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Court and partners working to promote justice for all

Pima County Juvenile Court and various community partners are four years into a six-year grant from the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families. Together they hope to build a system that treats all people fairly.

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CASA recruiter Jill LaBrie and others recently gathered to honor people who have chosen to be a special person to a child in foster care.

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Judge Jane Butler hung up her lab coat several years ago and now wears a robe. She believes destiny brought her to the PCJCC.

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Scientist turned jurist believes she's found her niche

We can thank rats and radioactive isotopes for bringing Judge Jane Butler to Pima County Juvenile Court.

You see, Judge Butler didn't dream of growing up and becoming a lawyer or a judge. She set out to become a scientist.

She obtained her Bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania and her Master's degree in neuropsychopharmacology from the University of Connecticut. She even worked for the Yale Cancer Research Center and University of Arizona College of Medicine's research department for a while.

It turns out she got tired of being bitten and dealing with radioactive isotopes so she went to law school.

Judge Butler graduated from the UA's law school in 1984.

"I thought I was going to do personal injury cases because of my medical background, or maybe even environmental law. As it turns out, neither of those things happened," Judge Butler said.

Judge Butler practiced law for the City of Tucson and the Coconino County Attorney's Office. She also spent time as the Coconino County manager before going into private practice. Later, she worked for Pima County in both the Equal Employment Opportunity and human resource offices. She was legal counsel for Tucson Unified School District for eight years and spent eight years at the Arizona Attorney General's Office representing the Department of Economic Security in child abuse and neglect cases.

While she was working at TUSD, Judge Butler met a lot of children and caseworkers for what was then known as Child Protective Services. She also adopted a newborn daughter whose parents had suffered from substance abuse issues.

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Judge Jane Butler often takes the time to attend the GED graduation of the children on her caseload. She always tells them life has some pitfalls, but no one can ever take away their education.

She was so moved by their plight, Judge Butler began volunteering for the Foster Care Review Board.

“When I was on the board I just read volumes and volumes and volumes of stuff about these kids,” Judge Butler said. “I thought ‘This is so interesting, if I ever get the chance to work with these kids I will.’”

When she got the job with the AG’s Office, Judge Butler had to give up her work on the Foster Care Review Board, but she joined an education committee put together by Judge Suzanna Cuneo, who was then assigned to Pima County Juvenile Court. She later became a hearing officer here. She was appointed commissioner in November 2012.

“It seems like everything I’ve done conspired to bring me to this love of court-involved youth and the work we do here,” Judge Butler said.

Her daughter, now 16, has been a particular source of inspiration.

“Becoming a mother opened up a part of my heart I didn’t know was there,” Judge Butler said. “It changed the way I practiced law because I appreciate the struggles parents go through.”

In May 2013, Judge Butler was assigned to preside over Youth Recovery Court, which helps children who are struggling with substance abuse issues. The court tries to achieve an appropriate balance between probation and treatment.

“I just love these kids!” Judge Butler said. “I love seeing these kids every week and developing a relationship with them. I love seeing them achieve something, like passing their GED or dropping clean.”

She wants everyone who walks into her courtroom to know the court is here to help them. She tries as best she can to put them at ease, from making sure she has fresh flowers on her bench to decorating her courtroom walls with tasteful decals and sayings.

When she was an attorney she noticed a couple of judges had flowers on their benches and thought to herself “someone who likes flowers can’t be totally mean.”

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Judge Butler was assigned to the Youth Recovery Court about one year ago.

“I don’t want people to be scared and I know that’s difficult when parents are looking at possibly having their parental rights severed,” Judge Butler said. “In my personal life, I’ve had exposure to recovery programs and I know people in recovery. I think that fluency helps me when dealing with parents and kids. I get that it’s hard.”

While her job is a stressful one, Judge Butler said it helps she is surrounded by a group of other judges who share her experiences and are so friendly and helpful.

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Judge Butler was one of several judges who baked goodies and brought them to the kids in Detention during the holidays.

“All of the judges here really put their heart and soul into doing what’s best for the children,” Judge Butler said.

She also tries to decompress by spending time in her garden, hiking, reading and watching movies.

“I always have several books going and because there’s too much real trauma that goes on here, I prefer PG movies,” Judge Butler said.

Like everyone who works with families, she often dreams about what she would do if she had unlimited power and money. She would create a special school so kids who have been out of school for a long period of time could transition back into school. She would also build more residential treatment centers.

