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# **Service and Volunteerism For the Youth**

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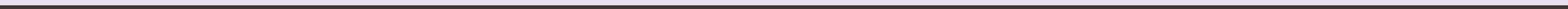


**MY WISH FOR MY COMMUNITY**

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**Founder**

**“My Wish for My Community”**



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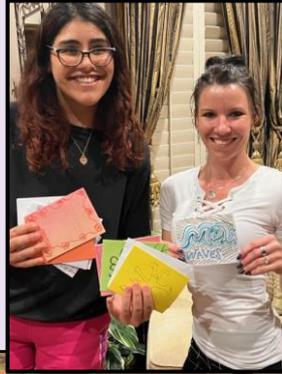
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# My Wish For My Community



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# Mission:

**Connecting** the youth to  
**their community, making**  
**volunteering simpler and**  
**accessible for all**



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***“LIFE’S MOST PERSISTENT AND  
URGENT QUESTION IS, ‘WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?’ ”***

**( DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST)**



# 2020

# Blanket Drive



**FOX 10** VALLEY TEEN COLLECTS BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS  
8:35 50° OX MARY WILSON, CO-FOUNDER OF THE SUPREMES, DIES AT AGE 76 FOX ISRAELI PRO HEADLINES



# 2021 Web App Creation



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index.html
helping.jpeg
logo.jpeg
picture.jpeg
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script.js
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Tools
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# 2022

- **Established non-profit organization and 501c(3) status**



# Board Members



**Dr. Annie Khurana**



**Dr. Arlene Conte**



**Dr. Jatinder Singh**

# Youth Ambassadors



Leadership



Collaboration



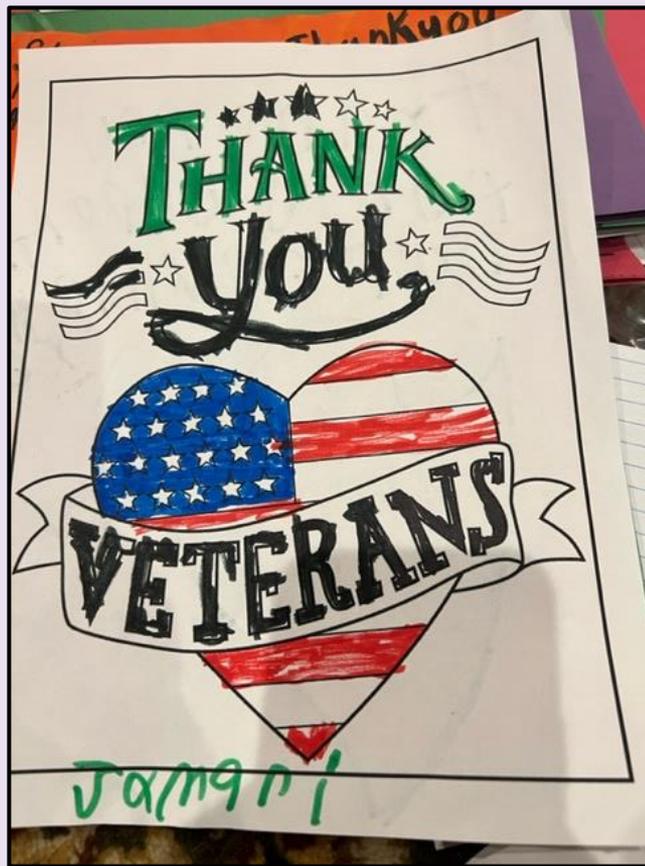
Expansion



# Organizations Served by our Youth : 2022

- Hospice of the Valley
- Youth4Troops
- City Of Phoenix
- Luke Airforce Base
- City Of Glendale
- Andre House
- Various Senior Living Facilities





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800

**Volunteer Hours Served**

65

**Active Users**

Maricopa County

**Region**



# Media Coverage

- Fox 10 Phoenix News ( 2021)
- KSLX 100.7 Radio Station (2022)
- Fox News ( 2023)
- Canvas Rebel ( 2023)
- Glendale News Channel 11
- Arizona PBS



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# 2022

## Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) certified



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# Benefits of Youth Volunteerism

- **Better academic outcomes, are more likely to complete college,**
- **Develop a stronger sense of social responsibility.**

( Survey : Corporation for National and Community Service)



# Benefits of Youth Volunteerism

- Lower levels of depression and anxiety,
- Deep sense of gratitude and well-being.
- Higher levels of empathy, compassion, and understanding of diverse perspectives."
- Helps foster greater social cohesion and sense of community

( Journal of Youth and Adolescence)



