

ENSURING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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STORIES OF HOPE

Read these inspiring stories of ways caring individuals and families have provided hope to their community through a planned gift to the YMCA Foundation of Southern Arizona.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Art Martin is very clear about the future of our community and the nation. He also knows the YMCA has an important role to play. "The future of Tucson and the country is with our youth," Art says. "I'm involved because it's my contribution back to the community. Youth programs in the YMCA are very important and I can do my part as a volunteer leader and contributor."

Over half a century ago Art became involved with the YMCA of Southern Arizona. His first introduction was the Lighthouse YMCA Men's Club volleyball program. Over the years he became more involved with service on Ott Family YMCA board, YMCA Foundation board and Heritage Circle Committee (both of which he still serves on today).

Art's wife, Ginny, also became very involved with volunteering with the Y annual campaign. Because they both consider being part of the YMCA as a very important experience and accomplishment and helping kids is a great reward they became legacy donors.



Art and Ginny joined the Heritage Circle by pledging their support to the YMCA Foundation. "My wife and I established a Charitable Remainder

Trust...the YMCA Foundation is one of the beneficiaries. Since then Ginny and I receive the income from the trust. When we pass on, the trust assets will be distributed to the charities we selected. I'll continue my support for the YMCA Foundation because it ensures Y programs will be here for future generations of Tucson kids." He said

He hopes more and more people will make a legacy gift to the Y by making sure the YMCA Foundation is part of their wills. For more information on leaving your own legacy contact Kerry Dufour at (520) 623-5511 ext 256 or kerryd@tucsonymca.org.

HONORING A PASSION

Jay Kittle's involvement with international studies and trade law led him to establish the YMCA International Program Fund which helps young YMCA members participate in work/study programs involving other programs in other countries.

Jay is a longtime member of the Lohse Family YMCA and serves on the YMCA Foundation of Southern Arizona board. Jay's contribution makes it possible for young people in Tucson to have a chance to see and learn more about people and cultures outside the United States. In the future, the Fund also may support programs to help facilitate the integration of recently arrived immigrants into our community.



"I really believe in the value of the YMCA international programs..." Jay says. "As teens return from these international experiences and mature into leaders, they do so with a better understanding of today's global economy and the importance of other cultures."

To learn how you can give to the International Program Fund or establish a fund at the YMCA Foundation contact Kerry Dufour at (520) 623-5511 ext 256 or kerryd@tucsonymca.org.

HELPING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Roy Morey has been all over the world working with international development programs, but for him, there is no place quite like Tucson, and no organization quite like the YMCA.

After 22 years of international development work, Roy wondered at first if his experience was relevant in his home town. He soon had his answer. "The conclusion I came to was a kid in need, is a kid in need. A kid in Tucson will have some of the same needs as the kids in Hanoi and Beijing."

The YMCA's commitment to never turn a child away based on their inability to pay inspired Roy and his wife, Delores, to set up part of their estate as a gift to the YMCA Foundation. Roy believes, "The YMCA teaches kids about the basic values of respect, honesty, teamwork, and above all, the values of equality and tolerance. The Y equips kids to lead happy and productive lives."



For more information on how you can help support future generations of children and families contact Kerry Dufour at (520) 623-5511 ext 256 or kerryd@tucsonymca.org.