“I would also make sure everyone could read and write at at least an eighth grade level. I think literacy and education are the keys to a content life,” Judge Butler said. “I would make sure everyone had clean food and water and a safe place to sleep at night.”

Court and partners working hard to promote justice for all

One of Kevin Koegel's favorite things about working at Pima County Juvenile Court is the opportunity to positively impact the lives of people across Pima County.

Koegel and Research and Evaluation Assistant Natalie Carrillo are just two of many people working on the Court's DMC Intervention Model Project, an effort to ensure that outcomes are fair and just for all children and families countywide.

"We're pioneers in this area on the state and national levels," said Koegel, a Research and Evaluation Specialist at the Court. "We're working on building an approach that other jurisdictions can look at and draw upon."



Court staff and community partners meet regularly to discuss Disproportionate Minority Contact and ongoing efforts to combat the issue.

DMC stands for Disproportionate Minority Contact and it means more children of color come into contact with the juvenile justice system than white children when compared to the numbers of these groups in the local population.

The Court's work in this area began years ago when DMC was highlighted as a national issue of concern. Both nationally and in Pima County, DMC has consistently been observed at the major points in the juvenile justice system.

Today, the Court is four years into a six-year DMC grant from the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families.

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One thing that stands out about the project is the level of commitment shown by community partners. Even after years of time-intensive planning and discussion, the Court's partners continue to actively contribute.

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— Kevin Koegel

Community members, school administrators, attorneys (including the County Attorney, Public Defender and contact attorneys), law enforcement

officers, service providers, faith-based groups and others sit down regularly with representatives of the Court in meetings large and small to work on this complex issue.

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The recommendations generated from DMC workgroup discussions include a variety of proposed actions, from changing the language of the Court's forms and letters to expanding programs that serve children and families.

The group's focus thus far has been to implement the changes that the Court hopes will improve community perceptions of the Court and improve family engagement in the court process. For instance, the Court has developed brochures detailing its divisions and services, and revised letters so they are easier to understand, simpler and less threatening to families.

The Court has also been working hard to use more practices that are proven to be effective – they are called "evidence-based" practices.

"We want to ensure that the work of the Court and its partners is guided by the same values," Koegel said. "No two children are identical, but the use of consistent principles and practices helps to keep everyone on the same page when it comes to making decisions that impact peoples' lives." (Contd. Page 7)

One of the biggest examples of this effort will be unveiled in May. For the past several months, educators from numerous school districts, charter schools and parochial schools have been working with law enforcement officials and court staff to create recommended guidelines for when police should be called by schools.

The intended result of this initiative is for schools across the county to use common standards for contacting law enforcement. These guidelines will be a



tool for school administrators to refer to in issuing fair and unbiased responses to student violations.

In the coming months, the Court and its partners will continue to implement more DMC recommendations.

At the same time, the Court's Research and Evaluation Unit will work with IT to make sure all of the work being done can be captured in meaningful ways.

“We’re building tools so that in the future we can show that the work that people do around the Court has made a difference in peoples’ lives,” Koegel said.

In the end, the Court’s work to promote fairness and justice will extend beyond any period of grant funding, and these efforts rely heavily on the hard work of Court staff and partners.

“We’ve been fortunate to have so many people who are engaged in this work,” Koegel said, “And there is always room for people who are interested in social justice issues to get involved.”

If you are interested in talking about this issue or would like to hear more about the project, feel free to contact Kevin Koegel (kevin.koegel@pcjcc.pima.gov or 724-2287) or Natalie Carrillo (natalie.carrillo@pcjcc.pima.gov or 724-2933).

Grant will allow Family Drug Court to add more tools to belt

Ninety percent of the parents who graduate from Pima County's Family Drug Court program are reunited with their children.

We hope that number will be even higher soon. The FDC team has some new partners.

Earlier this month, Pima County became one of four courts in the nation to receive a \$250,000 grant from Children and Family Futures, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Duke Endowment.

"The purpose of the grant is to incorporate children's treatment with the parents' substance abuse treatment," said Chris Swenson-Smith, director of the court's Children and Family Services division.



Drug Court Case Specialist Megan Robbins entertains one of her client's little ones during a recent FDC hearing.

The funds will be dedicated to three specific interventions -- interventions never before used by the court.

First, families will soon begin participating in Child Parents Psychotherapy. There are currently no agencies that provide such therapy to children in the dependency system, but funds from the grant will be used to train one in this highly effective intervention for young children who have been traumatized.

