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To: Neighborhood Advisory Commission
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Date: January 24, 2024
Re: Item 6: 2023 Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Determination

This memorandum provides the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) with the nominations for the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards received during the 2023 program year.

BACKGROUND

As per the Commission’s approved 2023 Spirit of Scottsdale Award Program Parameters, the Commission will:

1. Recognize one individual and one business or organization within Scottsdale that help to strengthen and build Scottsdale's community through their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods, with consideration on:
 - a. Active years of service/involvement in strengthening neighborhood identity;
 - b. Champions community dialogue to produce constructive recommendations/solutions that address the dynamic need(s) of a neighborhood; and
 - c. Provides unique contributions of time, effort, skills, and/or financial resources to a neighborhood.
2. Accept submissions through December 31st, 2023.
3. Review and consider nomination submissions in January 2024.
4. Recognize selected award recipients at a City Council meeting in Spring 2024.

2023 SPIRIT OF SCOTTSDALE AWARD PROGRAM

The 2023 Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Program work plan was approved by the NAC on April 26, 2023, to recognize the people and places that embody the “Spirit of Scottsdale” – particularly neighborhood stewardship and how a person or place contributes to Scottsdale physically, aesthetically, or socially. Accordingly, the approved parameters will recognize one individual and one business/organization for Scottsdale.

Staff utilized web and social media (Nextdoor, CityLine, Neighborhood newsletter, Scottsdale Update, P&Z Link, volunteer e-newsletter, etc.) to notify Scottsdale citizens about the program, with submissions accepted through December 31st, 2023.

For 2023, there were a total of 17 nomination submissions. Submissions collected represent 16 unique nominations – consisting of five (5) Individual and eleven (11) Business/Organizations (Enclosure 1). The following outlines the 16 nominees and their respective amount of nomination submissions:

<u>Individual</u>		<u>Business/Organization</u>	
Click, Lauren	(1)	AC BY J	(1)
Heyl, Ross	(2)	ALINE Architecture Concepts	(1)
Kirtley, Sonnie	(1)	Camelback Crossfit	(1)
Parks, Jackie	(1)	Camelot Homes	(1)
Patzlaff, Matthew	(1)	Community House	(1)
		McDowell Village Senior Living	(1)
		Neighbors of Helping Neighbors	(1)
		Scottsdale Ambassadors	(1)
		Solano Studios Incorporated	(1)
		Suzanne Rugg Interior Design	(1)
		The Standard Apartments	(1)

2023 SPIRIT OF SCOTTSDALE AWARD DETERMINATION

This agenda item allows for review, discussion, and determination of one award winner for each category (Individual and Business/Organization) by the NAC, specific to the 16 nominees for 2023. Once category winners are selected, they will be notified and invited to attend a future City Council meeting to be formally recognized.

To determine the award winners, the Commission will utilize the ranked-choice process. Each commissioner will indicate his or her choice for each category, which shall be recorded as an affirmative vote for that nominee. The nominee with the majority of votes will be selected for that category. In the event of a failed majority, those candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated and the process is repeated for the remaining candidates until a majority vote is achieved and a winner is selected.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the NAC determine the following:

- Select One (1) 2023 Spirit of Scottsdale Award winner for each category (Individual and Business/Organization); and
- Nominate no more than two (2) members of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission to represent the commission at a future City Council meeting, recognizing award program recipients.

ENCLOSURES:

1. 2023 Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Nominations List
2. 2023 Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Nomination Submittals

2023 SPIRIT OF SCOTTSDALE AWARD PROGRAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on policies, plans, strategies and programs for the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale's neighborhoods.

THE SPIRIT OF SCOTTSDALE AWARD

Since 2019, the NAC has sponsored the Spirit of Scottsdale Award Program which annually recognizes one individual and one organization/business that helps to strengthen and build Scottsdale's community through their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods.

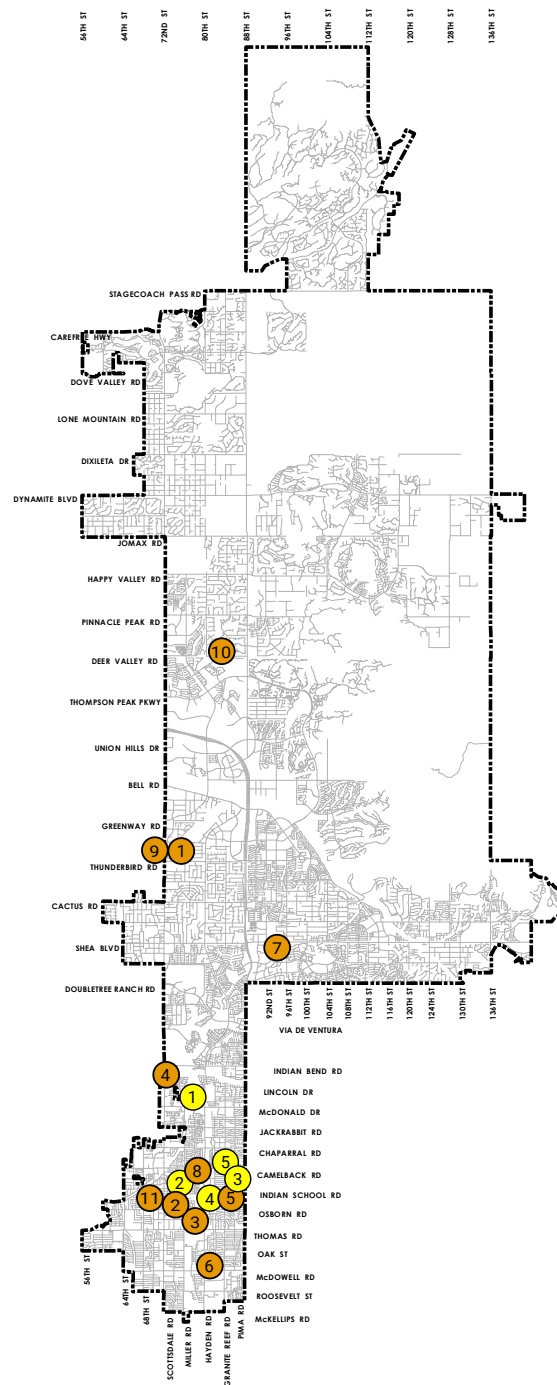
2023 AWARD CONSIDERATIONS

Recognition will consider those individuals or businesses/organizations within Scottsdale that help to strengthen and build Scottsdale's community through their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods, with consideration on:

