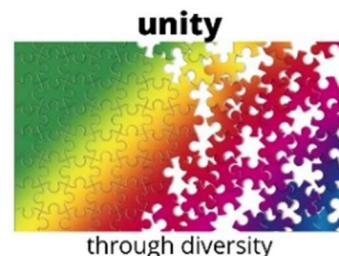




# Arizona Council Bulletin

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Well, we managed to have a convention online, and chapters are figuring out ways to meet. It's been a busy month for us all. Please be sure to read everyone's reports so you can stay 'in the know'.

I want to thank everyone who attended Convention and the September Council meeting on Zoom. If you were unable to attend you can still see it by using this link and password:

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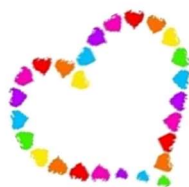
Important info:

1. We will be sending a poll to see how many, if any, members think they'd like to meet in person for a physically distanced and masked November Council meeting.
2. We plan to make all council meetings available via video (probably Zoom) this year.
3. You can ALWAYS call me if you have questions, suggestions or concerns – (831-227-3880). You can email me too.

IC has really stepped up to make resources available, see page 3 of this newsletter; check them out.

As always, stay safe and remember: if you love someone, tell them so today!

Yours in service,  
Shari Stapleton-Smith



# 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Greetings All,

Welcome to October, as most of you know October has been what we have traditionally referred to as Recruitment Month. It is up to all of us to work on not only bringing in new members but also retaining the members that we have. The IC Council's Membership team has chosen the theme "UP Your Game for ESA" this year. Our IC President LeAnn Wray has created a fun contest for everyone. Each chapter that sponsors a new member will receive an invitation to participate in a virtual Family Feud Fun night. New members must be sponsored by October 31st.

All chapter presidents should have received a special "October Recruitment Month Ideas" newsletter from Tracy Swanson at ESA Headquarters. If you haven't received it please check your SPAM folder. If it isn't there let me know and I will email you a copy. Chapter Presidents may want to share it with the rest of their chapter. It has lots of great information about the Pumpkin Party, recruitment resources and much more.

## ESA Coffee Chats

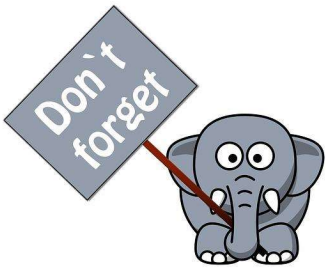
Join our IC President, LeAnn Wray and Tracy Swanson from Headquarters as well as lots of ESA members from around the country for the ESA Coffee Chats series. On the 2d and 4th Mondays of the month, people gather for friendship and to explore ESA happenings and ideas. Morning and evening options are available. Sign up to receive the ZOOM credentials to join in, more info at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESACoffeeChat](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESACoffeeChat)

I cannot wait to hear about all the great things your chapters are doing for recruiting and retention of members.

Take care and Be Well

*Patricia Gale*





**Watch the Ocotillo Express for info on our local Arizona Council Zoom chats!**

### **Links to items shared on 9/28/2020 ESA Coffee Chat**

- **Game Night Ideas, Apps/Game sites** we shared, and LeAnn's Family Feud on Friday 11/13: [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/UpYourGame](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/UpYourGame) (Wheel of Fortune, Bingo etc)
- **Virtual Halloween Party:** [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife)
- **Ideas for taking payments** (in addition to checks): Zelle (available to many directly through their banking app) or PayPal. If you have regular ongoing activities where you'd like to take card payments throughout the year, it may be worth considering getting a paid [Square account](#), some chapters do use these.
- Contact [Georgia State Council President Kim New](#) to attend the **10/24 Virtual costume party**
- [Get connected to Becka Lloyd](#) about **virtual Bingo**
- [Share](#) your game suggestions (web or in person)
  
- **Welcome Home Vets and Wreaths Across America:**  
[www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/HopeforHeroes](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/HopeforHeroes)
- **More Ideas for Safer Events in Unusual Times:** [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife)
- **Tools and tips to talk to guests about ESA:**  
[www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/membershiphost](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/membershiphost)
- **Sign up a new member via the ESA website:** [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/join](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/join)

### **CONTACT THE IC TEAM:**

[LeAnn Wray](#), IC President: Ideas for future coffee chats and your suggestions for "You Might Like This"

[Tracy Swanson](#), ESA HQ Membership Director: Ideas and support for getting your members and chapters going again even in challenging times, recruitment and retention support and materials

[Julene Donnay](#), IC Hope for Heroes chair

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Hi Everyone! Happy Fall if you call upper 90's Fall?