Secondly, the court will contract with a local provider that offers The Incredible Years program for four to eight-year-olds. The program helps children respond appropriately to their anger and fear so they can function better at home and in school.

Lastly, the county's public health nurses will soon be partnering with Family Drug Court to conduct in-home health and development

assessments. They will also provide community referrals.

"What we're doing is trying to demonstrate the best possible way to work with these families," Swenson-Smith said. "If we're successful, eventually all families will receive these services." (Contd. Page 9)

Children and Family Futures is a southern California based non-profit with nearly 20 years of experience. They will work closely with the four FDC teams across the country, providing intensive technical assistance and expert.

Swenson-Smith hopes other private organizations will see the success of this unusual partnership and begin to help Family Drug Courts nationwide.

"This kind of funding is ground-breaking," she said.

In other Family Drug Court news, the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals honored Pima County at the annual Problem Solving Court Conference in Prescott April 28. The court was selected as the 2014 recipient of the Executive Board's Innovation Award.

In addition, Maureen "Mo" Accurso was presented the board's Excellence Award.

In nominating her for the award, Swenson-Smith called Accurso the "heart" of the Family Drug Court. Accurso started helping out with clerical work 12 years ago and later became a case aide. After earning her bachelor's degree by working nights, Accurso became a case specialist and then a supervisor.

Nowadays, Accurso has 15 parents on her caseload. She participated in a national webinar in March, telling others about the use of recovery support specialists in Family Drug Courts. She also teaches new Court Appointed Special Advocates about substance abuse, and supervises the recovery support specialists.

As busy as she is Swenson-Smith said Accurso's "heart, and her time, are always available to the parents and families in FDC."



Support Council honors those who make a difference

In honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Month, the CASA Support Council for Pima County held a luncheon to honor those who do so much for others, including Court Appointed Special Advocates, attorneys and caseworkers with the Division of Child Safety and Family Services.

Every year, the council asks CASAs, attorneys and judges to nominate those they believe deserve special recognition for the work they do. This year's winners were:

Attorney of the Year – Karen Pollins

According to the CASA who nominated her, Pollins is an especially attentive attorney who pursues issues until they are resolved, supported many of the recommendations the CASA made to the judge and is a great team player.

Attorneys' Choice Award – Ann Jansen

The attorney who nominated CASA Ann Jansen had this to say about her: She has worked with a very challenging client since October 2005. She has spent over 1,200 hours with him and driven over 15,000 miles. He is dually adjudicated and Ann advocated for him in his delinquency and dependency case. She is the only consistent person in his life as he bounces from group homes to HCTC care and back to group homes. She saw him through back surgery as well as takes him out for birthdays and holidays. Ann Jansen is a hard worker and has shown she cares so much about the children she is working with.

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Pictured are just some of the folks who were honored at the recent CASA Support Council luncheon. These Court Appointed Special Advocates, attorneys and Division of Child Safety and Family Services caseworkers go above and beyond.

DCSFS Worker of the Year – Raquel Harris

Harris' nominator had this to say: Her adaptability allows for a style of interaction that puts the child, parent and other members of the case family team at ease. She is approachable, inventive and a great team player. Her ability to view problems through a wide lens enables her to successfully function in the demanding role of today's CPS Case Manager. I recommend Raquel without reservation for recognition at this year's event.

DCSFS Choice– Kim Fiocoprile

The caseworker who nominated CASA Kim Fiocoprile for the award described her as a wonderful person, a joy to work with and a real asset to children and the team. She spoke about Fiocoprile's efforts to help a particular child transition to a group home from a therapeutic level of care and later to his adoptive parents' home. In the first instance, she helped him get familiar with the group home and drove him around the area. In the second, she brought the boy to his new home and came with him and his new family to the zoo for their first outing.

