

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation Receives “Challenge Grant” From T.W. Lewis Foundation

PHOENIX, (July 11, 2016)— The Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) has been awarded a challenge grant from the T.W. Lewis Foundation. The challenge grant is designed to encourage more individuals, corporations, and other foundations to donate to this highly efficient program which helps children in foster care to participate in social, athletic and educational activities that are not funded through any means. It is tough to be a foster kid in Arizona and this program helps to alleviate some of the challenges. Since 2009, the amount of Arizona children in foster care has doubled from 10,000 to almost 20,000.

“Children in foster care have not always had the childhood they deserve,” said Kris Jacober, executive director of the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation. “AFFCF was founded to give children a ‘childhood’ at a time in their lives when they are most vulnerable. We could not do what we do without the support and generosity of our donors.” In 2016, AFFCF will make nearly 6,000 awards for activities for children in foster care.

The \$50,000 T.W. Lewis Foundation challenge grant will match 100% of new major donations received by AFFCF. New major donations are defined as donations from \$2,000 up to \$10,000 by individuals, corporations, and other foundations that have not donated to AFFCF within the last 36 months. Please contact AFFCF to participate in this challenge grant to better serve our state’s foster children.

About Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation: Since 1983, the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation has been promoting the self-esteem and enriching the lives of children in foster care in Arizona by providing social, athletic and educational activities that provide them with quality experiences while they live through very difficult circumstances. For more information visit www.affcf.org or call [602-252-9445](tel:602-252-9445).

About T.W. Lewis Foundation: Formed in 2000 by Tom and Jan Lewis, T.W. Lewis Foundation has provided college scholarships to over 200 future leaders, made strategic gifts to dozens of non-profits that help children and families in need, and supported youth education organizations that build character and encourage civic engagement. For more information about T.W. Lewis Foundation, please visit www.twlewis.com and click on the Philanthropy section.