I hope everyone is doing okay in these crazy times we are all going through.

First, I want to give a great big shout out to all of you who participated in our Virtual Trivia Night. It was a great success. We were able to raise over \$1,300 for our St. Jude Walk/Run teams in Arizona and Nevada. The winning team – The Know it Alls won, and we are donating the winnings back so all dollars raised will go to the walk.

I know many of our normal events have a new twist to them if they were even happening. Anyway, I want to be sure everyone is tracking your philanthropic hours, miles actual \$'s and \$ on good donated whatever whenever we do regardless of in person or virtual. And please be sure you are reporting all the information to your chapter Philanthropic Chairman.

Since, so many things have been cancelled, please think outside the box and see if there is something else you and your chapter can do. Is there a local charity that could use some help? Can you maybe knit or sew or help the homeless with donating clothing to a shelter in your community? Anything in these crazy times can help make a difference for someone else. If you are doing something and want to share, please drop me an email and let us share the good works!

I have updated the reporting form used by the chapters and a copy is attached and will also be on the website, so everyone has a copy. The first report due date in November 19, 2020. Still unsure if we will be meeting "live" or on zoom so be prepared to email it or snail mail it in case we cannot meet in person. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

I want everyone to take care...be safe... and wear your mask when out in public and please try to social distance for you, your family and for other's safety. We will get through all of this!!

Hugs from Nevada     Deana Walters

# ARIZONA COUNCIL CHAPTER PHILANTHROPIC REPORT

Chapter Name, Number, City

Philanthropic Chair

Number of chapter members

Reporting Period

**ALL LINES THAT ARE SHADED HAVE FORMULAS -  
IF YOU FILL IN ELECTRONICALLY, NO NEED TO DO  
MATH!**

		A Hours	B Money Donated	C Value of Donated Goods	D Miles (Actual Miles not \$)
	<b>International Projects</b>				
1	ESA Foundation				
2	Disaster Fund				
3					
4					
5					
	<b>International AND State Projects</b>				
7	ESA for St. Jude				
8	Easterseals				
9	Hope for Hero's				
10					
	<b>State Projects</b>				
11	Postage Stamps				
12	Pop Tabs				
13	Lap Robes/Hats for Hope				
14	Plastic Caps				
15	New Greeting Cards/Toiletries				
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**Submitted by:**

**Date:**

**Deadlines:** Postmarked by 11/18/20

Postmarked by 1/21/21

Postmarked by 4/20/21

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CHAPTER PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS				
	A Hours	B Money Donated	C Value of Donated Goods	D Miles (Actual Miles not \$)

**TOTAL CHAPTER**

Revised August 2020



# Chaplain

Greetings All,

Louanne and I hope that this finds you all healthy and enjoying the coming of Fall. This is a reminder to please send any good news, such as birthdays, new grandchildren or great-grandchildren or other good news that you may have experienced. Also let us know the sad news of illness, death, or just ask us to send a thinking of you card. Sometimes when you don't feel great or you are down, and you receive cards from your sisters and brothers, it can lift your spirits. If we do hear about illness or death, and if it doesn't come directly from the person or the chapter, we will check with the family to see if they would like it to be sent out on the Ocotillo Express. Send any information pertaining to illness, death, need for cheering up to Louanne Stephens [js4louanne@aol.com](mailto:js4louanne@aol.com) and/or Patti Gale [nacomgale@gmail.com](mailto:nacomgale@gmail.com)

Something to Keep in Mind:

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp, and he spotted that the elephants were not being kept in cages or held by the use of chains. All that was holding them back from escaping the camp, was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs. As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants did not just use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could easily have done so, but instead, they did not try to at all. Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape. The trainer replied, "when they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free." The only reason that the elephants were not breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just was not possible.

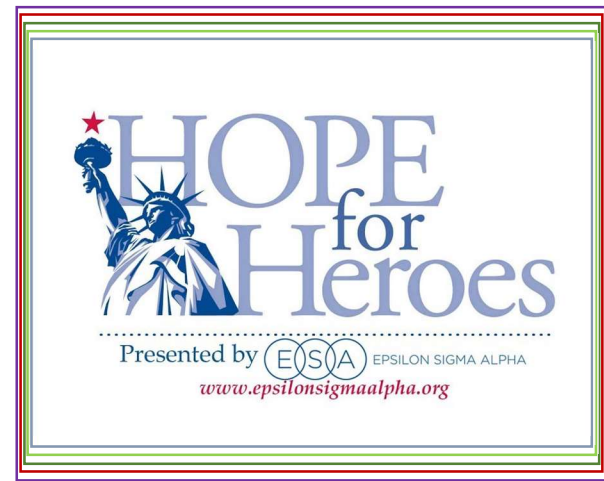
Moral of the story: No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with the belief that what you want to achieve is possible. Believing you can become successful is the most important step in actually achieving it.