Judges' Choice– Linda Pejchar

The judge who nominated Linda Pejchar noted that Pejchar has been the CASA for a young girl for more than six years and has helped her through numerous placements, behavioral health issues and times where she's gotten into legal trouble. The judge wrote this: Linda had donated 1042 hours and driven 18, 250 miles in her advocacy of the child. These stark numbers do not begin to reflect Linda's commitment to her. She has been a friend, an advocate, a mentor. She has fought for services and appropriate placements. She has visited her in every single placement, including those involving significant travel. Linda is the only person the girl has ever called when on the run, when hospitalized, when struggling with her life. The girl would not be as hopeful about her future and as willing to move beyond her very troubled past, if it weren't for Linda. I cannot recall a case in which a CASA—all of whom are amazing---has invested the financial, emotional, and physical energy over such an extended and difficult period of time. No one is more deserving of this year's award

CASA of the Year – Rufus Tamayo

According to his nominator, Tamayo "works with the youths, not only as an advocate, but as a mentor. He stated that he likes to work with young men who have no other positive male role models. He wants to help the young men (as he calls them) to grow to be responsible adults."

Tamayo has been the CASA for two young boys since 2012, but he also recently took on another young man in crisis. He visits with him once or twice a week and is the only constant in his life.

The CASA Support Council also recognized DCSFS workers Allie Jaime and Bianca Santa Maria and attorney Thea Gilbert. The following CASAs were also honored: Judy Chazel, Sharon Dely, Sharon Inorio, Ann Jansen, ElizaBeth Root, Bonnie Lawrie-Higgins, Sandra Rohen, Roger Pinkstaff, Jane and Leonard Spitzer, Marcia, Katz and Cynthia Dean.

Four selected to represent PCJCC at statewide recognition day

Every year, the Arizona Chief Probation Officers' Association asks courts statewide to nominate people they believe perform their assigned duties in an outstanding or distinguished manner and/or make significant contributions in their jurisdiction. The association then selects winners in four categories to honor during the Statewide Annual Arizona Probation Employee Recognition Day.

Below are those who were nominated to represent Pima County Juvenile Court:

Line Officer of the Year – Steve Borozan

Steve Borozan has been with the court nearly 15 years. He is currently the surveillance officer for Youth Recovery Court, a defensive tactics instructor and a firearms instructor. His nominator said “Steve exemplifies all the qualities of an exceptional officer as he is always learning, growing, teaching, supporting youth and families as well as being exceptionally dedicated to officer safety.”



Detention Officer of the Year – Phensy Lozoya

Phensy Lozoya is a juvenile detention officer who has also become a motivational interviewing trainer. According to her nominator, “Phensy will do whatever she can to get the job done. She can often be found in the units, other than the one in which she is assigned, helping the personnel in that unit complete their tasks for interviewing youth for their promotion in Step-Up levels. Anytime she hears that a youth is having some sort of difficulty, she is there trying to engage with the youth to deescalate the situation and find a solution to what the problem is. If Phensy see something that needs to get done, she will jump right in and complete the task.”



Supervisor of the Year – Bill Semenowich

Probation supervisor Bill Semenowich is described as a man who is willing to accept new ideas, who is creative and who is readily available to his team. One of his nominators said he has built a cohesive and highly effective team and his “insight into how to balance the needs of the individual, team and Court are exceptional.” Another said Semenowich helps promote each individual’s ability to learn, grow and perform his or her duties to the best of their ability.



Employee of the Year – Cathleen Fitzgerald

Retiring Education Programs Coordinator Cathleen Fitzgerald is described as “an incredible partner, colleague and tireless advocate for quality academic services for our children.” She has devoted a great deal of time working on a transition plan for detained youth, assisted staff in finding appropriate academic placements for youth, and helped increase the number of children obtaining their GED’s by more than 100 percent. Her nominator said: “I have found her greatest contributions consist of her knowledge of the education system, her passion for the success of our youth, strong sense of humor and her intense focus of consistently working in the youth’s best interest.”



This year’s Statewide Annual Arizona Probation Employee Recognition Day will be held Sept. 18. The winners are: Line Officer of the Year: Tiffany Wernette of Coconino Adult Probation, Detention Officer of the Year, Robert Perry of Santa Cruz County, Supervisor of the Year, Gay Lockling of Yavapai County Juvenile Probation and Employee of the Year, Laura Mudge of Navajo County.



PCJCC says goodbye to two dedicated, longtime leaders

The Pima County Juvenile Court is saying goodbye to two longtime and beloved employees.



Dodie Ledbetter

Deputy Court Administrator Dodie Ledbetter is retiring, again. Over the course of nearly 30 years, Dodie held many positions here at the court. She worked her way up through both the probation and detention departments. She retired as Detention Director, but came back just weeks later for the opportunity to work for Presiding Judge Karen Adam and Steve Rubin, who himself came out of retirement to become our Court administrator.