- Active years of service/involvement in strengthening neighborhood identity;
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2023 AWARD NOMINEE LOCATIONS



2023 Nominees

Individuals

- 1 Click, Lauren
- 2 Heyl, Ross
- 3 Kirtley, Sonnie
- 4 Parks, Jackie
- 5 Patzlaff, Matthew

Businesses/Organizations

- 1 AC BY J
- 2 ALINE Architecture Concepts
- 3 Camelback Crossfit
- 4 Camelot Homes
- 5 Community House
- 6 McDowell Village Senior Living
- 7 Neighbors of Helping Neighbors
- 8 Scottsdale Ambassadors
- 9 Solano Studios Incorporated
- 10 Suzanne Rugg Interior Design
- 11 The Standard Apartments

Lauren Click - 1 Nomination Received

7901 E Keim Drive

“Lauren Click is 26 years old, an Arizona native, and has resided in Scottsdale since 2019. Since 2019, she has lived in South Scottsdale, Central Scottsdale, and North Scottsdale, understanding the major differences in each of the cities regions. She is a sustainability advocate.

In early 2020, Lauren was fortunate to receive an electric composter as a gift as a way to incorporate sustainability into her indoor gardening efforts while quarantined in her North Scottsdale apartment. It made her realize how she could reduce her direct impact on the environment, even while living in an apartment. This spurred further interest in sustainability actions she could take.

In February of 2021, Lauren and her neighbors at the North Scottsdale apartment complex noticed illegal dumping in the desert behind the building, all from a nearby developer. She organized a trash clean up, as featured in the Scottsdale Progress newspaper.

In 2022, after moving from North Scottsdale to McCormick Ranch, Lauren continued her passion for sustainability and began her non-profit, Let's Go Compost. Let's Go Compost works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste sent to landfill, all while creating a valuable soil amendment that reduces water usage, through free compost tools and education to the public, with an emphasis on school and community gardens.

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INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE

Since receiving her 501c3 status in February 2023, Lauren has raised \$60,000 for her non-profit, gathered 40+ volunteers, donated 500 compost bins, kept 1,250 lbs of plastic out of Maricopa County landfills, donated 1,500 seed packets, and plans on creating 100 school gardens in Maricopa County in 2024 with a goal of helping all interested public schools in Scottsdale.

In July 2023, Lauren also secured a \$7,500 grant through Scottsdale's Neighborhood Advisory Commission Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program to install a native, xeriscape pollinator garden at Agua Linda Park in Central Scottsdale. She gathered approximately 30 volunteers on December 16, 2023 to install over 35 desert plants and 5 trees that all promote pollination were installed at Aqua Linda Park. This project was in partnership with the Neighborhood Advisory Commission and was an approved Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal.

Lauren's sustainability initiatives have enhanced Scottsdale's value through long-term environmental and social responsibility and improved quality of life for citizens who participate with her programs. She was nominated, though not selected, by Mayor David Ortega for Scottsdale's Environmental Advisory Commission in November 2023. She plans to reapply for a seat on the Commission in the March 2024 and May 2024 vacancies.

It's important to note that Lauren does not receive any compensation for any of this work. She works full-time, outside of the realm of sustainability, and purely manages all of these projects in her free time. She has been listed as an Emerging Sustainability Leader by Arizona Forward. For these reasons and more, I believe she exemplifies the Spirit of Scottsdale."



Ross Heyl - 2 Nominations Received

7506 E Indian School Rd

"I know Ross in his capacity as the director of Scottsdale Ambassadors, where I have volunteered for many years. He has been with us two years and shows so much enthusiasm and support for a program that really represents our city. He is always responsive to anything we need, stocks the carts and the kiosks, greeting people at all times of the day, and constantly looking for ways to improve. This year he was very patient helping members navigate a new signup system. I know that his title is Scottsdale Citizen Advisor and he wears many hats, but we are so grateful for his support in helping us welcome visitors and residents alike, keeping the informed and excited about all Scottsdale has to offer!"

"Ross, who is in charge and runs the Scottsdale Ambassador program needs to be recognized for all his work and support he has given to the Ambassadors and to the City of Scottsdale."



INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE

Sonnie Kirtley - 1 Nomination Received

8507 E Highland Ave

"Sonnie Kirtley has served Scottsdale well over the past 25+ years, as a City Ambassador, as a proactive community advocate, and as a liaison for citizens to effectively work with city staff. She knows who to call to alert staff to potential issues, to try to resolve them while small, to voice concerns and solutions to issues facing the city, and to recognize excellence among the staff when realized.

In 2006, Sonnie was a founding member of the non-profit Coalition of Greater Scottsdale (COGS), a community outreach organization created to advocate appropriate land use at a time when Scottsdale was rapidly developing. She engaged residents throughout the city, helping them understand City ordinances, processes, and procedures, in an effort create linkages with staff and the most positive outcomes possible. She supported residents in proactive, positive interactions to better Scottsdale for everyone. Sonnie has led the effort to support SNAP (Scottsdale Neighborhood Arts Program), the Scottsdale Historical Society with financial donations from COGS.

She regularly attends Council meetings, Commission meetings, and task force meetings to ensure the Scottsdale citizenry has accurate information. Sonnie Kirtley has, for over 20 years, contributed outstandingly to Scottsdale's municipal government, cultural and civic activities; served as a civic leader through some of the most contentious debates, focusing on what is best for Scottsdale and the greater community. No other resident has given of their personal time, energy and talent to the betterment of our City and our neighborhoods over the past two decades. She is a uniquely qualified and well-deserving candidate for the Spirit of Scottsdale Award!"