*Louanne and Patti*



**Greetings one and all!**  
**PROJECT GIFT CARD**

The HOPE for Heroes chairs would like to challenge ESA chapters to match our donations by donating three gift cards to support our holiday partnership with the VA and the American Legion. This project supports military families during Christmas. We will also gladly accept gift cards from individuals.



We especially appreciate your dedication and commitment to our nation's heroes.

Please mail your gift cards to:  
Paula Fisher  
13201 S. Wakial Loop # 1085  
Phoenix, Arizona 85044



**Flag Kit Project for HOPE for Heroes**



There are still 6 remaining flag kits available to chapters to participate in our upcoming project to acknowledge and appreciate our Nation's Heroes. This SPECIAL PROJECT is from the heart of ESA to the hearts of servicemen and women who pave our way to freedom. Each kit contains 25 thank you notes that your

chapter members can personalize to Arizona Veterans; 25 six-inch United States Flags, and ribbon to attach flags to the notecards. Return the box with the contents to one of the HOPE for Heroes chairs for distribution to Veteran organizations.

Contact:

Paula Fisher – pdfmba12@gmail.com  
Janice Sharposki – bronco155@gmail.com

Kendra Sabol – kasabol@cox.net

We would like to challenge every chapter in the Arizona Council to devote a project to our Veterans, especially during November to celebrate HOPE for Heroes.





### **SURPRIZING FACT!!!**

At first, the idea of a Medal of Honor was dismissed as too “European”. During the American Revolution, George Washington established the first combat decoration in U.S. history – Badge of Military Merit. It fell into disuse during the Civil War in 1861. Medal of Honor supporters in Congress introduced bills providing for this decoration.

Bruce P. Crandall, United States Army, Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airborne) was born in Olympia, Washington in 1933. He was cited for action on November 14, 1965 in the Ia Drang Valley, Republic

of Vietnam. Disregarding intense enemy fire that had halted his original mission on the fifth troop lift, Major Crandall marshaled assets, adjusted his base of operations to a more forward location, and flew continuing missions to deliver ammunition and to evacuate wounded soldiers from the landing zone thereby instilling others to follow his lead and enhancing morale and the will to fight at a critical time. Lasting through the day and into the evening, he completed a total of 22 flights, most under intense enemy fire, retiring from the battlefield only after all possible service had been rendered to the infantry battalion.

Chiquito had the rank and organization of Indian Scout. He was born in Arizona. His citation in 1875 was for gallant conduct during campaigns and engagement with Apaches during the winter of 1871-1873.

Kern Dunagan was born in 1934 and died in 1991. He was a Major, US Army, Company A, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, American Division. He was born in Superior, Arizona. He was cited for action on May 13 and May 14 1969 in the Republic of Vietnam. On several occasions during the two-day period, then-Captain Dunagan, although facing heavy enemy fire, continued to locate enemy positions and direct fire on them. He was seriously wounded twice but refused evacuation until all of his wounded, some of whom he'd rescued himself, were treated and evacuated.

Elsatsoosh had the rank and organization of a Corporal, Indian Scouts. He was born in Arizona. The citation was for gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches in the winter of 1872-1873. The date of issue was April 12, 1875.

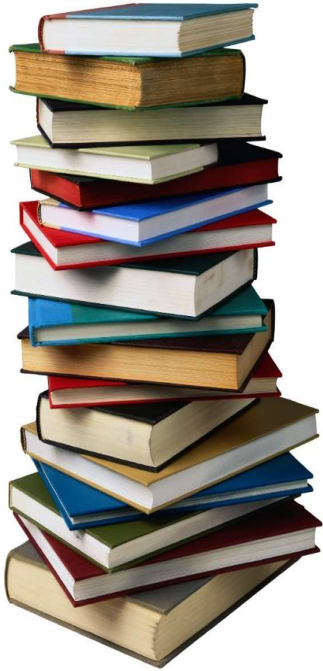
Frederick Ferguson was a Chief Warrant Officer, U. S. Army, Company C, 22th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He was born August 18, 1939 in Pilot Point, Texas. He entered service in Phoenix, Arizona and was cited for action on January 31, 1968 in Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Disregarding all warnings about heavy antiaircraft fire, CWO Ferguson flew his resupply helicopter at low level, maximum airspeed, toward the compound where a crew of survivors from a downed helicopter had taken refuge. Landing his aircraft under heavy fire and in blinding dust, his five wounded comrades were loaded aboard and, although the helicopter sustained heavy damage, CWO Ferguson managed to fly his crippled aircraft through the rain of fire again and to safety.

