



Henry Salinas Society



The Henry Salinas Society is a distinguished group of champions who believe in ICAN and who are committed to our mission. The purpose of the Society is to keep Henry's vision alive by creating a stable foundation for the future of ICAN.

Annual membership to the Society begins at \$1,000 and helps ICAN keep the promise we have made to Chandler's youth. Each \$1,000 invested supports 1 child for 1 year in ICAN's programs.

Membership benefits include:

- *Special event invitations*
- *Recognition in ICAN communications*
- *Special invitations to youth activities and program events*
- *Opportunity to serve as a Henry Salinas Society Council member*

ICAN hosts open houses regularly, contact us to schedule yours!



Meet Henry...

It began in 1991 when Henry Salinas saw continuous news coverage about youth being killed due to local Chandler gang violence. He didn't understand what would lead youth to do this and why they weren't spending their out of school time at local community centers. Henry visited Chandler schools and parks to speak with gang members, although initially he was met with resistance. Eventually he got the chance to speak to a leader of a local gang and ask why they weren't attending the local youth centers. The answer he got was that they cost money that their families didn't have. It was there that Henry made a promise to create a place they could go without worrying about the peer pressures from being on the "streets."

Henry started gathering youth at local parks and school gymnasiums, creating what is today, ICAN. The community rallied with Henry over time and a facility was secured a few years later in Downtown Chandler.

Now, over 20 years later, Henry's vision continues and ICAN remains a free youth program while serving over 250 youth daily. The ICAN Lon E. Hoeye Youth Center opened its doors in June 2012 with the ability to provide youth prevention programs to 55% more youth and it's all thanks to Henry Salinas, who cared enough about youth and the community to take action; no challenge was too big or small to make it happen.

To get involved, contact ICAN's Chief Development & Strategy Officer, Shelby Pedersen:

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