Dodie was known court-wide for her unfailing good humor and distinctive laugh.

Here are some of the other things that have been said of Dodie:

Judge Adam – “Dodie is the most positive person I have ever met. She assumes the best of every person and every situation---she never gives

up. Dodie changed detention and changed how we all viewed detained children, and helped make us a model facility. During her second career here, she has led us through the Disproportionate Minority Contact project, never wavering in her belief that we can do better by children and families. I will miss her wisdom, her experience, and most of all, that smile.”

Court Administrator Steve Rubin – “I never could’ve done the job of court administrator without Dodie because of her depth of knowledge of everything that goes on in the building. Her passion for doing the right thing for children and families and her boundless energy really kept me going. I wouldn’t have agreed to come out of retirement had Dodie not been drafted by Judge Adam.”

Detention Director Jennifer Torchia – “As I went up through the ranks I reported to Dodie more than anyone else. I could always talk to her openly and honestly about situations. I was young when I started and it was helpful to get that kind of wisdom. She taught me to think before I act. She taught me there’s nothing wrong with waiting until tomorrow to deal with things so that you can have time to digest it and make sure you’re making the right decision.” (Contd. Page 17)

Deputy Detention Director Rachael Long – “One of the many things in Dodie that is extremely valuable and exceptional is her ability to see progressive movement and want to do the right thing by our detained youth. Dodie sees opportunities and options rather than mountains. She embodies this “can do” attitude and empowers others to feel the same.”

Educational Programs Coordinator Cathleen Fitzgerald is also retiring. Cathleen was with the court for 22 years, first as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and then later, a facilitator in the Children and Family Services Division. As educational programs coordinator, Cathleen spent the last eight years ensuring the educational needs of court-involved kids were being met. She participated in various meetings, acted as a liaison between the court, schools and education programs and provided assistance to probation staff.

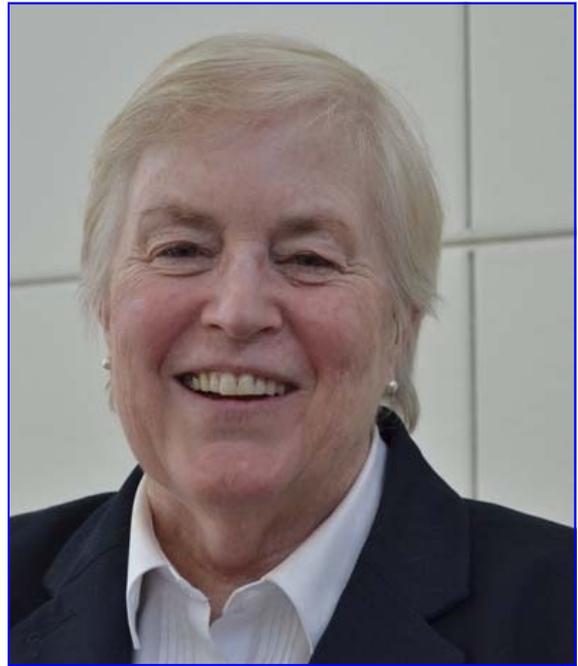
Here are some of the things people had to say about Cathleen:

Judge Adam – “Cathleen has single-handedly made education the priority it always should have been for all of our children. No matter what a child’s experience in school has been Cathleen has been able to find the place where they would thrive. She is kind, compassionate, and wise, never judging a child’s prior decisions but offering boundless encouragement to making better ones in the future. I will miss her quiet grace.”

Steve Rubin – “Cathleen really blazed the trail for this position; she set the standard extraordinarily high. Her work really goes to the notion of saving one kid at a time. She worked tirelessly to make sure every child was not a part of the dreadful statistics for kids in the juvenile justice and dependency systems. She is leaving behind quite a legacy.”

Dani Tarry, Director of Family and Community Outreach for Tucson Unified School District – “I think the world of her. She is just a wonderful advocate, not just of kids, but all community partners who support kids. She understands schools, probation and kids so when she advocates for kids it comes from a place of knowledge and compassion.”

Rachael Long – “Cathleen is absolutely passionate about quality education for youth. She is not only exceptionally knowledgeable about the subject, she is humble and leaves no stone unturned when looking for solutions. She will do anything, large or small to get the job done. I will miss her tremendously.”



Cathleen Fitzgerald

More than 2,000 came out for March & Family Fiesta

Thousands of people came out to Reid Park on April 13 to attend the 10th Annual March for Children, which was held in conjunction with Casa de Los Niños' Family Fiesta for the first time.