Joseph Foss was born in 1915 and died in 2003. He was a Captain, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Marine Fighting Squadron 121, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. He was born in Sioux Fall, South Dakota. He was a resident of Paradise Valley, Arizona. He was cited for action October 9 to November 19, 1942 and January 23, 1943 at Guadalcanal. Engaging in almost daily-contact with the enemy during the October 9 to November 19 period, Captain Foss personally shot down 23 Japanese planes and damaged others probably beyond survival. On January 15, 1943 he downed three more enemy planes. Later that month he led an attack on Japanese fighters and bombers that resulted in four Japanese fighters being shot down and the bombers were turned back without dropping a single bomb.

Raymond Harvey was born in 1920 and died in 1996. He was a Captain, U. S. Army, Company C, 17th Infantry Regiment. He was born in Ford City, PA. He lived in Arizona from 1978 until his death. He was cited for action on March 9, 1951 in the Republic of Korea. When his unit was pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire, Captain Harvey braved the hail of gunfire and grenades and advanced to the first machinegun nest, destroying it. He advanced to the next placement, killings it's crew with carbine fire. He then neutralized a third position, followed by annihilation of even a fourth enemy pillbox. Though wounded, Captain Harvey continued to order his company forward, refusing evacuation until being assured that the mission would be accomplished.

## HOPE FOR HEROES OPERATION PAPERBACK

We need your hard back and soft back books and a little cash so the HOPE for Heroes Chairs can mail Books to military locations overseas and to veteran's organizations in the states.



**If you write a check make the check payable to the Arizona Council ESA and designate it Hope for Heroes.**

Mail your check to Kendra Sabol (28806 N. 49th Way, Cave Creek, AZ 85331) to be recorded for reporting purposes and Kendra will send the check to the Treasurer of the Arizona Council to be designated for Hope for Heroes. If you are donating books, you can leave your monetary donation with the books also.

I shipped my own books to a military base in Fort Benning, Georgia for the soldiers and their families and received this note of thanks: "So many thanks for your most wonderful books".

Thank you so much  
Hope for Heroes Chairs  
Paula Fisher, Janice Shaproski and Kendra Sabol  
Members of Beta Gamma





Happy Fall

It was so great to see many of you during our Convention/Council Meeting. Congratulations to the Executive Board for making this possible.

Save this date: October 17, 2020 for the Foundation event Murder in Margaritaland, a virtual fun night solving a mystery from your own home. General admission is \$ 25.00 and will be by Zoom.

See the flyer in this bulletin for more information. Reservations must be made online: <https://esa-foundation-event.square.site/> Hope to see you then.

Just a reminder that the Scholarship application process is now available on the ESA website: [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships). There are scholarships and grants available to students in trade schools, undergraduate or graduate schools. Let's work together to get the Foundation information to our students. We want to help as many as possible.

Wishing you a Happy Halloween and safe fall season. Let's hope it gets cooler soon.

Jacqui Smith  
ESA Foundation Counselor





Join the ESA Foundation in a night of margaritas, mystery, fun and a lot of laughs to support the ESA Foundation. Since you could not attend Fund Fest in July, we are bringing the FUN to you.

Are you ready to be part of - a concoction of chaos, crime and cocktails from the comfort of Margaritaland located at your hometown . . . at your home address . . . and with NO masks??

## October 17, 2020

7:30 pm Eastern Time

6:30 pm Central Time

5:30 pm Mountain Time

4:30 pm Pacific Time

The murder mystery will be provided through ZOOM and everyone will have access to the evening's **characters** . . . aka cast members.

**Attendees** will be the cast at this virtual, interactive event.

Awards will be given to the solvers of the mystery, BEST costume, BEST food display and BEST decorations!

**Reservations must be made online:** <https://esa-foundation-event.square.site/>

**General Admission entry and Sponsorships are tax deductible – and entitles you to a night to remember! General Admission is \$25.00**

An opportunity for a Sponsorship will include admission to the event. Select the level of sponsorship, add the name of the attendee and email and select **ATTEND**.

For additional participants, select **General Admission**, add the name of the attendee and email and select **ATTEND**. Repeat this process for each additional participant.

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Acknowledgements of sponsors will throughout the event. Shoutouts on the ESAF Facebook will also be given to our BLUE Hawaiian and CADILLAC Margarita sponsors.