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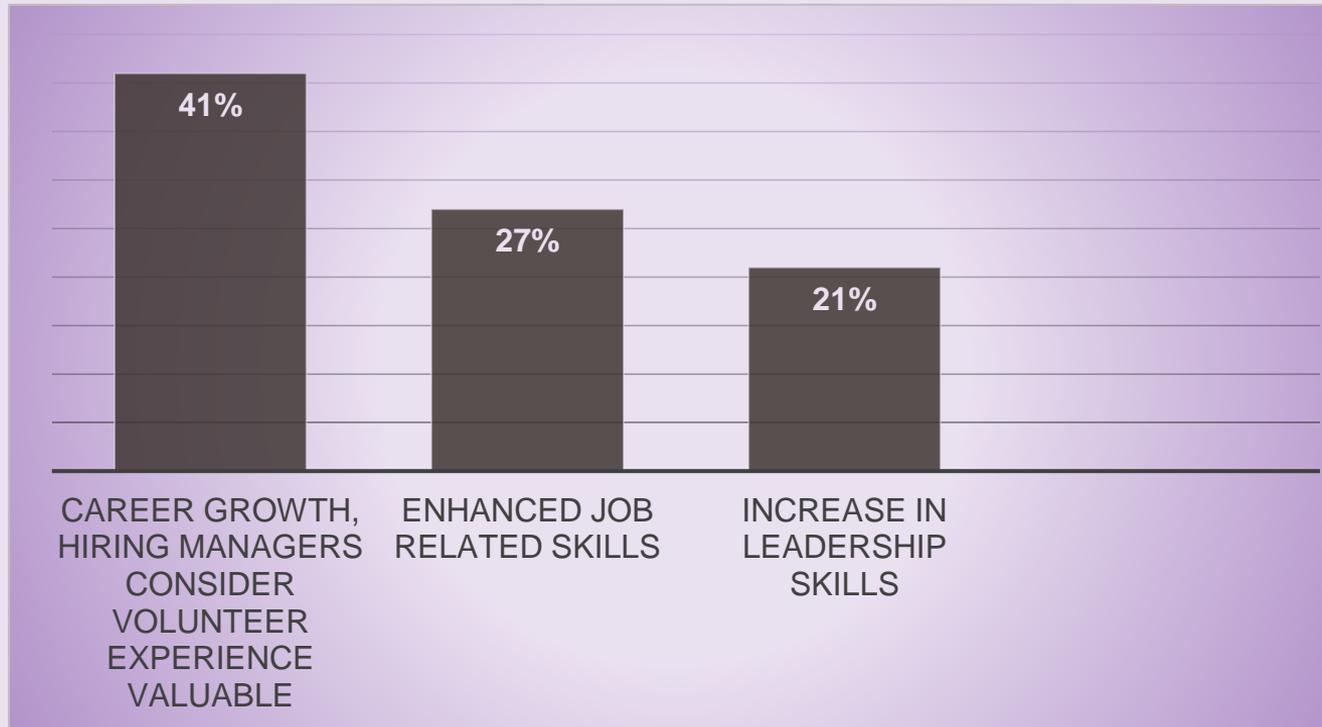
# Benefits of Youth Volunteerism

**"Volunteering can improve young people's social and emotional development, increasing their ability to work with others and building positive relationships."**

**(Youth Development Research Synthesis Project)**



# Benefits of Youth Volunteerism



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# Community Benefits of Youth Volunteerism

- More likely to **vote** and **donate** to charity
- More likely to **participate** in community activities (than non-volunteering peers)

(Survey by: Corporation for National and Community Service)



# Challenges for Youth Volunteerism

- Age and geographical **restrictions**
- Need an accompanying **adult** to supervise
- Some **volunteer training** can be tedious, not relevant for young children
- **Lack of awareness** of local opportunities
- **Pandemic related barriers**
- **Lack of funds**
- **General apathy**



# Solutions To these Challenges

- **Identify** responsible adult mentors willing to support the youth
- **Increase** Youth Leadership Opportunities
- **Establish** Volunteer norms, complete organization specific training, review safety protocols.
- **Collaborate** with Volunteer Co-ordinators with organizations to create remote opportunities
- **Give** your best when you volunteer and the organization will trust your volunteers to be delegated future responsibilities.



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# Recommendations for the Members of the Community

- **Consider** volunteering yourself
- **Encourage** teens and young children in your lives to get involved in volunteer work
  - **The Domino Effect**
- **Offer** volunteer opportunities
- **Educate** and **inform** to create awareness



# Our Goals : 2023

- **Youth Mentoring**
  - **Education, Awareness, Empowerment**
- **Career Navigation**
  - **Workshops and Lecture lessons, Career Advice, Financial Literacy**
- **Behavioral Health**
  - **Awareness to prevent Teen Homelessness, Substance Abuse, and provide resources**



# Future Goals

- **Collaborate** with a diverse group of organizations
- **Expand** to other parts of Arizona and other states, (interest received from Texas and Utah)
- **Establish** More Youth Leadership Opportunities
- **Honor** and **appreciate** the efforts of youth volunteers, so they feel seen, heard and valued.
  - (Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event)



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# My Wish for My Community

**Mission :** **Connecting** the youth to their community, making volunteering **simpler** and **accessible** for all.

**Vision :** We strive to be recognized for **excellence** in community service & **preferred** for a meaningful volunteer experience, and for the quality of our youth volunteers.



# How can you help MWFMC ?



## Volunteer with us

**In-person and  
remote  
opportunities**

## Spread the word

**Bring a friend, get your  
family members to  
participate, set up a  
family volunteer night at  
home**



## Donate supplies

**Art supplies,  
cardstock, printer  
paper, paints, rock  
painting kits, paint  
brushes, glitter etc.**

## Donate funds

**Tax- exempt  
donations of kind  
and cash**



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***“CHANGE WILL NOT COME IF WE WAIT  
FOR SOME OTHER PERSON OR SOME  
OTHER TIME. WE ARE THE ONES  
WE’VE BEEN WAITING FOR. WE ARE  
THE CHANGE THAT WE SEEK. ”***

**(BARACK OBAMA, 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES)**



# Thank You

Do you have any questions?

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