In addition to marching a mile to mark April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, March for Children organizers recognized more than 20 individuals, families and businesses for their extraordinary efforts in fighting against child abuse. Some families were praised for their resiliency.

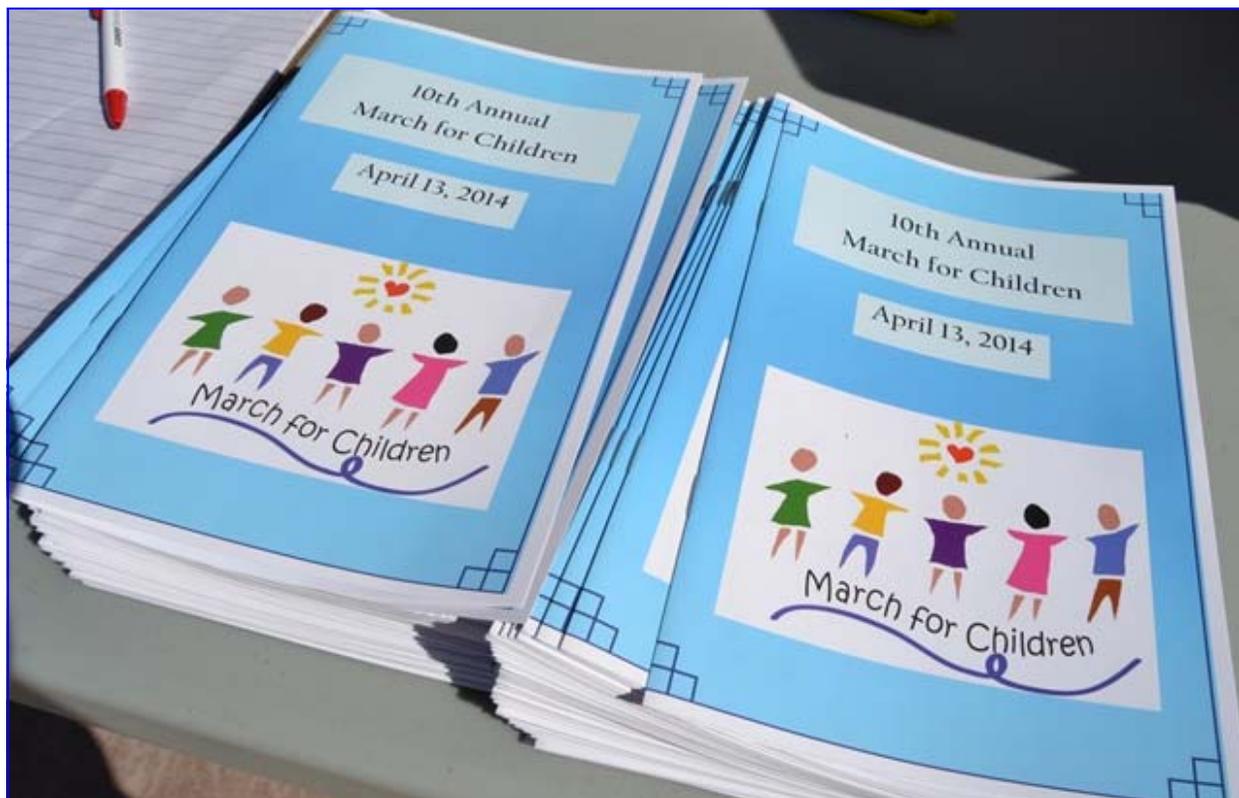
Those honored by Aviva Children's Services, Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, Casey Family Programs, Casa de Los Niños and Gap Ministries were:

Resilient Family of the Year – The Bush-Loo Family and the Angelica Elias family

Keith Smith Foster Family of the Year – Deb and Derric Roof, Mike and Andrea Graham, Jennifer and James Hancock

Individuals of the Year – Cynthia Dean, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Sarah Gordon, Arizona's Children Association and Lance Meeks, Division of Child Safety and Family Services caseworker

Business/Agency of the Year – Pima County Public Health Nurses, Geico and MIKID



Odds & Ends

Upcoming Events

May 7 — Pima Foundation for Youth, Youth Awareness Lunch

May 15 — Detention Center Appreciation Ice Cream Day

May 26 — Memorial Day



The Bravo team awarded eight Gems this month. Detention staff members **Joy Johnson, Bill Grijalva, Armando Gallego, Alma Preciado** and **Courtney Haymore** are always willing to take kids home from the Domestic Violence Alternative Center when Lutheran Social Services is unavailable to do so. “Their willingness to help out when necessary and their positive attitude are very much appreciated.”