Jackie Parks - 1 Nomination Received

3421 N Hayden Rd

“Pastor Jackie Parks has been serving the South Scottsdale community for over five years. She is the pastor at South Scottsdale Presbyterian Church and a Scottsdale resident. Jackie recognized that people were experiencing homelessness in the community and decided to do something about it. With one volunteer, Jackie opened the doors to the church and started a shower ministry in 2018 and served 6-10 people per week. Jackie has made serving the community a life mission and she does it with so much love and sincerity.

Jackie works tirelessly to serve the most vulnerable in the community and in order to expand the Day Relief Center and the services that she provides, she recently established a 501C-3 non-profit organization, Community House. Community House partners with five community partners including the City of Scottsdale and provides showers, toiletries, clothing, hot meals, case management, behavioral health and physical health care and so much more. The church now serves over 70 people per week with 40 volunteers.

Jackie builds relationships with everybody who visits the church and listens to their story. Because of the care and compassion that Jackie and her volunteers provide, people who come to the Day Relief Center say that they feel welcomed and not judged. Many people who received services at the church when they were experiencing homelessness come back to volunteer when they are housed.”



INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE

Matthew Patzlaff - 1 Nomination Received

4525 N Granite Reef Rd

"Matt Patzlaff is the embodiment of an excellent Scottsdale neighbor. He has has been the principal of Navajo elementary for many years and I've never seen anyone so dedicated to his craft. He genuinely loves his job and the kids. The students earn golden tickets to be able to play sports with him. He is constantly talking to them, helping them and taking care of them. He involves numerous outside vendors and small businesses to help raise money. He has written numerous papers to secure grants so kids can have free before school care and affordable after care. His dedication is admirable and should be recognized."



BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NOMINEE

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AC BY J - 1 Nomination Received

7595 East Gray Road

"I am nominating our team at AC BY J. We have been in business for 40 years in the Scottsdale area and we are proud to have provided service in the Scottsdale area and valley wide. We give back to our community in a variety of programs."



ALINE Architecture Concepts - 1 Nomination Received

7340 E Main St



"ALINE Architecture is a local Scottsdale company founded in 2010 by Brian Laubenthal and Brian Krob with an intentional focus on craft, collaboration, and community. For nearly 14 years, the nine-person ALINE team has blended their passion for architecture with their love of community to make a positive impact on neighborhoods in the City of Scottsdale. The company's adaptive reuse projects have helped to transform multiple Scottsdale spaces by revitalizing forgotten buildings and creating new hubs for neighborhoods. In each case, ALINE works closely with the Scottsdale Economic Development, Planning, Zoning, and Building departments to find solutions and push for innovation. A few Scottsdale projects include the Clayton House event venue, which transformed a warehouse into a true gem in the heart of Downtown Scottsdale; Fate Brewing Co, which helped revitalize the McDowell Corridor; Bourbon and Bones, an adaptive reuse of a print shop on Scottsdale Road; and the recently completed The Eleanor, a popular restaurant that has breathed new life into its South Scottsdale neighborhood.

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Soon, the Eleanor will be joined by a sister restaurant next door, thanks to ALINE's leadership in a project that involved moving and rebuilding the former Polynesian-style Dairy Queen building from its original location on McDowell Road, preserving an important piece of Scottsdale's history. ALINE has also designed a new restaurant space in the former Pepin location at Scottsdale Civic Center, slated to open in early 2024. Pro Bono work is a priority for ALINE, and the team is currently working with the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children, supporting their need to create a better environment for children going through cancer treatments and their families. ALINE shares the City of Scottsdale's values of service, innovation, teamwork, diversity, integrity, and continuous learning and looks forward to continuing to reshape the Scottsdale community while supporting its people and neighborhoods."



Camelback Crossfit - 1 Nomination Received

2950 Hayden Rd

"Robert Huffer and Brady Myers own Camelback Crossfit, which has been promoting healthy habits and fostering community bonds in Scottsdale for over 10 years. They regularly hold member events which benefit local charities and first responders. Camelback Crossfit counts Scottsdale Police and Fire departments along with Scottsdale teachers, doctors, nurses and community leaders amongst its over 300 members. Rob and Brady are the epitome of Scottsdale spirit and community."

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Camelot Homes - 1 Nomination Received

6607 N Scottsdale Rd

“Camelot Homes, headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, is a distinguished luxury homebuilder with a legacy spanning nearly 55 years. Camelot has built award-winning new home communities around Scottsdale since that time, establishing itself as a prominent name in the Arizona real estate landscape.

Currently, Camelot Homes is actively selling homes in six Scottsdale communities, in each case bringing a lasting positive impact to the neighborhoods where they build. Camelot Homes has left an indelible mark on the Valley’s landscape, not just through its stunning architectural creations but through the lives touched by each Camelot community.

Camelot Homes has been giving back to local families since the company was founded in 1969. This year, through the City of Scottsdale Adopt-A-Senior and Adopt-A-Family programs, Camelot adopted two senior citizens and a family, providing everything on their seniors’ and families’ wish lists, including necessities like dishes, sheets, blankets, pillows, and jackets. Camelot Homes is blessed to be a part of the fabric of Scottsdale and looks forward to continuing their legacy by strengthening neighborhoods throughout this one-of-a-kind city they are fortunate to call home.”



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Community House - 1 Nomination Received

3421 N Hayden Road

“Community House started in 2018 because of Jackie Parks seeing and caring about unhoused people in Scottsdale. It offered showers to about 10 people and had 3 volunteers. Today over 70 people a week receive showers, food, clothing, relational connection, healthcare and social services and counseling leading to housing and jobs. This organization represents Scottsdale as a city who sees and cares about giving people dignity and hope. Many people communicate and collaborate to make this happen: Circle the City, Community Bridges and many of Scottsdale’s church communities and citizens. Jackie is still the heartbeat of Community House. She is not only in person connecting with the people they serve , but spends countless hours spreading the word to individuals and businesses, finding donors so that Community House can grow and be open more hours, reaching more people in need. Community House represents the City of Scottsdale as a city who sees and cares and is actively working on solutions to the homeless situation.”