**Guacamole and Chips Sponsor**

\$50 –donation and 1 admission



**Tequila Sunrise Sponsor**

\$100 –donation and 1 admission



**Hawaiian Margarita Sponsor**

\$200 –donation and 1 admission



**Blue Hawaiian Sponsor**

\$300 –donation and 1 admission



**Cadillac Margarita Sponsor**

\$500 –donation and 1 admission

Gather friends, family and all who enjoy FUN and laughs to join the ESA Foundation for an evening in Margaritaland!!



## **NEWS FROM SOUTHWEST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - EASTERSEALS - PHOENIX**

HELLO from Phoenix SWHD!

Even though we are not actively participating in events in the Phoenix area, there are many ways volunteers can help support the programs for Arizona children and their families.

**DONOR CARD CAMPAIGN** - You can help by sending personalized thank you notes to donors. This can be done from your home. Contact: [www.swhd.org/cards2](http://www.swhd.org/cards2) .

**READING BUDDIES** - This project helps children practice reading in a nonjudgmental environment. The kits include an animal to stuff, create a birth certificate, decorate the travel case and write a letter from the animal to the child. This sounds like a fun project for volunteers. You provide a donation, names and addresses of volunteers, and you will receive a Buddy Pack with COVID-19 handling instructions and self-addressed, stamped return envelope. (If local, Buddy Kits can be picked up from the Phoenix office). A brand new book will be included thanks to your donations. For more details check the website at [www.swhd.org/readingbuddies](http://www.swhd.org/readingbuddies), or email Annette at [asutfin@swhd.org](mailto:asutfin@swhd.org) .

**BACK TO SCHOOL VIRTUAL DRIVE** - The need is still here to supply the children with the tools they need to face this new, challenging environment. Donate supplies online at [www.swhd.org/backtoschool](http://www.swhd.org/backtoschool) to help provide the items needed for the school year.

**GINGERBREAD KIDS HOLIDAY DRIVE** - Last year this drive supplied over 1,000 children with holiday gifts. If you know any corporate or community groups looking to delight the children this season, contact Annette at [asutfin@awhd.org](mailto:asutfin@awhd.org) to find out more about this activity.



The annual golf outing event is still being planned on November 11 at the Talking Stick Golf Club in Scottsdale. Volunteers will be needed so let's get together and help out.

Well, enough about volunteering in the Phoenix area. If you were unable to join the Arizona ESA Council Convention on Saturday, September 19, you missed a well-organized convention and September council meeting on Zoom.

Seeing the faces of our sisters and brothers was great. Sure, missing was the enjoyment of hugging and chatting with our ESA friends but we got see the installation of the new council officers, Shari, Patti, Deana, Roxanne, Karin and Jan performed by Sherry Day (congratulations sisters!) and the virtual visit from Brenda Meyers the rep from International Council.

Congratulations to chapters that achieved awards for the many council activities. The chapters that participated in some way to help EasterSeals were Alpha Kappa, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Chi, Beta Gamma, Beta Zeta, Beta Kappa, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Iota, Gamma Tau and Eta Gamma. The chapter certificates were mailed out before the convention.

Many thanks for your participation this past council year because the hours you donated helped [Arizona Council receive 3rd place for philanthropic hours at IC convention!](#)

That's all folks! Hoping to see you sometime soon at a "real" council meeting this coming year!

Ann Jaccaud

EasterSeals Phoenix



# St. Jude

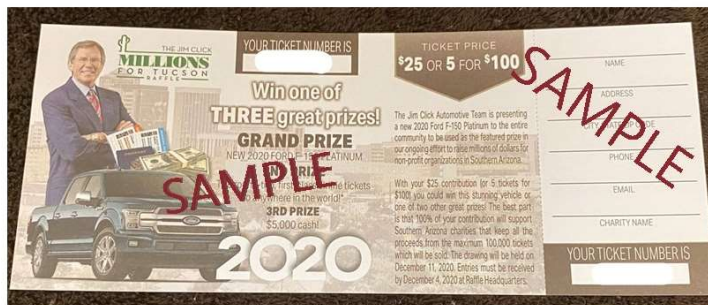


Dear ESA Brothers and Sisters:

We hope everybody has been safe and well this year.

Well our State Council made history in Arizona when Sherry Day gave a beautiful Zoom Installation for the first time ever. We had a wonderful State Convention and Council Meeting. I wish you all could have seen it. On Friday night Deana and the Executive Board had a trivia night fund raiser for St. Jude. We had six teams and so much fun. Congratulations to the Know it All's from Nevada who took first place.

I hope everyone is participating in our St Jude Virtual Walk on September 26, 2020. If you have not signed up yet or donated it's still not too late. Please call or email Wendy, Jeff or Deana for any questions. Please take plenty of pictures with your family and friends and forward them to me at [wendylwilliams7@gmail.com](mailto:wendylwilliams7@gmail.com).



