



ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth - April News from the Lon E. Hoeye Youth Center



ICAN Mission Moment



Last week at ICAN's monthly Me & My Family Night, some parents received an exciting surprise! The parents who recently graduated from our Easy Steps computer class all received their own laptop to take home! The class was taught by **Intel** volunteers and the refurbished laptops were donated by **AZ StRUT**.

These supplied laptops will often be the first computer in the home, and are enabling parents to utilize this technology and their children to access and complete their online schoolwork.

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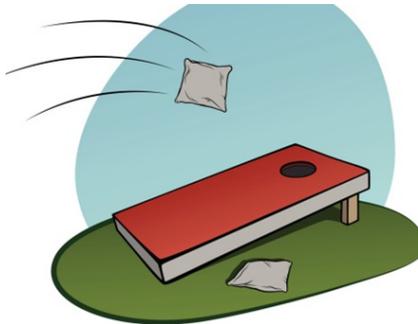
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Fun Times at The Henrys Classic



The Henrys is a group of emerging leaders, inspired by ICAN's founder Henry Salinas. They are hosting a new, fun event - "The Henrys Classic" on Friday, May

18th from 6pm - 9pm at Quarthaus (201 S. Washington St). Teams of two can register for the corn hole tournament (\$30 early bird registration). General admission is \$10 per person and includes games, drinks and fun! Thank you to sponsor San Tan Brewery. [Click here](#) to register your team today!

Summer Volunteers Needed

Looking for a rewarding experience this summer? ICAN is now accepting applications for our summer program which runs Monday, June 4 through Friday, July 20th.

We're looking for volunteers who can commit to volunteering for at least 5 weeks. Please email Deanna at: deanna@icanaz.org for more information. Application deadline is May 23rd.

AZ Gives Day & Bright Futures Breakfast Thanks



THANK YOU so much to everyone who attended ICAN's Building Bright Futures Breakfast on April 3rd and those who

participated in Arizona Gives Day! ICAN ended up receiving over \$45,000 in donations in that ONE DAY all to support ICAN's FREE programs for youth!! Pictured at left is ICAN's Student Council, holding an ICAN logo sign that is built out of Legos! It was presented to ICAN from **Legoland Discovery Center Arizona** at the breakfast.

"Emerging Me" Series



ICAN is offering a new program designed for middle school youth in 6th-8th grade (both those who do and do not have disabilities) who will have the opportunity to learn

about the intersectionality of their diversities, and common life experiences by engaging in individual and group activities that result in the development of a Self-Advocacy Plan, using Person Centered Planning and Practices. This series is open to the entire community, [click here](#) for more information.

Thank You Executive Council Charities

Executive Council Charities has supported ICAN for the past five years with grants for ICAN's Academic Success program.

Recent program evaluations demonstrate impressive gains in youth learning and then applying their skills in the academic setting over the past year alone. Gains between FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 include: Coming to ICAN helped me to:

- Do better in school = 81% to 85%
- Try harder in school = 84% to 89%
- Participate more in class activities = 84% to 89%
- Get along better with my teachers = 81% to 87%



ICAN is a free youth center in the East Valley that offers programming for youth, teens, families and the community. ICAN's nationally-recognized prevention programming teaches disadvantaged youth real-life skills including goal setting, positive decision making and how to avoid the risky behaviors that are prevalent in the community ICAN serves.

For more information about ICAN, call 480.821.4207 or visit www.icanaz.org.

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