McDowell Village Senior Living - 1 Nomination Received

8300 East McDowell Rd

“Eighteen year old premier senior living facility. McDowell Village has the most amazing staff, each of whom is devoted to enhancing the lives of the residents. It is a privilege to live in McDowell Village.”

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Neighbors of Helping Neighbors - 1 Nomination Received

9375 E Shea Blvd

"Members of the Scottsdale's Neighborhood Advisory Commission,

On behalf of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, I am pleased to submit this nomination for the Spirit of Scottsdale Award.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) is a nonprofit organization that has been making a difference in Scottsdale for more than 10 years. NHN is run entirely by volunteers who are passionate about helping their neighbors in need. Every dollar donated to NHN goes directly to the community, supporting programs that benefit children, veterans, and low-income families. NHN works closely with local partners to provide essential services and resources to those who have no other options.

NHN was founded in 2013 by a group of caring citizens who wanted to fill the gaps in the social safety net. Since then, NHN has given over \$500,000 and 10,000 volunteer hours to improve the lives of over 80,000 people. NHN listens to the community and responds to its changing needs with innovative and effective solutions.

Some of the programs that NHN supports are: Honor Flights, Camp Sunrise, Shop with a Cop, Mana House, St. Mary's Foodbank, Operation Fix-it, Camp Kesem, City of Scottsdale Senior Program, Help, Rebuilding America, Ronald McDonald House, Adopt-a-street, and many more.

These personal stories demonstrate NHN's profound impact, and continue to inspire NHN to increase the support it provides within the community.

The Shop with a Cop program is a heartwarming initiative that brings joy to the lives of children from underprivileged or struggling families. These children are given the opportunity to spend a special day shopping for holiday gifts alongside police officers and military personnel. NHN provides financial support to fund the shopping experiences for a significant number of children who participate in the program. NHN volunteers also attend each shopping day, where they can bag the children's purchases at checkout. It is a humbling experience that has a profound impact on NHN's members and has inspired the organization to increase its fundraising efforts to further expand the Shop with a Cop program.

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Over the years, NHN has met thousands of children through the program, with two to three hundred children attending a typical Shop with a Cop event. If you were to ask an NHN member about their most memorable experience at a Shop with a Cop event, it is highly likely that they would tell you about a remarkable boy named Samuel.

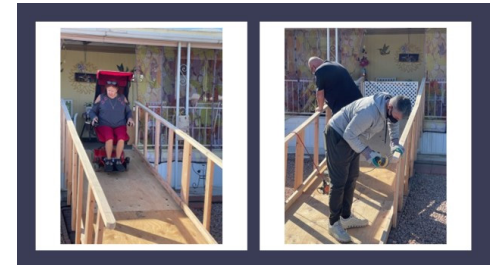
Samual touched the hearts of many people with his generosity and courage. He arrived at the store with a big smile on his face and bright eyes, eagerly greeting the NHN members who were part of the Shop with a Cop program. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to buy gifts for his family, and instead of choosing anything for himself, he carefully selected basic items and presents for his parents and siblings. Samual also shared his passion for learning and his dreams for the future, telling the volunteers that he wanted to take care of his family and achieve his goals.

As he was checking out, a stranger who had witnessed the scene was moved by Samuel's kindness and spirit. The stranger decided to do something special for him and bought him a laptop as a gift, saying that he wanted to support a kid who was doing well in school and deserved a reward. He did not ask for anything in return, he simply wanted to make Samuel happy. Samuel felt incredibly special and happy because he had the opportunity to participate in the Shop with a Cop program. Not only did he get to buy gifts for his family, but he also received a gift that would help him achieve his dreams. The kindness and generosity of the NHN members and the stranger who gave him the laptop made a lasting impact on Samuel, and he left the store feeling grateful and inspired.

NHN and its partner, Rebuilding Together, assist seniors who have difficulty with stairs by constructing ramps for their homes. One of their beneficiaries, Mary, a former nurse who lost her vision and mobility after a series of health challenges, was confined to a wheelchair and isolated in her home for four months. Mary felt incredibly lonely and overwhelmed by the trash that had accumulated in her home. However, NHN came to her rescue by building a ramp for her and helping her clean up her environment. Mary was overjoyed and deeply grateful for NHN's kindness and compassion. Tears of joy streamed down her face as she was able to go outside for the first time using her new ramp. Her story is a powerful example of how NHN makes a difference in the lives of seniors who have fallen through the cracks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

To see NHN in action, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfvyiekjNrE>



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Scottsdale Ambassadors - 1 Nomination Received

7506 E Indian School Rd

“Scottsdale Ambassadors are everywhere in Old Town Scottsdale promoting this wonderful city. When they are called upon, they step up with a smile and positive attitudes. There is no better organization than Scottsdale Ambassadors! Congrats to them!”



Solano Studios Incorporated - 1 Nomination Received

13802 N. Scottsdale Rd

1. Providing electrical engineering design to the Scottsdale community for almost 10 years.
2. Is a bridge between local businesses and homeowners with the City of Scottsdale's changing building code rules, regulations, and construction dynamics. Informs and provides insight and recommendations on an individualized basis.
3. Has provided pro-bono time and design to a variety of projects that require technical owner knowledge. Provides all technical information in a unbiased "makes sense" way and allows the project owner to make their own informed decision."

BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NOMINEE

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Suzanne Rugg Interior Design - 1 Nomination Received

8128 East Via Del Sol Dr

“For over 15 years, Suzanne Rugg Interior Design has been an active Scottsdale community member. Sponsoring and volunteer involvements include Junior League of Phoenix, National Charity League - Scottsdale Chapter, Mother’s Grace Charity, Not My Kid Scottsdale, Fresh Start Women’s Foundation, Arizona Humane Society. We believe in empowering local trades including local fine artists and artisans, carpenters, electricians, furniture makers and installers in all our design projects.”