Tickets for Jim Click are 1 for \$25.00 or 5 for \$100! Buy them while you can as they are going fast! Jeff, Deana & Wendy are selling tickets.

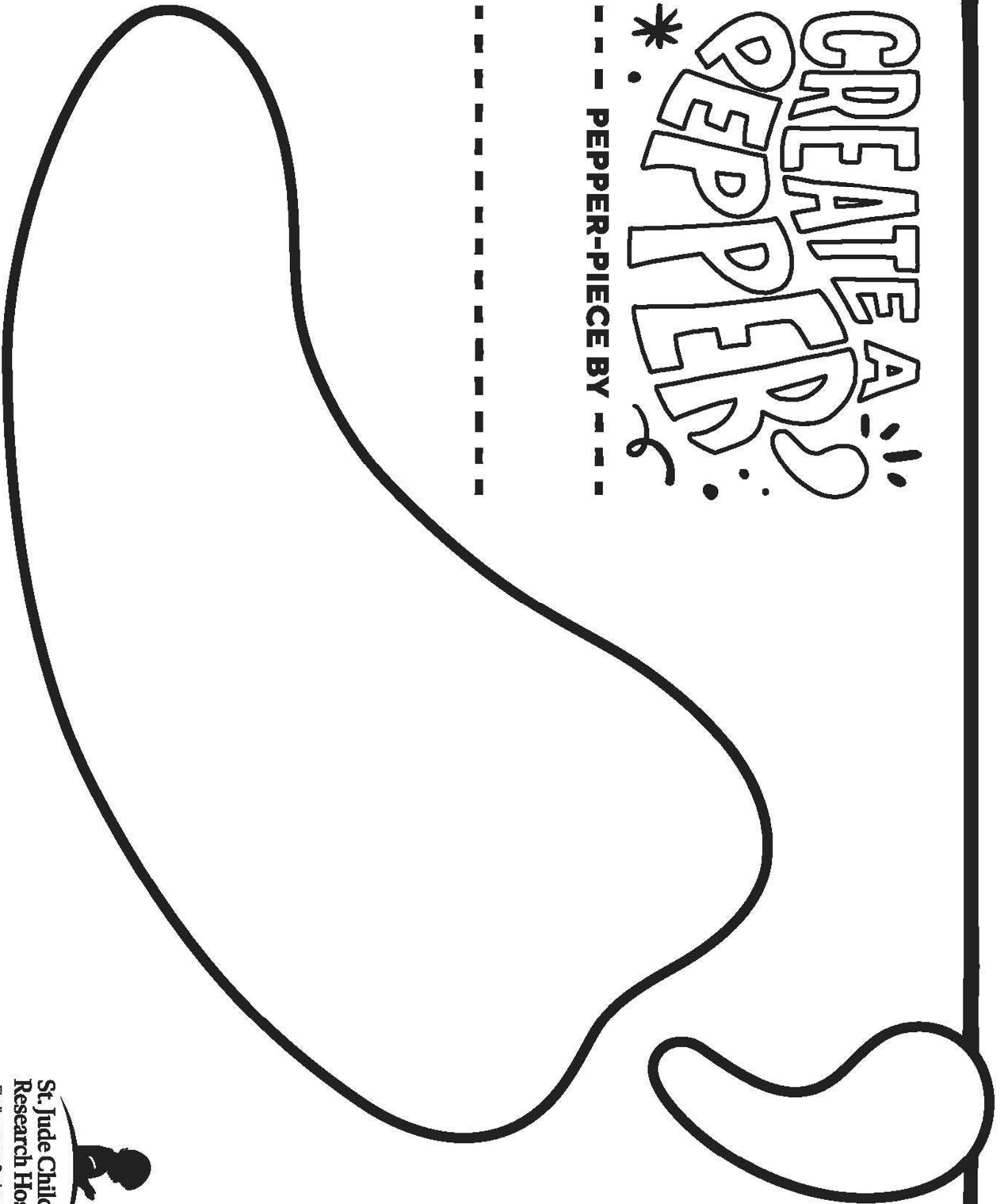
Chili's restaurant is partnering with St Jude from October 1 - November 6th. It is called "Create a Pepper for St Jude. You donate \$1.00 or more and they will give you a Pepper to color and then they put them on the walls to support St Jude.



# CREATE A PEPPER

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St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital  
Finding cures. Saving children.

