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Hello to All,

It was so great to see so many at the January Council Meeting. I hope all of you enjoyed it as much as I did! Thank you, Alpha Omicron, for a great day and for the fun gathering on Saturday night to paint the tennis shoes. Really enjoyed doing it. Hopeful the children enjoyed getting the shoes as much as we had painting them.

A big thank you to Jenny for securing our speaker. I really enjoyed her and wish we could have had more time to share more things with her. I did not realize how much food supply was here in the desert. Good Job Jenny!

I was also excited as John Vitt shared that Arizona will be getting a Dream Home in 2025! So anxious to hear more as they begin the planning and as we get to share the plans. Told John, jokingly, that Arizona will have a Dream Home Dad and Nevada has a Dream Home Mom....LOL I am sure John will be sharing more in his Bulletin article or at the April Council Meeting.

I had a wonderful weekend in Denver at the Leadership Conference. Met some new people and shared some great ideas. I will be sharing them with all of you in the next two bulletins. They want to try some things new and some old to reach out to members family, friends and co-workers. I am waiting to get all the information in my email to be sure I have it all correct! I may even put things out in the Ocotillo Express. Stay tuned!

If you are considering to host one of our Council Meetings, please submit your bid. So far I have received one. Please discuss it at your next chapter meeting/gathering. Remember we do not have to be at a hotel. We can be in a club house, American Legion, or a restaurant that may have a large room and they could serve our lunch. Please think about it. Smaller chapters can work together to host the council meeting.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I am here for you and your chapter. I will do my best to help in any way I can.

Hope to see many of you at the April Council Meeting in Tucson.

Take care and be safe.

Hugs to all!

Deana



1st Vice President

Whoever said rushing had to take place in the Fall, didn't anticipate ESA member enthusiasm to invite prospects to ESA meetings, socials, and fundraising events year-round to share the excitement of all that is ESA. I'm looking forward to hearing of new members that can be introduced at the April Council meeting or at State Convention. Let's continue that fervor for ESA as we head towards the 2023-2024 year's finish line!

Terrie Rust



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2nd Vice President

Dear Sisters and Brothers of ESA

We look forward to seeing everyone at the April Council Meeting.

Note we have updated the philanthropic reports on the AZ Council website to reflect the updated mileage. If you have questions how to download it reach out to April Aguiñaga for her help. Make sure you turn in your Philanthropic Reports at the April Council Meeting or please email us at rrvitt@aol.com or wendylwilliams7@gmail.com.



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

Please think of your ESA family who may need a quick phone call or card.

We wish you a wonderful safe Easter.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



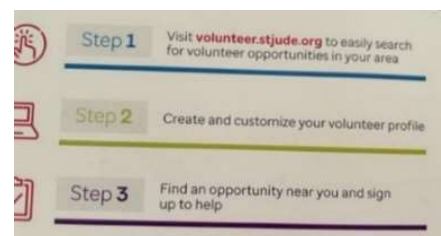
FIRST – Thank you to each of our members for your work in reaching our goal of \$1m from the Arizona Council of ESA this year. **WE can do it!**

Also, a big THANK YOU to our energetic St. Jude Junior-Karen Madrid. She continues to find ways to help us reach our FUNdraising goal.

If you haven't done so, please create a profile in the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS). Visit: [St Jude Volunteer Management System](https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/volunteer_home)

