

Arizona Council Bulletin

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Happy Fall to All!

The weather will feel like fall by the time you read the November Bulletin. I do hope all of you and your family are doing well.

Hope you enjoyed your trick or treaters. We do not get any, so we spend time with grandsons before they outgrow the Trick or Treating.

Eta Gamma members are really looking forward to greeting many of you when you join us for the November Council Meeting here in Henderson, NV. I am proud to say that you will meet our newest members as this will be their first State Council Meeting. If I can help you in any way, please reach out to me. Due to the distance, I believe most philanthropic goods will be saved until we meet in January. This leaves room for a place for someone else and their suitcase to join us in your car... Hope many of you are planning to join us for a fun evening as we "Roll the Dice" in Bunco for our military personnel on Saturday night at the Eagles before the council meeting on Sunday. I am attaching the flyer with all the information just in case. I am sure the Hope for Heroes chairs will love to have you join us. It cost more for postage today and our military deserve to have a little taste of home so the net proceeds from the Bunco will go to the Hope for Heroes Chairs to purchase any items they may want or need and help pay postage so these packages and the books requested can be sent overseas or wherever they are needed.

Hope all enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Don't eat too much turkey or deserts!

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**ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL
2023-2024**



Yesterday Today Tomorrow

E S A

I will leave you with this. We learn from “yesterday”, applying it “today”, and continue to make “tomorrow” better.

Hugs to all

See you soon!

Hugs to all

Deana



1st Vice President

I want to share the following from the October ESA News, just in case you missed it. Look who made the news!

The Power of Us

Have you submitted your recent chapter activity to The Power of Us? We want to hear about those great Education, Service, and Association events. We will be using your events to help publicize, recognize, and share ESA far and wide. Click the Learn More button to read about the program and submit your events.

As you host events, volunteer, and fundraise for great causes this year, submit your stories and photos to ESA Headquarters on epsilonsigmaalpha.org/PowerOfUs for a chance to be recognized and enjoy some friendly ESA competition. The Power of Us campaign is a way to show the world the power of ESA by amplifying our collective impact.



THE POWER OF US
EDUCATION SERVICE ASSOCIATION
EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



Eta Pi Chapter of Vail, AZ recently completed their **Power of Service** pillar with this fun event!

"We had a Bunco event at a member's home. It was a combination recruitment event and fundraiser for Easterseals. We had a raffle basket and charged to play Bunco. We raised \$319 for Easterseals, got a few attendees more interested in ESA and had a lot of fun!"

Is your chapter planning a Power of Service, Education, or Association activity? Please submit it to Headquarters - but I'd love to hear about it, too!

Looking forward to hearing updates at the November Council Meeting.

Thanksgiving Blessings!

Terrie Rust



2nd Vice President

Dear Sisters and Brothers of ESA

We hope everybody had a wonderful Halloween. We look forward to seeing everyone at the November Council Meeting.

For those of you who were not there at the last meeting Liz Montgomery was the life of the party! Kudos to Liz!

Please don't forget to turn in your Philanthropic Reports at the Council Meeting or please email me at wendylwilliams7@gmail.com .

We appreciate all you do and we could never say that enough. Without your volunteering whether it's time or money

We wouldn't be where we are today. Your hearts are pure gold and heaven sent.

Please think of your ESA family who may need a loved one to celebrate the holidays with.



We wish you wonderful safe, healthy Holidays.

Love in ESA,

Your Philanthropic Chairman's
Roxanne Vitt & Wendy Williams –
Co-2nd Vice President



ARIZONA COUNCIL COLLECTIBLES

ITEM	PHILANTHROPIC REPORTING
Greeting Cards (whole)	1 minute per card
Pop Tabs	1 cup = 185 tabs @ 1 min. each 1 oz = 108 Tabs @ 1 min. each
Toiletries	1 minute per item
Hats (knit or crochet)	Time spent making hats is counted. If you purchase yarn, could the cost as a cash donation. If you use donated yarn, only count your time making the hats If you purchase a hat, count the amount spent as a cash donation.
Lap robes	Same guidelines as hats
Postage stamps (trim to ¼" around the stamp)	1 minute per stamp
Plastic bottle caps, medicine bottles	1 minute per item Remove labels

AZ State Past President/Parliamentarian/Disaster Fund Chair

Greetings All,

I hope that you are doing well. I am enjoying our cooler mornings here lately. I just want to let you know that proposed By-law and Standing Rule changes are due to me by no later than January 22, 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any assistance with this.

As your chapter is raising money, please keep the ESA Disaster Fund in mind. If you need any information on the process for filing for Disaster Fund monies, please let me know.