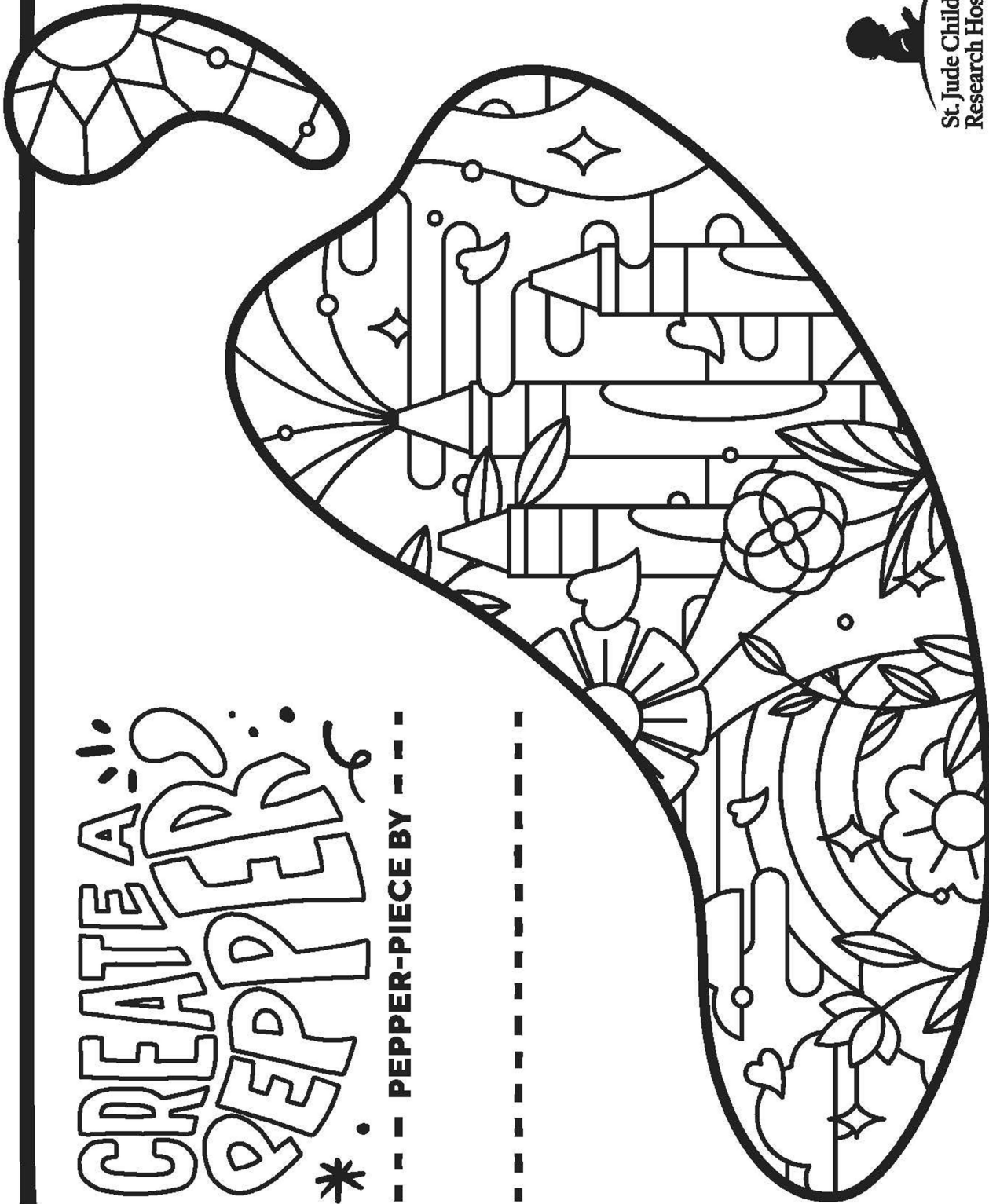
**SNAP AND SHARE YOUR CREATION WITH #CREATEAPEPPER ON SOCIAL.**  
Sharing is caring, so follow us online and show off your pepper's personality for a chance to be featured!



# CREATE A PEPPER

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This year we will need to be creative and come up with a lot of great fundraisers for St. Jude. I have a list of ideas to support St Jude without leaving your home.

Spring cleaning and not sure what to do with your treasures? Post your treasures on Craig's list. Donate the money to St Jude.

Support the kids of St Jude while sprucing up your home. Thanks to our partners K-mart and Sears for supporting St Jude.

Create your own fundraiser and raise funds for the lifesaving mission of St Jude.

PayPal will donate every time you order something from them. Set them up as your fundraiser.

Thank you all for your loving support for the kids and our communities all year long. Our ESA family is absolutely AMAZING.

