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ARIZONA HELPING HANDS ANNOUNCES GRANT FROM
THE NINA MASON PULLIAM CHARITABLE TRUST
Putting the safety of children in foster care first

PHOENIX, AZ, August 30, 2019 - ARIZONA HELPING HANDS (“AHH”), the largest provider of
basic needs for Arizona’s children in foster care, is proud to announce receipt of a $100,000 grant
awarded by the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.

Funding from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust underwrites support for construction costs
for the Licensing and Safety program at Arizona Helping Hands Foster Family Resource Center.
The Licensing and Safety program provides fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide
detectors, first aid kits, and safety locks required by the State to approve foster homes for
licensing. "In 2018, Arizona Helping Hands was able to provide licensing and safety equipment to
more than 1,000 families. The Licensing and Safety program removes an impediment to the
licensing process by providing items for free, while promoting safety and health." Dan Shufelt,
AHH President, and CEO.

Arizona Helping Hands is the largest provider of essential needs, such as beds, cribs, clothing,
and diapers, for children in foster care, and because of the ever-growing needs of children
entering the foster care system, AHH relocated to a newly built 18,000 square foot facility in
November 2018 in order to provide more resources for children in foster care.

“We have created a Foster Family Resource Center where foster families can find an array of
services to meet their needs. Our larger facility enables us to lend even more assistance to
foster families who are providing love and support to children who have been victims of abuse and neglect,” explains Shufelt.

In 2018, AHH provided 3,338 twin beds and cribs for children in foster care. The agency’s latest financial statement shows that $.93 of each dollar donated is used in direct program services, with their primary funding source coming from generous donations from individuals.

The Foster Family Resource Center’s purchase and renovation are the focus of the organization’s $3 million capital campaign for which funding is being sought.

“There is a great need today for more families to step forward to open their hearts and homes to children in need”, Shufelt tells us. “We are so grateful to the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust for supporting this important program with their capital gift.”

“Our goal is to help clear the way financially for more families to open their homes to foster our community’s displaced children,” said Carol Schilling, trustee chair, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.

Since the Trust began its grantmaking in 1998, it has awarded more than $310 million to 987 nonprofit organizations in its home states of Arizona and Indiana. For more information about the Trust and its programs visit www.ninapulliamtrust.org

Arizona Helping Hands is the State’s largest provider of basic needs for children in foster care. www.azhelpinghands.org

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