The Standard Apartments - 1 Nomination Received

6811 East Main Street



“Since 2017, The Standard Apartments, aka The Standard Old Town, has been a housing leader. Not only this, but the apartment community hosts many monthly socials and resource groups that not only ensure its Residents are connected to the community, but they also bring in local business vendors to monthly events and socials, and resource groups to help support them. Our partnerships with local businesses, and restaurants. Our management also participates in many philanthropic charitable events to benefit our local city. Right now, we are gathering donations for homeless veterans! The Standard of Old Town has quickly become a Vibrant part of Main Street and we are working to become even more of a resource. The Standard has the highest ORA rankings and is ranked Best In Class in with National rankings, for top-shelf care. This year, our owners have voluntarily reduced expectations in rents and even reduced some residents rents to help keep people housed showing they are willing to go above and beyond to care for their Residents. We have also adopted our street and try to keep it clean in spite of the construction next door. Our management company was also just awarded Top Places to Work in the Nation! Happy Employees are as important to us and our ownership as the care we provide to our clients. We hope to be considered for Best of Scottsdale Considerations. We truly believe the investment the owners have made into this community and this neighborhood are deserving of the recognition.”

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

2019 PROGRAM WINNERS

INDIVIDUAL AWARD - Marilyn Perkins

"Marilyn is a tireless volunteer and a terrific person with a HUGE heart. She is a mentor among her peers, has been an Ambassador for the City for more years than the program has been with the City, a navigator to visitors at the airport. She is also looked to for input with her complex. Marilyn offers her time and expertise any time she is asked. She gives more volunteer hours than any other Ambassador. When the City took the program over Marilyn stepped in (and continues) to help. When I think of "The Spirit of Scottsdale" I think of Marilyn. She embodies that and more!"



ORGANIZATION AWARD - First Christian Church

"A tight group of 12 individuals from First Christian Church have supported Operation Fix It for the last 10 years. They offer their time and services every month there are 5 Sundays, (Feb. June, Sept., Dec.). They have painted houses, provided landscape clean up and landscape installation. Annually, the group contributes 180 service hours, a cost savings to the City of \$4,578.00. Not only has this group supported OFI for many years, the team leaders of this group, Bob and Judy Stall work with many other non-profits in our community. Her husband Bob is a board member for Healthy Packs, volunteers at Vista Del Camino, Mighty Mud Mania and worked the Empty Bowls fundraiser. Bob also provides magic shows to low income children. They embody what I hope all feel is the Scottsdale Spirit. They have no boundaries. They selflessly care about their community and everyone in it."

2020 PROGRAM WINNERS

INDIVIDUAL AWARD - Dana Close

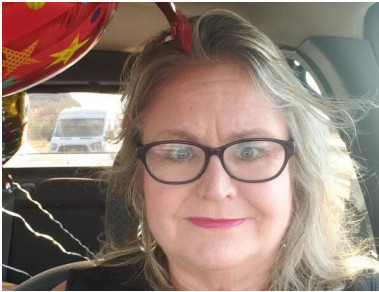
"Dana is a beacon of light and hope for her neighborhood and for south Scottsdale. She started on the HOA board to revitalize their neighborhood, Hacienda del Ray. Dana went on to attend city council meetings and debates where she met Virginia Korte. Dana was a founding board member of the Scottsdale Gateway Alliance which produced the first Scottsdale Home Tour. Her involvement encouraged City Council to make the McDowell Road corridor a #1 priority. Dana then started Close Community Concepts which produced the next 4 years of Scottsdale Home Tours. She wanted to change the way people talk about south Scottsdale with a focus on great things that created momentum and encouraged investment. Dana believes in involving the community and giving back so she tied the proceeds of the tour to Coronado High School JAG program and had the high school students assist with the tour. The following years Dana worked with the Scottsdale Fire Fights Charities where proceeds supported this charity. Dana was a member of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and 1 of 4 chairs of the 2019 Scottsdale Bond Campaign. She is a shining example of the Scottsdale spirit!"



ORGANIZATION AWARD - Parada del Sol Parade Committee

"Years ago, a small group of dedicated volunteers took over the planning and execution of the Parada del Sol Parade and Trails end celebration when the event was at a crossroads. They worked hundreds upon hundreds of hours every year to keep this wonderful tradition alive. They've recently formed a new partnership with the Charros that will hopefully lighten their load, but without them this historic parade may not still be in existence. They did it for the love of their community, the tradition, and the history, and have sought no attention or praise for their hard work. That we have "Scottsdale Spirit" to point to in modern times can be traced in large part to these fine year round volunteers and the beautiful event they produce every February rain or shine."

2021 PROGRAM WINNERS



INDIVIDUAL AWARD - Sherrie Poinsett

"Sherrie is amazing to anyone she meets. She takes in dogs off the street, helps people find lost animals, helps needy people find housing, and so much more. She had set up a giving table at her home to help needy people with food during the pandemic. There is so much more about her that she does but I am unaware of. Those are what I know her for, but she helps countless others in the community in many different ways. She communicates her help via Nextdoor to our community."

ORGANIZATION AWARD - Scottsdale Community Partners

"Scottsdale Community Partners goes a pace and beyond to assist people in need of food, supplies or emergency assistance. They help youth, families and seniors that have come across hardship and help them as much as possible. Their programs are for youth, families and seniors just in Scottsdale."



2022 PROGRAM WINNERS



INDIVIDUAL AWARD - Mildred Herber

"Mildred has been volunteering at Vista del Camino food bank for over 14 years, at one time being the city volunteer with the most hours in a year! She has been a tireless volunteer and mentored many of the new volunteers. Whenever you have a question about the food bank, go to Mildred! She embodies the spirit of this Scottsdale institution. She really is the face of the Vista del Camino food bank to so many over the years. Scottsdale is very fortunate to have a giving citizen like Mildred Heber."

ORGANIZATION AWARD - The Holland Center

"The Holland Center supports a variety of community enrichment services and programs, including the Desert Foothills Theater, the Desert Awareness Committee, the Holland Gallery of Fine Art, and more. From preserving our beautiful desert from encroachment to providing activities for seniors to supporting education for youth and adults alike, the Holland Center is committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community."