Love in ESA, Wendy, Jeff and Deana



### **Screenshots of St. Jude Walk/Run in Arizona & Nevada**

AZ Council participated in the virtual walk  
Past President Karen Madrid  
President Shari Stapleton-Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Patricia Gale

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Deana Walters walked with her friends and family in Henderson, NV



Deana Walters is supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with Charlotte Carloni and 5 others at Cornerstone Park.

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Great day for St. Jude! It was a beautiful morning for a walk. Thank you everyone for supporting me and St Jude families.







ESA had an extremely positive impact on the Southwestern area of the state when it participated in “A Hero’s Welcome” on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Benson, AZ.

212 panels were displayed, which is 80% of the Vietnam memorial wall in Washington DC. Along with the wall, there were panels showing tribute to 9/11 and the Cole ship bombing.



Panels displaying a special memorial for the Afghanistan/Iraq war were displayed for the very first time and will not be displayed again until 2021.



The panels are assembled on a metal track with 3 bolts in each panel. I was able to put in all the lower bolts for the west side. (Not tall enough for the upper ones and the tall person couldn't bend down to get the ground ones) That TRULY showed how it was ALL a team effort. It also allowed ALL the volunteers to reach beyond their daily world to share hope, encouragement and faith. When the empty helmet was placed on an empty pair of combat boots, there were many wet eyes in the crowd, including us stoic veterans. It reinforced the love we have of this country and the price that is paid for its' freedom.



That love was shown over and over in the photo booth that ESA had. The pictures of people in front of America's greatest icons were beautiful. Many parents used it as a teaching moment for their children to quiz them on what they were, INCLUDING the preamble of the Constitution. Many vets expressed that the backdrop photos WERE the reason we all fought. All the military people were given a hat pin. Although the quality of the pins was not the best, the message was there and appreciated. Several pins were placed immediately onto COWBOY hats. I witnessed a few full eyes while taking pictures and many people lingered to watch others and talk about our country.

Beta Kappa was responsible for getting as many pictures of our great country onto personal phones as possible. Many of those went directly to Facebook.

Gamma Tau was responsible for selling St. Jude Jim Click tickets and military pens. Many sleepless nights were devoted to making the pens, as insomniacs will attest to that the best work is done during those nights. Although the amount of sales was not what I had hoped for,





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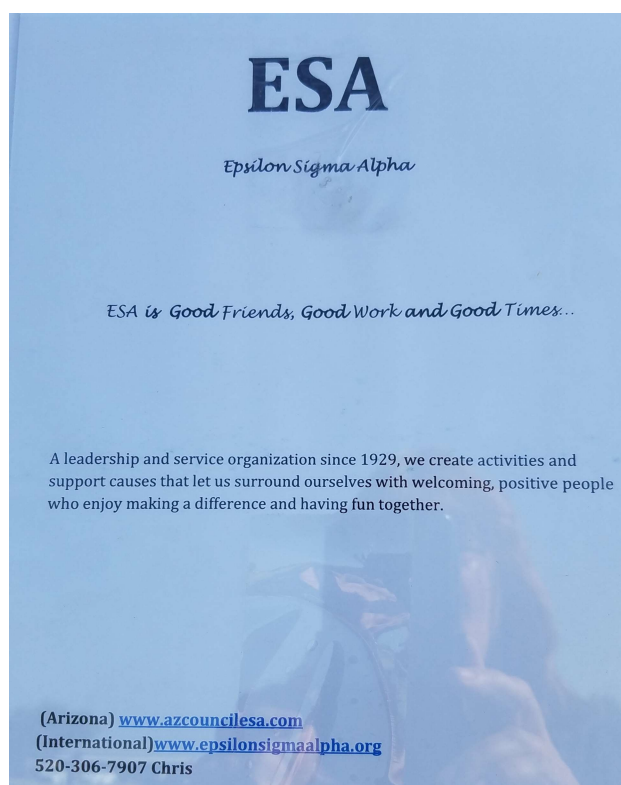
Jeff & Chris



we did raise a small amount that will go to one or two veterans groups in Cochise County. I'm a firm believer of giving back to the community that supports us.

Both chapters did an awesome job and came away with a renewed reason for being a member. We furthered the goals of ESA. Multiple people asked about our group and said they would investigate the web sites. We were immediately asked to bring the photo booth back at Christmas and we are already going to be a part of the DAV Sierra Vista holiday veteran baskets.

Please enjoy the pictures and thank you for this chance to contribute to our



Date	Event & Location
<b>November Council Meeting</b> – November 15, 2020	Hosted by Beta Kappa TBA
<b>January Council Meeting</b> – January 17, 2021	TBA
<b>April Council Meeting</b> – April 18, 2021	Hosted by Beta Gamma TBA
<b>Arizona State Council 78th Convention</b> June 4-6, 2021	TBA

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