Take care and wish you all the best!

Patricia



Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



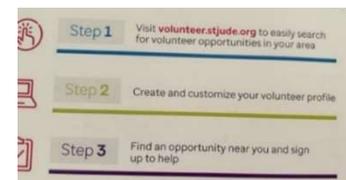
FIRST – Fall is finally here and the FUNdraising for the Kids of St. Jude is off to a fabulous start! Thank you to each of our members for your work in reaching our goal of \$1m from the Arizona Council of ESA this year. **WE can do it!**

Also, a big THANK YOU to our energetic St. Jude Junior-Karen Madrid. She has already started the FUNdraising this fall and is ready to continue the mission.

If you haven't done so, please create a profile in the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS).

Visit: [St Jude Volunteer Management System](#)

The three step process shown here will help get you started.
Your hours and miles can easily be tracked using VMS!



ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

ST JUDE WALK/RUN – Las Vegas

* **SEPTEMBER 23, 2023.** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month may be over but you can still participate and support those who need us the most – the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There is still time to donate to the St. Jude Walk/Run 2023. Deadline for donations is November 13th!



ST JUDE WALK/RUN – Phoenix 2023

* **SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month may be over but you can still participate and support those who need us the most – the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. If you missed the event, you can still help **Team ESA AZ** by donating to this wonderful FUNdraiser. Visit: [Team ESA AZ](#) or scan the QR Code on the right with your cell phone. Deadline is November 13th.



Country Cares for ST JUDE KIDS Radiothon with KMLE

DECEMBER 7-8, 2023. This Audacy Phoenix radio station will host a radiothon for two days to secure Partner in Hope monthly donors in support of St. Jude. Volunteers will report

early morning or stay late stay late to man the phones each day. In 2022, volunteers and the KMLE radio community raised over **\$331,110** for the kids of St. Jude! Additional info will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

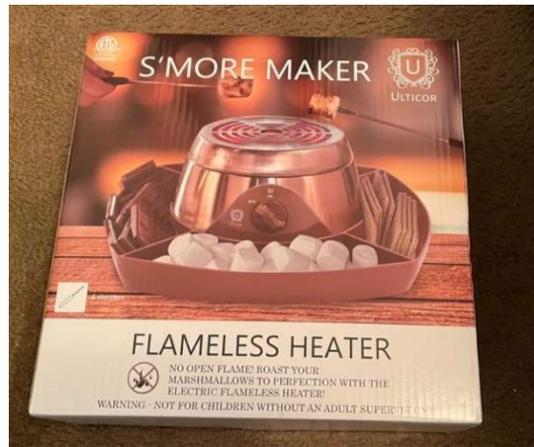
MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY TO VOLUNTEER/ATTEND THESE GREAT EVENTS!

Future happenings for the Kids of St. Jude:

Here are some great items to be raffled at the November 12th State Council Meeting. First item is this fabulous glass framed sand art!



Second item is this S'more maker!



\$10 for two raffle chances.

The value of items is \$80, and you could win both! Winners will be announced on Sunday, November 12th! You don't have to be present to win. Contact Karen Madrid to get your tickets early at either e-mail address: pkmadrid@cox.net or karen.madrid7@icloud.com Lisa Holmes with Alpha Chi will be selling raffle tickets at the November Council meeting in Henderson, Nevada.

ARIZONA COUNCIL OF ESA ST JUDE QUILT

Have you seen this quilt?



the proceeds to benefit the Kids of St Jude. Raffle Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Goldberg (Beta Kappa) at gold4us2@comcast.net or John Vitt 602-769-4999 (Alpha Omicron) for raffle tickets. The quilt will be displayed at future Council Meetings, too!

Want to show off your support for the kids of St. Jude?



SpaceX Mission to Benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

About the Mission

No earlier than March 2024, SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket will launch the *Polaris Dawn* mission from historic Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Dragon and the *Polaris Dawn* crew will spend up to five days in orbit, during which they will work towards the following objectives: Highest Altitude Space, Health Impact Research, In-space Communications, and the First Commercial Spacewalk.

The Crew of *Polaris Dawn* and SpaceX have consistently supported and donated to the Mission of St. Jude.

You can get the patch worn by the Crew for a donation of at least \$25 to help expand the St. Jude mission globally.

To get your patch, visit:

[SpaceX and Polaris Dawn Patch for St. Jude](#)



ESA LOVE TO ALL, John & Karen

Easterseals Blake Foundation

Happy Fall to everyone!



Eta Pi #5575 chapter had another Bunco party event to raise money \$120.00 for Blake Foundation Easterseals on Saturday, 9/30/23.

