Press Release

Thunderbirds Charities Grants Arizona Helping Hands $50,000
Providing essential needs to children in foster care during the COVID-19 pandemic

For Immediate Release
Phoenix, July 3, 2020 - Funds from Thunderbirds Charities will assist Arizona Helping Hands in fulfilling emergency requests for families providing foster care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Arizona Helping Hands is committed to continue serving Arizona’s most vulnerable population, the 14,000+ children in foster care, and has collaborated with the Department of Child Safety (DCS) and 15 other foster care organizations to serve as an emergency response network. Arizona Helping Hands is grateful for the generosity and leadership of Thunderbirds Charities during this difficult time.

“To be able to provide our most vulnerable, the children in foster care, with the basic needs such as twin beds, cribs, diapers and wipes is gratifying - and what our organization is all about,” says Tim Woods, President of Thunderbirds Charities. “We are proud to support Arizona Helping Hands in their work in making a difference to the children in foster care and families who need us now more than ever.”

Since closures began in March, Arizona Helping Hands remained open, providing essential needs to 800+ children in foster care. With home delivery and no-contact pickup options, they supplied beds, cribs, diapers, wipes, and more. With demand at an all-time high and donations at an all-time low, Arizona Helping Hands depends on Thunderbirds Charities to continue providing essential needs to children in foster care amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about Arizona Helping Hands, visit azhelpinghands.org.

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About the Thunderbirds/Thunderbird Charities
Thunderbird Charities is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 to distribute monies raised through the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in Greater Phoenix Metropolitan Area. The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. For more information on the Thunderbirds or the 2021 Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit www.wmphoenixopen.com. For more information on the Thunderbirds Charities, visit www.thunderbirdscharities.org.
About Arizona Helping Hands
Founded in 1998, the mission of Arizona Helping Hands is to provide essential needs for children in foster care through programs promoting safety, permanency, and health. As Arizona’s largest service provider of essential needs to children in foster care, Arizona Helping Hands services remain unduplicated, supporting children in foster care with items, including beds, cribs, clothing, diapers, and hygiene. Arizona Helping Hands also provides backpacks with school supplies to help children succeed in school and fulfills birthday dreams to help raise self-esteem by showing children they are special and loved. Arizona Helping Hands provides state-required home safety items to help families become licensed providers by ensuring they can offer a safe home environment.