participants need to be 16 years or older.

For more information on affordable housing options in Tempe, please visit www.Tempe.gov/housing.



Join others and make a difference in the community at the city's largest day of service on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 7 a.m. Each year, [Tempe Cares](#) focuses on a different need in the community, bringing together resources and hundreds of volunteers to help improve quality of life for everyone in Tempe.

Founded in 1991, Tempe Cares has grown annually to include several hundred individuals, groups and businesses. Each year these volunteers come together to invest their combined resources of skilled and unskilled labor, tools and building materials to transform the appearance of

Tempe's neighborhood and community spaces and help improve quality of life in Tempe.

This year, Tempe Cares projects will include Rover Elementary and Fees College Preparatory Middle Schools; The Center for Rehabilitation; and Clark Park neighborhood Association.

This one day event is a great way to get involved and make a difference in our community. If you are interested in participating, call (480) 736-4281 or email TempeCares@gmail.com.

ENJOY A GREAT LUNCH AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE

[Tempe Empty Bowls](#) will be held from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, Feb. 23. Friday's event will be held at 6th Street Park, just south of City Hall in Downtown Tempe, and Saturday's event will be held in the Tempe Community Complex Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Attendees can purchase hand-crafted bowls, made by potters from the City of Tempe Ceramics Program, local artists and Tempe-area high school and middle school students. With the purchase of



a bowl, Whole Foods Market will offer a simple meal of soup and bread. This meal is symbolic of the caloric intake that must sustain many in the world for an entire day.

Lunch-time entertainment will be provided by Walt Richardson during Friday's event and Randy Olson and Friends on Saturday.

Proceeds from this event benefit [Tempe Community Action Agency](#), the [Escalante Community Garden](#) and [United Food Bank](#).

CARE 7 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: LEON DEHAVEN

Tempe's [CARE 7 Crisis Response Team](#) is a group of dedicated and professionally trained staff and community volunteers who provide 24-hour, on-scene, crisis intervention services in Tempe. CARE 7 is dispatched to calls through the emergency 911 system and responds to traumatic incidents, sexual assaults, homicides, robberies, attempted or completed suicides, drownings, domestic violence incidents, house fires, loss of loved ones and serious injury accidents.

On the crisis scene, CARE 7 is able to fully focus on the emotional and practical needs of the family and/or individual in crisis while Tempe Police and Fire personnel attend to law enforcement, medical emergency, and fire suppression needs.

Care 7 is pleased to announce that the 2012 recipient of the CARE 7 Sandi Daley Exceptional Service Award is Leon DeHaven. Leon shows dedication and enthusiasm while helping the Care 7 staff during each of his volunteer shifts. Not only is he an engaged volunteer, but he is always willing to go above and beyond.

One of Leon's most recent accomplishments was assisting CARE 7 with a domestic violence call that required extensive collaboration. The call would have been much more difficult without Leon's ability to remain calm, engage the victim and amuse her children. As a result, CARE 7 was able to put the victim and her children on a bus to a safe place. This could not have been done without Leon's encouragement and expert bus ticket Googling abilities.

The CARE 7 Sandi Daley Exceptional Service Award is named after one of the program's most memorable volunteers. Sandi began volunteering with CARE 7 in 2001. She had experience dealing with medical emergencies as a flight attendant



and wanted to help other people at critical times in their lives. Sandi always had a smile on her face and a compassion for others. She was prepared to do anything and everything that was asked of her.

After Sandi died in a helicopter accident on Feb. 22, 2006, CARE 7 decided to honor her spirit by instituting the CARE 7 Sandi Daley Exceptional Service Award in 2007. The award has been given to the volunteer who has gone above and beyond – just like Sandi always did. Past recipients include: Sharon Meyers (2007), Bob Rose (2008), Beverly Adams (2009), Beth Gross (2010), and Jim Gallagher (2011).

For more information on the CARE 7 program, please call (480) 350-8032 or email care7@tempe.gov.



COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE WEEK

Start the New Year with a look at Tempe's Community Centers during their [Open House Week](#)! Each center will be hosting an open house the week of Saturday, Jan. 26 – Thursday, Jan. 31. Come and see all of the opportunities available for [Adults 50+](#), including recreational programs and classes, social activities, volunteer and life-long learning opportunities and much more. Each Open House will feature programs, refreshments and door prizes.

[Cahill Senior Center](#)

Saturday, Jan. 26
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#)

Tuesday, Jan. 29
4 – 7 p.m.

[North Tempe Multigenerational Center](#)

Wednesday, Jan. 30
4 – 7 p.m.

[Escalante Senior Center](#)

Thursday, Jan. 31
4 – 7 p.m.

ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR RACHEL'S CHALLENGE AT THE TEMPE DIABLOS CHARITY GAME



Nothing can beat the feeling of a nice afternoon of baseball, rooting for your favorite spring training team... except for the feeling of helping a great organization while you're cheering on those Angels!

Join the [Tempe Diablos](#) for their annual charity game at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24 when the Angels take on the Oakland Athletics.

All proceeds from ticket sales, parking, concessions and merchandise from the game will go directly to the Tempe Diablos local charities. This year's game will support [Rachel's Challenge](#), an organization focused on preventing bullying in schools. Based on the life and writing of Rachel Joy Scott who was the first victim of the Columbine school shooting tragedy in 1999, Rachel's



Challenge was created to equip and inspire students to replace acts of violence, bullying, and negativity with acts of respect, kindness, and compassion.

One of the largest school-based character development programs in the nation, Rachel's Challenge was adopted by more than 2,200 schools last year. The Tempe Diablos have created grants to bring this program into Tempe schools.

Tickets are now for sale [online](#) or you can purchase them at the [Tempe Diablo box office](#) beginning Feb. 9.

TEMPE'S GREEN REVOLUTION

Tempe is going green! The "Green Revolution," an eco-friendly, minimal carbon footprint exhibit, created by the [Museum of Science and Industry](#) in Chicago and distributed by the [Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service](#) (SITES), will debut at the Tempe Center for the Arts from Jan. 19 through May 25.

"Green Revolution" engages children and their families by addressing critical issues concerning the future health of the planet. Tempe worked with local artists and organizations to create an interactive exhibition that combines the arts and sciences, teaching community members about "going green" in Arizona.

The typical recipe for a traveling museum exhibition is to pack objects into crates, load them onto trucks, and then have those trucks travel the highways to museums across the country. "Green Revolution," however, is an innovative museum exhibit with virtually no carbon footprint. Participating venues receive all of the necessary design files and instructions digitally, allowing them to construct their very own home grown "eco-zibit" from re-used, recycled materials found within the local community.

In addition to visiting this interactive and educational exhibit, Tempe Center for the Arts will be offering upcoming



free events, including artist workshops, a [green business expo](#), earth day celebrations and more. Get a full listing of events at www.tempe.gov/TCAGreen.



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Recreation on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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| Sun, Jan. 20 | P.F. Chang’s Rock’n’Roll Marathon and Half Marathon
Traffic updates are available at tempe.gov/streetclosures | Sat, Jan. 26 | Moonlight Kayak
6 – 8 p.m.
Tempe Town Lake Marina |
| Mon, Jan. 21 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City Facilities are closed in observance of holiday
Press Release | Tue, Jan. 29 | Community Center Open House Week
4 – 7 p.m.
Pyle Adult Recreation Center |
| Wed, Jan. 23 | Volunteering 101
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Tempe History Museum | Wed, Jan. 30 | Community Center Open House Week
4 – 7 p.m.
North Tempe Senior Center |
| Wed, Jan. 23 | Great Books Discussion Group
6 – 8 p.m.
Tempe Public Library | Thurs, Jan. 31 | Community Center Open House Week
4 – 7 p.m.
Escalante Community Center |
| Sat, Jan. 26 | Saturday Family Storytime
Saturdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Tempe Public Library | Fri, Feb. 1 | Tempe Comedy Concert Series
Jon Jesmer
7:30 p.m.
Tempe Center for the Arts |
| Sat, Jan. 26 | Community Center Open House Week
9 a.m. – Noon
Cahill Senior Center | | |