The theme for the event was “Friendship as we come together with a “snack attack”. All the guests and ESA members enjoyed the event. The Bunco event was held at the home of Terry Smith. There was a 50/50 raffle and we raised \$45 for Easterseals Maui Relief.

Congratulations, Eta Pi, for earning The Power of Us: Service pillar for hosting your rush event/fundraiser. Eta Pi #5575 received “The Power of us” because they created comradery and a bonus of \$319 for Easterseals for the members of Eta Pi.
#ThePowerOfESA

Eta Pi #5575 chapter has another Bunco party event to raise money for Blake Foundation Easterseals on Saturday, 10/28/23. The Bunco event will be held at the home of Laury Watson in Vail, Arizona. There will be a 50/50 raffle at the Bunco event to raise funds for Easterseals Maui Relief. Please continue to save your spare change to fill up the piggy bank!

Let’s fill up this pig and make him pop!
“Moolah for Maui” relief Easterseals.
There will be a raffle at the November Council meeting to benefit Blake Foundation Easterseals.



Terry Smith holding Moolah for Maui pig

Don’t forget to order some beautiful items from Saga Ceramics. You order gifts and help Easterseals at the same time! Go to Sage Ceramics at <http://www.sageceramicgifts.com> You can purchase ceramics that are created by employees with disabilities for Easterseals. You can also call 520-888-8588 to order. This program provides people with disabilities an opportunity to create while learning job skills related to the retail industry..

Opportunities to volunteer for Easterseals:

Wheels for Easterseals ride El Tour de Tucson

11/18/2023 – 7am to 5pm at the Tucson Convention Center located at 260 S. Church Avenue Tucson, AZ 85701. The location will be held in the parking lot of the Tucson Convention Center in downtown Tucson.

Sign up link will be available soon to sign up to volunteer for this event.

Volunteer at Easterseals office in Tucson

If you are interested in volunteering at the Easterseals office located at 7750 E. Broadway Blvd Suite A200 Tucson, AZ 85710.

The phone number to the Easterseals office is 520-327-1529

There is a volunteer packet online that you can fill out with Easterseals to volunteer at their office. The Easterseals office is updating their volunteer policies if you volunteer at their office. A volunteer fingerprint clearance card is required since they have children and disabled members throughout their campus here in Tucson.

If you have any questions, you can contact Terry Smith at 520-240-6337.



Future events for Southwest Human Development Easterseals

Festival Of Tales: Dec 2nd & April 20th Our biannual Festival of Tales brings books to life through the "Art of Storytelling" and provides free books to children. Volunteers are needed to assist with book distribution, parking direction, and oversight of activities such as arts, crafts, and games. The event takes place on December 2nd and April 20th, and volunteers can choose from two shifts: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Thrive to Five Playfest: March 23rd This event is all about play, learning, and supporting Arizona's children. We're looking for volunteers to help with various areas of the event, from traffic control to children's games and crafts. Volunteers should be at least 16 years old, and younger volunteers (ages 12-16) are welcome to join with a capable adult.

Contact Barb Daher at bkdaher@msn.com for more information about volunteer signup.

Awards Chair

What do you like to do on your down-time? Decorate cakes, doodle, draw, paint, make soap or candles?? I know there are several other crafty things that our members do while relaxing. I would like to challenge each chapter to have at least one entry for the Association of the Arts for next June. See next page for the form to give you ideas of the divisions.

And finally, I want to encourage our members to start thinking of those Junior High and Senior High Students that they feel are deserving of the Outstanding Youth Awards. I have the existing guidelines (attached) but I do not yet have the details around when entries are being accepted. As soon as more information is available, I will share.

Colleen Luger, Awards Chair



OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

THERE IS AN AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AND AN OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH. THERE ARE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATION FORMS FOR SENIOR HIGH AND JUNIOR HIGH NOMINEES.

PURPOSE: To honor our young people for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community service.

INFORMATION: This award is a chapter level award and may be submitted to the International Council Outstanding Youth Award Chairman by the chapter awards chairman, chapter president or through your State Awards Chairman. Since Arizona holds a State competition, the State winner may also be submitted for the IC award. The Youth Award is open to DESAs and MESAs as well as youth outside of ESA.

SEND ENTRIES TO: The current State Awards Chairman. The chapter and/or state whose youth is selected as the winner of the IC award will be notified as soon as judging results are received and said chapter or state council is responsible for arranging travel to the convention city. Please keep in contact with the IC Youth Award Chairman as to travel plans, etc. Arrangements for lodging will be taken care of by the IC Chairman.

