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Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation to Appear in Light the World Giving Machines

Donations for Foster Nonprofit Available in Seven 'Vending' Machines Across State

PHOENIX – [Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation](#), a Phoenix nonprofit that uplifts the foster community, is participating in this year's Light the World Giving Machine initiative sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This holiday season, donation opportunities for AFFCF will be available at seven machines across Arizona

Similar to a traditional vending machine, donors can walk up to a Giving Machine and select an item, activity or service provided by a nonprofit to its client base. All donations are represented by illustrated cards, which clearly describe what a person's donation will cover for someone in need. Those seeking to donate to AFFCF at a Light the World Giving Machine can choose to fund a book, cover fees associated with a foster youth getting a driver's license, contribute toward costs of clothing, pay for a foster youth to participate in activities such as sports and dance lessons, or fund pantry essentials for an older youth aging out of foster care.

"AFFCF is reliant on charitable contributions from the public to strengthen our ability to reach the more than 8,000 youth currently experiencing foster care in Arizona," said Luis De La Cruz, president and CEO of AFFCF. "This holiday giving season, Arizonans can directly fund a moment of joy for a foster youth, and gain the satisfaction of knowing exactly what opportunity their donation will make possible."

AFFCF donation cards will appear in Giving Machines located at:

- 11/14-12/07 – Pecan Lake Entertainment: 25004 S 206th St., Queen Creek, AZ, 85142
- 11/18-12/01 – Show Low: Creek Meadow Trailhead, 700 S. White Mountain Road, Show Low, AZ, 85901
- 11/20-12/11 – Tucson: La Encantada, 2905 E Skyline Dr., Tucson, 85641
- 12/03-12/16 – Prescott: National Bank of Arizona, 162 S Montezuma St., Prescott, AZ, 86303
- 12/10-12/31 – Scottsdale/Phoenix: Desert Ridge Market Place, 21001 N Tatum Blvd., Ste 46 1515, Phoenix, AZ, 85050
- 12/12-01/01 - Gila Valley: Safford Fireman's Park, 717 W. Main Street, Safford, AZ 85546
- 12/17-01/01 – Snowflake: Freeman Historic Pioneer Home, 110 N Main Street, Snowflake, AZ 85937

The Light the World Giving Machines, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, started in 2017 and have raised more than \$50 million in world-wide donations for local and global charities. Generous Arizonans have donated more than \$6.7 million to local and global charities through Giving Machines.

"Our desire is that each person who comes to donate at a Giving Machine understands what each charity does and who they bless in our community, so that they are directed to donate to a charity that resonates with their hearts," said Fran Lowder, Light the World Giving Machine initiative area manager.

AFFCF is a Phoenix-based 501c3 that serves to enrich, educate and empower the lives of Arizona's children and youth in foster care. For more information about AFFCF's various supportive programs, eligibility requirements for enrollment with AFFCF, resources for foster parents, or to make a donation online, please visit affcf.org.

About AFFCF

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) provides foster care support by closing critical funding and service gaps. AFFCF has over 40 years of experience ensuring Arizona's foster care population can participate in the same activities as their non-foster care peers, achieve self-sufficiency through employment, education, and housing programs and pursue post-secondary success. AFFCF is dedicated to changing the story of foster care in Arizona and qualifies for the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit. Visit affcf.org for more information.



About Light the World

The Giving Machine initiative began in 2017 to encourage people to be more purposeful in performing small and simple acts of kindness for others as a way to celebrate and commemorate the birth and life of Jesus Christ during the holiday season. Since that time, individuals have donated approximately 50 million dollars to local and global charities throughout the world. In 2024 alone, approximately 850,00 people visited a Giving Machine and purchased more than 490,000 items including: 2 million meals for individuals and families in need, polio and measles vaccinations for 500,000 children and emergency food boxes for 125,000 refugees.

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