

**Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust
Grant Awards Announcement
January 22, 2009**

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

44 grants awarded this cycle: \$3,359,275

Arts and Culture

Total grants awarded in this area: \$389,850

Ballet Arizona To support a challenge grant to increase the permanent cash operating reserve. www.balletaz.org	\$200,000/12 months
Childsplay, Inc. To support expenses related to the development of a strategic plan. www.childsplayaz.org	\$19,850/12 months
Mesa Arts Center Foundation To support upgrading Mesa Arts Center's website. www.mesaartscenter.com	\$20,000/12 months
Phoenix Art Museum To launch and sustain a Valleywide Culture Pass program designed to develop new audiences by distributing free passes to a number of arts institutions at public libraries. www.phxart.org	\$150,000/24 months

Children

Total grants awarded in this area: \$1,414,425

A Stepping Stone Foundation To provide start-up supplies for a new preschool program in the Fowler District and to support existing programs. www.astepingstone.org	\$19,425/12 months
Association of Arizona Food Banks To provide general support in celebration of the Trust's open house. www.azfoodbanks.org	\$25,000/12 months
Crisis Nursery, Inc. To support shelter services and a new day-respite program for children whose families are in crisis. www.crisisnurseryphx.org	\$600,000/36 months
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance To support a capital campaign to expand food services including the Kids Café program. www.firstfoodbank.org	\$750,000/48 months
The University of Arizona Foundation To support the expansion of the Understanding Youth Development program, a 36-hour certificate program for youth development professionals, into Maricopa County. www.al.arizona.edu/foundation	\$20,000/12 months

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Education

Total grants awarded in this area: \$720,000

Be A Leader Foundation

\$20,000/12 months

To improve technology for underserved students through e-mentoring. www.bealeaderfoundation.org

Expect More Arizona (Arizona Community Foundation as fiscal agent)

\$200,000/24 months

To support a public-private partnership to build public awareness of the importance of education in Arizona. 602.381.1400

International Rescue Committee

\$100,000/12 months

To support a new interpreter project that will benefit young refugee children and their families.

www.theirc.org/where/united_states_phoenix_az

Science Foundation Arizona

\$400,000/24 months

To provide operational support including personnel and program costs. www.sfaz.org

Older Adults

Total grants awarded in this area: \$37,500

City of Phoenix Human Services Department

\$9,500/12 months

To support a planning grant for an independent study of the Senior Services Division's current meal operations to identify areas for improvement and cost savings.

phoenix.gov/HUMANSERVICES/index.html

Solecito Services, Inc.

\$8,000/24 months

To purchase and maintain home health equipment and upgrade computers. 623.876.5331

The Tremble Clefs Arizona Chapter, National Parkinson's Foundation

\$20,000/24 months

To support expansion into the West Valley of the established choral music program that assists Parkinson's patients strengthen their voices. 480.838.4658

Other

Total grants awarded in this area: \$122,500

Media In The Public Interest, Inc.

\$10,000/12 months

An expenditure responsibility grant to support the launch of a radio and online news service in Arizona with Public News Service that covers arts and culture, older adults, philanthropy and other public interest issues.

www.mediainthepublicinterest.org

Rio Salado Foundation

\$100,000/12 months

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To support reconstruction of the O'Connor House at its new Papago Park site. www.supportriosalado.org

The Collaboration for a New Century, Inc.

\$12,500/12 months

To support the AZ LeaderForce Initiative to develop a network of community leaders and human service partners. www.thecollab.org

Community Relief

Total grants awarded in this area: \$675,000

Four grants awarded October 2008 in this area: \$200,000

11 grants awarded November 2008 in this area: \$275,000

10 grants awarded January 2009 in this area (below): \$200,000

A New Leaf

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support the East Valley Men's Center. www.turnanewleaf.org

Association of Arizona Food Banks

\$30,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support bulk food purchase and distribution of emergency food boxes. www.azfoodbanks.org

Clinica Adelante, Inc.

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support the Rural Health Team Mobile Medical Clinic. www.clinicaadelante.com

Community Information & Referral

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support telephone system enhancements.

Mission of Mercy

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support the mobile health clinic. www.amissionofmercy.org

PAFCO Education Fund

\$10,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support access to information on critical human service issues.

Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support the Crews Healthmobile. www.phoenixchildrens.com

Phoenix Rescue Mission

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support the men's shelter. www.phoenixrescuemission.org

St. Joseph's Foundation

\$20,000/12 months

A Community Relief Grant to support the Maternity Outreach Mobile Clinic. www.stjosephs-phx.org

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YWCA of Maricopa County

A Community Relief Grant to support the home delivered meal program for low-income seniors.

www.ywca.org/maricopacounty

\$20,000/12 months