May we remember, our youth see things we've never imagined and feel things we've never known. Their visions, their hopes and their dreams are gifts to us. This is our gift to them!

Associate of the Arts Entry form

Artists Name: (please print) _____

Chapter Name, Number _____

Phone and E-mail: _____

Submit entries electronically to: cnluger@yahoo.com or

Mail to Colleen Luger
2926 E. Elmwood Place
Chandler, AZ 85249

Division I – Visual Arts

- _____ Oil Paintings or Acrylics
- _____ Drawings, Pastel, Pencil or Charcoal
- _____ Watercolors
- _____ Sculpture Pottery (hand formed or wheel thrown)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division II – Photography

- _____ Black & White or Color Photos
- _____ Graphic Design
- _____ Computer Assisted Design
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division III – Crafts (Painted Art)

- _____ Tole Painting
- _____ Painted Pottery
- _____ China Painting
- _____ Porcelain
- _____ Calligraphy (matted for display)
- _____ Fabric Painting
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division IV – Crafts (Mixed Media)

- _____ Jewelry
- _____ Rubber Stamping
- _____ Decoupage
- _____ Glass
- _____ Wood
- _____ Floral Arrangements
- _____ Quilling
- _____ Other (soap, candle, paper making, baskets, recycled, etc.)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division V – Needlework (fibers)

- _____ Crewel Embroidery/Hardanger/Silk Ribbon
- _____ Counted Cross Stitch
- _____ Needlepoint
- _____ Knitting
- _____ Crochet
- _____ Cloth Weaving
- _____ Latch Hooking
- _____ Stuffed Animals
- _____ Sewing
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division VI – Quilting

- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division VII – Holiday (Ornaments or Decorations)

- _____ Please Describe Entry (attach to this form)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division VIII – Composition (Literary or Musical)

- _____ Please Describe Entry (attach to this form)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**



Greetings from the Foundation!

As we prepare to give Thanks this November I want to Thank All Of You for helping to make my job easier as Foundation Counselor. Thank you for paying your dues prior to December 31st. Thank you for spreading the word about the Foundation scholarships available at <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships>. Thank you for recognizing someone in a unique way by giving a contribution to the Pathway Program. Thank you for using the Turnaround Funds which help keep our 501c3 status healthy and viable.

Many thanks to all that already support the Foundation through donations, endowments, and membership. I hope each of you take the time to go to the website and become a member this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 520-559-1944, krie77@cox.net

Fondly,

Kathy Riebock, Alpha Chi, Sierra Vista, AZ
ESA Foundation Counselor





1. Brief hold on book donations to allow us to restructure and strategize getting books to our troops. We will resume collecting books in January 2024.
2. Veteran's Day project "In Flanders Fields" poems will be emailed to chapter President and we would like to encourage members to remember those who passed while serving our country. This would be a nice memorial tribute to present to a Veteran's family from your chapter either for Veterans Day or Memorial Day. Hopes for Heroes would like to encourage all chapters to frame this poem and distribute accordingly for Veterans' Day. See next page for the poem and a photo for display.
3. Christmas cards to our troops can be sent to the following address:
USASOA
Christmas Cards For Our Troops.
714 Farmington Road
West Accokeek, MD 20607
Telephone #: 202-465-8737.
**Note: The deadline for all cards in our office is December 5, 2023.
4. ESA ♡ Female Veterans project. H4H has partnered with Phoenix VAHCS and will donate 10"x8" (Hope Bags) with the following items:
Toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, body wash, gift cards, journal books, coloring books, colored pencils, lip balm or gloss, shampoo and conditioner. Bandanas (50 donated).

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

Respectfully,
Hope for Heroes Chairs
Pam Wojtkun
Yolanda Chislon
Paula Fisher



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



John McCrae



“In Flanders Fields is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN McCrae

ESA Arizona November council Meeting Sunday, November 11

Hosted by the Eta Gamma

Location: Mountain View Mobile Home Park, 148 Day Street,
Henderson, NV 89074

Time: Registration 9am, Meeting at 10am

(Please note that Nevada will be on Pacific time)

Cost: \$30 per member, please send one Chapter check to
Mike Walters

445 Fountain Grove St.,
Henderson, NV 89012

CHECKS/RESERVATIONS need to be received by November 6th!

Hotel Options:

Baymont by Wyndham on 55 E. Robindale Rd - room rate is \$164.00 per night.

Railroad Pass on I-11 as you come into Vegas - room rates is \$103.00

Registration Form: Chapter Name _____ Chapter # _____

Name of Members attending _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Raffle Table _____ Yes or No Full or half table _____

Also, please indicate (Place an *) for all new members and 1st time attendees at a Council Meeting.