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Spirit of Scottsdale Award Nomination

Nominee Information

Category

Individual

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Lauren Click

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Nominee Narrative

Nominees will be considered and recognized based on their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods. Thus, a narrative describing how the nominee embodies the Spirit of Scottsdale by meeting the following award considerations should be provided, below:

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In early 2020, Lauren was fortunate to receive an electric composter as a gift as a way to incorporate sustainability into her indoor gardening efforts while quarantined in her North Scottsdale apartment. It made her realize how she could reduce her direct impact on the environment, even while living in an apartment. This spurred further interest in sustainability actions she could take.

In February of 2021, Lauren and her neighbors at the North Scottsdale apartment complex noticed illegal dumping in the desert behind the building, all from a nearby developer. She organized a trash clean up, as featured in the Scottsdale Progress newspaper.

In 2022, after moving from North Scottsdale to McCormick Ranch, Lauren continued her passion for sustainability and began her non-profit, Let's Go Compost. Let's Go Compost works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste sent to landfill, all while creating a valuable soil amendment that reduces water usage, through free compost tools and education to the public, with an emphasis on school and community gardens.

Since receiving her 501c3 status in February 2023, Lauren has raised \$60,000 for her non-profit,

gathered 40+ volunteers, donated 500 compost bins, kept 1,250 lbs of plastic out of Maricopa County landfills, donated 1,500 seed packets, and plans on creating 100 school gardens in Maricopa County in 2024 with a goal of helping all interested public schools in Scottsdale.

In July 2023, Lauren also secured a \$7,500 grant through Scottsdale's Neighborhood Advisory Commission Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program to install a native, xeriscape pollinator garden at Agua Linda Park in Central Scottsdale. She gathered approximately 30 volunteers on December 16, 2023 to install over 35 desert plants and 5 trees that all promote pollination were installed at Aqua Linda Park. This project was in partnership with the Neighborhood Advisory Commission and was an approved Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal.

Lauren's sustainability initiatives have enhanced Scottsdale's value through long-term environmental and social responsibility and improved quality of life for citizens who participate with her programs. She was nominated, though not selected, by Mayor David Ortega for Scottsdale's Environmental Advisory Commission in November 2023. She plans to reapply for a seat on the Commission in the March 2024 and May 2024 vacancies.

It's important to note that Lauren does not receive any compensation for any of this work. She works full-time, outside of the realm of sustainability, and purely manages all of these projects in her free time. She has been listed as an Emerging Sustainability Leader by Arizona Forward. For these reasons and more, I believe she exemplifies the Spirit of Scottsdale.

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Spirit of Scottsdale Award Nomination

Nominee Information

Category

Individual

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Nominee Narrative

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Enter narrative

I know Ross in his capacity as the director of Scottsdale Ambassadors, where I have volunteered for many years. He has been with us two years and shows so much enthusiasm and support for a program that really represents our city. He is always responsive to anything we need, stocks the carts and the kiosks, greeting people at all times of the day, and constantly looking for ways to improve. This year he was very patient helping members navigate a new signup system. I know that his title is Scottsdale Citizen Advisor and he wears many hats, but we are so grateful for his support in helping us welcome visitors and residents alike, keeping the informed and excited about all Scottsdale has to offer!

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Enter narrative

Ross, who is in charge and runs the Scottsdale Ambassador program needs to be recognized for all his work and support he has given to the Ammbassadors and to the City of Scottsdale.

Nominator Information

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Enter narrative

Sonnie Kirtley has served Scottsdale well over the past 25+ years, as a City Ambassador, as a proactive community advocate, and as a liaison for citizens to effectively work with city staff. She knows who to call to alert staff to potential issues, to try to resolve them while small, to voice concerns and solutions to issues facing the city, and to recognize excellence among the staff when realized.

In 2006, Sonnie was a founding member of the non-profit Coalition of Greater Scottsdale (COGS), a community outreach organization created to advocate appropriate land use at a time when Scottsdale was rapidly developing. She engaged residents throughout the city, helping them understand City ordinances, processes, and procedures, in an effort create linkages with staff and the most positive outcomes possible. She supported residents in proactive, positive interactions to better Scottsdale for everyone. Sonnie has led the effort to support SNAP (Scottsdale Neighborhood Arts Program), the Scottsdale Historical Society with financial donations from COGS.

She regularly attends Council meetings, Commission meetings, and task force meetings to ensure the Scottsdale citizenry has accurate information. Sonnie Kirtley has, for over 20 years, contributed outstandingly to Scottsdale's municipal government, cultural and civic activities; served as a civic leader through some of the most contentious debates, focusing on what is best for Scottsdale and the greater community. No other resident has given of their personal time, energy and talent to the betterment of our City and our neighborhoods over the past two decades. She is a uniquely qualified and well-deserving candidate for the Spirit of Scottsdale Award!

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Spirit of Scottsdale Award Nomination

Nominee Information

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Enter narrative

Pastor Jackie Parks has been serving the South Scottsdale community for over five years. She is the pastor at South Scottsdale Presbyterian Church and a Scottsdale resident. Jackie recognized that people were experiencing homelessness in the community and decided to do something about it. With one volunteer, Jackie opened the doors to the church and started a shower ministry in 2018 and served 6-10 people per week.

Jackie has made serving the community a life mission and she does it with so much love and sincerity. Jackie works tirelessly to serve the most vulnerable in the community and in order to expand the Day Relief Center and the services that she provides, she recently established a 501C-3 non-profit organization, Community House. Community House partners with five community partners including the City of Scottsdale and provides showers, toiletries, clothing, hot meals, case management, behavioral health and physical health care and so much more. The church now serves over 70 people per week with 40 volunteers.

Jackie builds relationships with everybody who visits the church and listens to their story. Because of the care and compassion that Jackie and her volunteers provide, people who come to the Day Relief Center say that they feel welcomed and not judged. Many people who received services at the church when they were experiencing homelessness come back to volunteer when they are housed.

