

Around Chandler

Public can help ICAN win \$25K State Farm grant

ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth in Chandler is one of 200 organizations nationwide in the running for a State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant, a crowd-sourced philanthropic initiative.

Voting is going on through Aug. 24. The top 40 vote-getters will each receive a \$25,000 grant from State Farm.

"Everyone is encouraged to vote for ICAN, a local grassroots organization that has been supporting at-risk youth in Chandler for over 27 years," a spokeswoman said. "ICAN's free afterschool programs use evidence-based curriculum to teach life skills to disadvantaged youth and put them on a path to a positive future. This grant would help ICAN serve even more youth in need."

ICAN's direct link to vote is neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2012722. Each person can vote 10 times each day. Information: icanaz.org/statefarmgrant.

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.

Boys & Girls Club members eligible for vision help

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and

National Vision are providing funds to eligible local Boys & Girls Clubs in support of free vision screenings, and if needed, access to free complete eye exams and glasses through America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses locations. In addition to the eyecare and eyewear commitment, National Vision contributes more than \$1 million annually to support the club's preventive care and wellness initiatives.

National Vision is offering to bring its screening program to Boys & Girls Clubs within 10 miles of an America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses location. Kids and teens will receive the free eye exam. The youth/teen must attend the screening to receive the paperwork then be able to go to the Vision Store to have a more in-depth vision test and receive up to \$59 for frames.

The Chandler Compadres Boys & Girls Club Branch will host screenings 4:40-6 p.m. Sept. 19 at the club, 1005 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler. On-site contact is Kelly St. Julien, 480-899-8302.

Chandler Chamber offers Toastmasters Club demo

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce is holding a demonstration of how its Toastmasters Club operates. The demo is 7 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Chamber's headquarters, 25 S. Arizona Place., Chandler.

Toastmasters helps individuals become better communicators through leadership training and public speaking.

This opportunity is available to Chamber members and the public.

The demo will show how a typical Toastmasters meeting is run, discuss the benefits and value of being a Toastmasters member and the charter process. People also will be able to apply for membership. Meetings are at 7 a.m. the first, third and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Toastmasters session address how to combat the fear of public speaking and build confidence, sharpening leadership skills, improving the ability to improvise and how to expand one's network.

Information: Bridgett McGowen-Hawkins at bridgettmcgowenhawkins.com or 202-630-1218.

Chamber program to examine branding, marketing

"Clarifying Your Brand's Origin Story for Personal and Professional Growth" is the title of a session that will be presented by the Chandler Chamber 8:30-10:30 a.m. Aug. 22 at Chamber headquarters, 25 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler.

Storytelling marketing is an important piece of the brand identity puzzle and Park Howell's "will re-ignite the storyteller within you through a proven and intentional method to craft and tell compelling stories that sell.

Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. Register at chandlerchamber.com.

Boys & Girls Club spends \$60K on school shopping

Club members of Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley spent nearly \$60,000 on a shopping spree hosted at several Kohl's store locations for 400 kids.

Each child was matched with a volunteer and given \$125 plus a 20 percent discount from Kohl's for their shopping spree. Branches partnered with Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic organizations to provide and recruit volunteers to assist youth ages 6-13 shop for clothes and shoes.

The annual shopping spree helps prepare kids for a successful start to the school year. Youth were selected based on need, Club membership and participation, behavior and performance. Each participant also receives a backpack stuffed with school supplies.

AT&T opens new store in Chandler to meet growth

AT&T opened a new store in Chandler to meet the growing needs of local customers. The 3,000-square-foot store, located at 4145 S. Gilbert Road, will bring options for the latest devices, accessories and services.

"Our goal is to provide an exceptional experience in every interaction. That starts with conveniently located stores," said Terry Stenzel, vice president and general manager, AT&T Southwest.

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