There will be coffee, tea and lemonade along with water all day.

Please let us know if anyone has any allergies or special lunch needs.

Just want to give you an important update to be sure you are being proactive and planning for the November Council Meeting in Henderson. Due to the events happening in Las Vegas in November with the Formula 1 Race, we are strongly encouraging you to get on the phone tomorrow and make your reservations.

Please pay attention to the Hotel's cancellation policies and dates in case something happens to prevent you from doing so. here are some suggestions to make your reservations.

We highly recommend that you make your reservations ASAP! Again, watch to see what the cancellation date is.

Please reach out to maybe carpool and share a room with someone to save on expenses. We are looking forward to seeing many of you here.

Also, remember we are doing a Bunco Fundraiser for Hope for Heroes on Saturday night (11/11/23). See next page for the flyer. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us for a fun night to raise funds for Hope for Heroes!

Charity Bunco night for Hope for Heroes



Roll the dice for our Military

Hurry and claim your spot at a charity Bunco Night in support of Hope for Heroes, hosted by Eta Gamma Chapter. \$20 donation includes a night of friendly competition, laughs, delicious snacks and great prizes! Bring your friends along to help support our military HEROES!

November 11
Time 7pm-9pm



*Fraternal Order of Eagles- Aerie 2672,
310 Pacific Ave, Henderson NV, 89015*

PLEASE RSVP TO:

FUNDRAISERBUNCO4MILITARYHEROS@GMAIL.COM

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE PAID IN CASH AT THE DOOR.



ESA Arizona
January 2024 Council Meeting
Sunday, January 21, 2024

Hosted by **Alpha Omicron**

Location: Shalimar Golf Club, 2032 East Golf Avenue
Tempe, Arizona 85282

Time: Registration 9 am, Meeting at 10 am

Cost: \$30 per member, please send one Chapter Check to:
Roxanne Vitt
1955 East Manhattan Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

Checks/Reservations need to be received by January 13th

Hotel Options:

Embassy Suites-Phoenix/Tempe, 4400 S. Rural Rd., Tempe 85282
480-897-7444 \$189/night

Extended Stay America, 1920 W. Isabella Ave., Mesa 85202
480-752-2266 \$163/night (Single); \$193/night (Double)

Other hotels in the area.

Registration Form:

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter # _____

Name of Member(s) Attending

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Raffle Table _____ (Yes or No) Full or Half Table _____

STAY TUNED – We’re planning something *Special* for Saturday Evening!

Chapter News

Alpha Omicron Raffle

The Alpha Omicron Chapter is raffling off this beautiful pink sparkle Kate Spade handbag, valued at over \$200. Tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10.00. Tickets will be available at State Council meetings, or from Alpha Omicron members, with the drawing to be held at the April 2024 Council Meeting in Tucson. Proceeds will support chapter philanthropic projects.



SAVE THE DATE



**Sat, April 20,
2024
Handbag Happy
Hour
Tucson, AZ
Hosted by Alpha Chi
To benefit St. Jude
Children's Hospital**

**and....
Sun, April 21, 2024
AZ State Council
Meeting
Tucson, AZ
Hosted by Alpha Chi**



Beta Gamma is collecting new and used sneakers

Bring to the future Arizona Council meetings

These shoes go to “GotSneakers?” a company that keep sneakers out of landfills. They give the new sneakers or used sneakers in good condition to secondhand markets and damaged footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to waste into new energy.

<https://gotsneakers.com/>

Beta Gamma gets a check after they send in the sneakers.

Wanted

- **any color, type or size**

for men, women and children



**Contact any
Beta Gamma
member if you
have questions**

Date	Event & Location
Nov. Council Meeting Hosted by Eta Gamma November 12, 2023	Mountain View Mobile Home Park 148 Day Street, Henderson, NV
Jan. Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Omicron January 21, 2024	Shalimar Golf Club, 2032 East Golf Avenue Tempe, Arizona
April Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Chi April 21, 2024	Tucson, AZ
Arizona Convention May 31-June 2, 2024 Arizona Council State Convention Hosted by Eta Gamma	Henderson, NV
IC Convention July 7-14, 2024 Overland Park, Kansas	https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention

<http://www.facebook.com/ArizonaESA>

You do need to have your own Facebook page to view ours. If you are using Facebook, **Like** us so you will keep updated that is happening in ESA as well as the Arizona Council.

Here is the Arizona Council website <http://azcouncilesa.com> If you need a login and password please reach out to me.

Here are all the ways to reach me.

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 Glendale, AZ 85306