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Nominee Information

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Enter narrative

Matt Patzlaff is the embodiment of an excellent Scottsdale neighbor. He has been the principal of Navajo elementary for many years and I've never seen anyone so dedicated to his craft. He genuinely loves his job and the kids. The students earn golden tickets to be able to play sports with him. He is constantly talking to them, helping them and taking care of them. He involves numerous outside vendors and small businesses to help raise money. He has written numerous papers to secure grants so kids can have free before school care and affordable after care. His dedication is admirable and should be recognized.

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Spirit of Scottsdale Award Nomination

Nominee Information

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Enter narrative

I am nominating our team at AC BY J. We have been in business for 40 years in the Scottsdale area and we are proud to have provided service in the Scottsdale area and valley wide. We give back to our community in a variety of programs.

Nominator Information

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Nominee Information

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Business / Organization

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Enter narrative

ALINE Architecture is a local Scottsdale company founded in 2010 by Brian Laubenthal and Brian Krob with an intentional focus on craft, collaboration, and community. For nearly 14 years, the nine-person ALINE team has blended their passion for architecture with their love of community to make a positive impact on neighborhoods in the City of Scottsdale. The company's adaptive reuse projects have helped to transform multiple Scottsdale spaces by revitalizing forgotten buildings and creating new hubs for neighborhoods. In each case, ALINE works closely with the Scottsdale Economic Development, Planning, Zoning, and Building departments to find solutions and push for innovation. A few Scottsdale projects include the Clayton House event venue, which transformed a warehouse into a true gem in the heart of Downtown Scottsdale; Fate Brewing Co, which helped revitalize the McDowell Corridor; Bourbon and Bones, an adaptive reuse of a print shop on Scottsdale Road; and the recently completed The Eleanor, a popular restaurant that has breathed new life into its South Scottsdale neighborhood. Soon, the Eleanor will be joined by a sister restaurant next door, thanks to ALINE's leadership in a project that involved moving and rebuilding the former Polynesian-style Dairy Queen building from its original location on McDowell Road, preserving an important piece of Scottsdale's history. ALINE has also designed a new restaurant space in the former Pepin location at Scottsdale Civic Center, slated to open in early 2024. Pro Bono work is a priority for ALINE, and the team is currently working with the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children, supporting their need to create a better environment for children going through cancer treatments and their families. ALINE shares the City of Scottsdale's values of service, innovation, teamwork, diversity, integrity, and continuous learning and looks forward to continuing to reshape the Scottsdale community

while supporting its people and neighborhoods.

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Nominee Information

Category

Business / Organization

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Enter narrative

Robert Huffer and Brady Myers own Camelback Crossfit, which has been promoting healthy habits and fostering community bonds in Scottsdale for over 10 years. They regularly hold member events which benefit local charities and first responders. Camelback Crossfit counts Scottsdale Police and Fire departments along with Scottsdale teachers, doctors, nurses and community leaders amongst its over 300 members. Rob and Brady are the epitome of Scottsdale spirit and community.

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Entry Details

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Nominee Narrative

ENTER NARRATIVE	<p>Camelot Homes, headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, is a distinguished luxury homebuilder with a legacy spanning nearly 55 years. Camelot has built award-winning new home communities around Scottsdale since that time, establishing itself as a prominent name in the Arizona real estate landscape.</p> <p>Currently, Camelot Homes is actively selling homes in six Scottsdale communities, in each case bringing a lasting positive impact to the neighborhoods where they build. Camelot Homes has left an indelible mark on the</p>
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Valley's landscape, not just through its stunning architectural creations but through the lives touched by each Camelot community.

Camelot Homes has been giving back to local families since the company was founded in 1969. This year, through the City of Scottsdale Adopt-A-Senior and Adopt-A-Family programs, Camelot adopted two senior citizens and a family, providing everything on their seniors' and families' wish lists, including necessities like dishes, sheets, blankets, pillows, and jackets. Camelot Homes is blessed to be a part of the fabric of Scottsdale and looks forward to continuing their legacy by strengthening neighborhoods throughout this one-of-a-kind city they are fortunate to call home.

Nominator Information

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Photo(s) of Nominee

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Nominee Information

Category

Business / Organization

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Enter narrative

Community House started in 2018 because of Jackie Parks seeing and caring about unhoused people in Scottsdale. It offered showers to about 10 people and had 3 volunteers. Today over 70 people a week receive showers, food, clothing, relational connection, healthcare and social services and counseling leading to housing and jobs. This organization represents Scottsdale as a city who sees and cares about giving people dignity and hope. Many people communicate and collaborate to make this happen: Circle the City, Community Bridges and many of Scottsdale's church communities and citizens.

Jackie is still the heartbeat of Community House. She is not only in person connecting with the people they serve, but spends countless hours spreading the word to individuals and businesses, finding donors so that Community House can grow and be open more hours, reaching more people in need.

Community House represents the City of Scottsdale as a city who sees and cares and is actively working on solutions to the homeless situation.

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Nominee Information

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Business / Organization

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Enter narrative

Eighteen year old premier senior living facility.

McDowell Village has the most amazing staff, each of whom is devoted to enhancing the lives of the residents.

It is a privilege to live in McDowell Village.

Nominator Information

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Nominee Information

Category

Business / Organization

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Enter narrative

Members of the Scottsdale's Neighborhood Advisory Commission,
On behalf of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, I am pleased to submit this nomination for the Spirit of Scottsdale Award.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) is a nonprofit organization that has been making a difference in Scottsdale for more than 10 years. NHN is run entirely by volunteers who are passionate about helping their neighbors in need. Every dollar donated to NHN goes directly to the community, supporting programs that benefit children, veterans, and low-income families. NHN works closely with local partners to provide essential services and resources to those who have no other options.

NHN was founded in 2013 by a group of caring citizens who wanted to fill the gaps in the social safety net. Since then, NHN has given over \$500,000 and 10,000 volunteer hours to improve the lives of over 80,000 people. NHN listens to the community and responds to its changing needs with innovative and effective solutions.