Jill Johnson and **John Durns** from Probation were recognized for their help setting up the Pima Foundation for Youth’s annual rummage sale. A board member said they couldn’t have held the sale without them. “I truly appreciate their positive attitudes, friendliness with staff and true professionalism.”

Edward Beltran from Detention was nominated for his hard work inside and outside the detention center. Edward’s nominator said he unifies the staff, assists others whenever he is asked or he sees a need and is a member of numerous committees. When not at work, Edward is involved in community safety efforts and is a “great ambassador.”

Milestones

Susan Seligman, judicial, 10 years

Voices

Since the PCJCC is here to help strengthen kids and families, it seems only appropriate the kids in our Detention Center have a platform from which to speak. We'll be asking them questions periodically and printing some of their unedited answers here.

How has the world changed since you were little?

"Honestly, a lot of things have changed since I was little, like, for example, the way people are, the technology and the laws have become much more strict. And the government has become more of a monopoly than a democracy. We as a people should do better to educate our younger generation about the real inner workings of the government. And about the education about drugs and sex and the real problems with the world. And education about helping our community to be better and more understanding about addiction and bettering our selves as a whole and about not letting people be raised like I was." — Logan

"When I was younger the world was bad, but not as bad as today. Because back then someone wouldn't like someone they would fight and squash the beef. Nowadays people would fight and end up killing each other. If I were to change the world I would help each other by starting programs to prevent getting into trouble. I would find and help people get jobs that are the ones who are selling drugs just so they could stay away from the negative and go to the positive." — Andres

"The world has changed by the population getting better. Also, the world is falling apart in a bad way and the USA is getting more and more in det. I would not try to help the youth because I feel that they should learn on their own. Because that's how most people learned. Life lessons are learned from experience not people telling them not to do something." — Bryce

"Since I can remember everything on the outside of my house was negative. In the apartments next to us, there was always shootings and robberies. It has worsened over the few years that I realized something was changing. I will not turn into someone who doesn't care about the next generation." — Isaiah

Voices

"Technology, the lack of respect and disciplinary has changed the world. There is so much new technology today that kids feel like they need where as before we were fine with what we had. Kids don't give respect to their elders or parents because the parents are kids themselves and never taught them that respect. But before we were raised by parents who taught us respect and diciplined us whenever were were out of pocket. Kids now days don't get diciplined the way we did so they do what they want and act out. Something I want to do to change the world, take away technology from kids under the age of 13, teach them respect and manners and discipline them when they don't show that respect." — Izzy

"Since I was little, the world has changed a lot actually. The technology we had when I was little has greatly improved. Now that I am older, I have also learned how things really work, and I have learned that there are consequences for everything you do. Kids also do not treat other people and their parents the way they should. I really don't know what I would change for the next generation, but I would press the importance of respect on the little kids of the next generation." - Julian

"The world has change in so many ways, the thing that change the world the most is technology. Teens spend hours and hours on the computer and on their phones. People rely so much on their phones if we have an EMP people would go nuts. Back then people use only pen and paper now people are trying to do everything digitally." — Anonymous

"In my opinion things that have changed are in a way that there is less respect. Also there was less technology. The things I would change is that I would teach my kids to show more respect toward people older than them." - Ariel

"The wrould changed by a lot of technology people wanting more materialistic things. If I could do some thing to make a change I would have more better schools less drugs on the street more man doing physical activity then using technology." - Kalon.

Month in Photos



10th Annual March For Children



Martin Gallardo, facilities and maintenance technician, congratulates Luis, our latest Employee Internship Program graduate.



Alejandro, one of the teens in our detention center, won the March for Children poster contest. Sixteen kids in total participated.



April 17th was one of our semi-regular Bring Your Pet to Work days here at the Pima County Juvenile Court. Several judges and juvenile detention officers brought their dogs to work and one even brought his cat. The kids and the dogs loved every minute of the day. The cat seemed happy enough, too. For more photos, check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PimaCountyJuvenileCourt>



Pima County Juvenile Judge Susan Kettlewell swears in 13 new Court Appointed Special Advocates.



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