Some of the programs that NHN supports are: Honor Flights, Camp Sunrise, Shop with a Cop, Mana House, St. Mary's Foodbank, Operation Fix-it, Camp Kesem, City of Scottsdale Senior Program, Help, Rebuilding America, Ronald McDonald House, Adopt-a-street, and many more. These personal stories demonstrate NHN's profound impact, and continue to inspire NHN to increase the support it provides within the community.

The Shop with a Cop program is a heartwarming initiative that brings joy to the lives of children from underprivileged or struggling families. These children are given the opportunity to spend a special day shopping for holiday gifts alongside police officers and military personnel. NHN

provides financial support to fund the shopping experiences for a significant number of children who participate in the program. NHN volunteers also attend each shopping day, where they can bag the children's purchases at checkout. It is a humbling experience that has a profound impact on NHN's members and has inspired the organization to increase its fundraising efforts to further expand the Shop with a Cop program.

Over the years, NHN has met thousands of children through the program, with two to three hundred children attending a typical Shop with a Cop event. If you were to ask an NHN member about their most memorable experience at a Shop with a Cop event, it is highly likely that they would tell you about a remarkable boy named Samual.

Samual touched the hearts of many people with his generosity and courage. He arrived at the store with a big smile on his face and bright eyes, eagerly greeting the NHN members who were part of the Shop with a Cop program. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to buy gifts for his family, and instead of choosing anything for himself, he carefully selected basic items and presents for his parents and siblings. Samual also shared his passion for learning and his dreams for the future, telling the volunteers that he wanted to take care of his family and achieve his goals.

As he was checking out, a stranger who had witnessed the scene was moved by Samual's kindness and spirit. The stranger decided to do something special for him and bought him a laptop as a gift, saying that he wanted to support a kid who was doing well in school and deserved a reward. He did not ask for anything in return, he simply wanted to make Samual happy.

Samual felt incredibly special and happy because he had the opportunity to participate in the Shop with a Cop program. Not only did he get to buy gifts for his family, but he also received a gift that would help him achieve his dreams. The kindness and generosity of the NHN members and the stranger who gave him the laptop made a lasting impact on Samual, and he left the store feeling grateful and inspired.

NHN and its partner, Rebuilding Together, assist seniors who have difficulty with stairs by constructing ramps for their homes. One of their beneficiaries, Mary, a former nurse who lost her vision and mobility after a series of health challenges, was confined to a wheelchair and isolated in her home for four months. Mary felt incredibly lonely and overwhelmed by the trash that had accumulated in her home. However, NHN came to her rescue by building a ramp for her and helping her clean up her environment. Mary was overjoyed and deeply grateful for NHN's kindness and compassion. Tears of joy streamed down her face as she was able to go outside for the first time using her new ramp. Her story is a powerful example of how NHN makes a difference in the lives of seniors who have fallen through the cracks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

To see NHN in action, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfvyiekjNrE>

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Nominee Information

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Enter narrative

Scottsdale Ambassadors are everywhere in Old Town Scottsdale promoting this wonderful city. When they are called upon, they step up with a smile and positive attitudes. There is no better organization than Scottsdale Ambassadors ! Congrats to them!

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Nominee Information

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Business / Organization

Business / Organization Name

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Enter narrative

1. Providing electrical engineering design to the Scottsdale community for almost 10 years.
2. Is a bridge between local businesses and homeowners with the City of Scottsdale's changing building code rules, regulations, and construction dynamics. Informs and provides insight and recommendations on an individualized basis.
3. Has provided pro-bono time and design to a variety of projects that require technical owner knowledge. Provides all technical information in a unbiased "makes sense" way and allows the project owner to make their own informed decision.

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Nominee Information

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Business / Organization

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Enter narrative

For over 15 years, Suzanne Rugg Interior Design has been an active Scottsdale community member. Sponsoring and volunteer involvements include Junior League of Phoenix, National Charity League - Scottsdale Chapter, Mother's Grace Charity, Not My Kid Scottsdale, Fresh Start Women's Foundation, Arizona Humane Society. We believe in empowering local trades including local fine artists and artisans, carpenters, electricians, furniture makers and installers in all our design projects.

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Nominee Information

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Business / Organization Name

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Nominee Narrative

Nominees will be considered and recognized based on their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods. Thus, a narrative describing how the nominee embodies the Spirit of Scottsdale by meeting the following award considerations should be provided, below:

1. Active years of service/involvement in strengthening neighborhood identity;
2. Champions community dialogue to produce constructive recommendations/solutions that address the dynamic need(s) of a neighborhood; and,
3. Provides unique contributions of time, effort, skills, and/or financial resources to a neighborhood.

Enter narrative

Since 2017, The Standard Apartments, aka The Standard Old Town, has been a housing leader. Not only this, but the apartment community hosts many monthly socials and resource groups that not only ensure its Residents are connected to the community, but they also bring in local business vendors to monthly events and socials, and resource groups to help support them. Our partnerships with local businesses, and restaurants. Our management also participates in many philanthropic charitable events to benefit our local city. Right now, we are gathering donations for homeless veterans! The Standard of Old Town has quickly become a Vibrant part of Main Street and we are working to become even more of a resource. The Standard has the highest ORA rankings and is ranked Best In Class in with National rankings, for top-shelf care. This year, our owners have voluntarily reduced expectations in rents and even reduced some residents rents to help keep people housed showing they are willing to go above and beyond to care for their Residents. We have also adopted our street and try to keep it clean in spite of the construction next door. Our management company was also just awarded Top Places to Work in the Nation! Happy Employees are as important to us and our ownership as the care we provide to our clients. We hope to be considered for Best of Scottsdale Considerations. We truly believe the investment the owners have made into this community and this neighborhood are deserving of the recognition.

Thank you,
Glenn Schoeneck, CAM, RISE Mentor, Community Manager

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Photo(s) of Nominee

Submitted photos of the nominee in action, contributing their time or effort to the community can help showcase their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods.

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