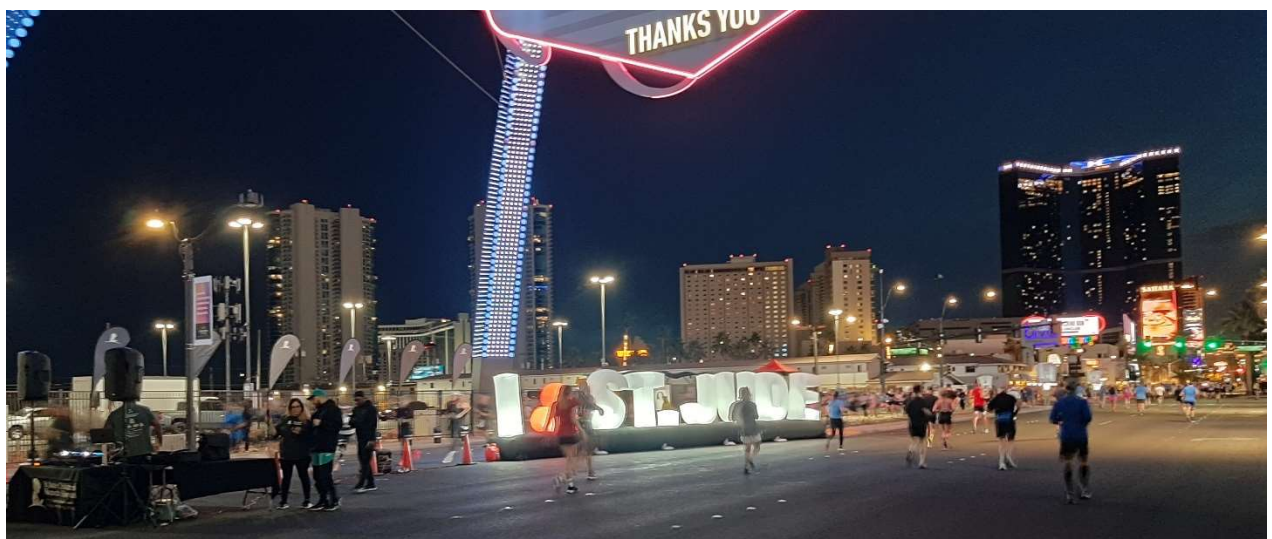
https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/volunteer_home

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



Photos from the 2024 Rock-n-Roll Running Series St. Jude Expo Booth in Las Vegas. Terrie Rust & John Vitt.

ESA Volunteers had the opportunity to help the St. Jude Heroes and other runners get some 'Bling' before their run under the lights on The Strip. The Expo was at Resorts World, in Vegas.



ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

***St. Jude Oasis of Hope Charity Gala-Scottsdale* Saturday, April 27, 2024**

* This inaugural event will be held at the fabulous ***The Vault of Scottsdale***, in Scottsdale, Arizona. This event will bring St. Jude supporters in the greater Phoenix area together for a sensational evening that includes dinner, cocktails, dueling piano entertainers, gaming, live and silent auctions, Give to Live, a St. Jude patient speaker and more. All with a classic Monte Carlo flair! Volunteers will be needed!

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

St. Jude Dream Home-Arizona

Yes, as announced at the January Council Meeting, ALSAC and St. Jude has reached out to ESA-Arizona and announced that there is a St. Jude Dream Home slated for Maricopa County, Arizona in the Spring of 2025. This is a huge undertaking and very lucrative FUNdrising opportunity for St. Jude and ESA. More details will be announced as they are known.

ARIZONA COUNCIL OF ESA ST JUDE QUILT

Have you seen this quilt?



This one-of-a-kind quilt was assembled by the Beta Kappa Chapter with components donated by our late Sister, Jackie Young (Alpha Omicron). The yearlong sale of raffle tickets for this quilt will end at the September 2024 ESA State Council Meeting with 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! Drawing will be September 15, 2024!

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

Spring showers bring May flowers!

Please consider making an individual or chapter donation to Easterseals Blake Foundation. Your donations make sure a huge difference to so many people in our community.

Raffle time! Please support Easterseals Blake Foundation. This beautiful vase was donated by Sage Ceramics. Employees of Sage Ceramics design and manufacture a variety of handcrafted ceramic gift items. Sage Ceramics is one of Easterseals Blake



Foundation's Employment and Community Support programs. \$10 for three raffle tickets. The winner will be announced on 4/21/2024. Contact Terry Smith for your chance to win.

Don't forget you can purchase ceramics that are created by employees with disabilities at Saga Ceramics. Go to Sage Ceramics at <http://www.sageceramicgifts.com> Or 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.

Eta Pi #5575 chapter had another Bunco party event to raise money \$130.00 for Blake Foundation Easterseals on Saturday, 2/17/24. Everyone who attended brought their favorite dessert to share at the event. The Bunco event was held at the home of Terry Smith. There was a 50/50 raffle and we raised \$80 for Easterseals Maui Relief.

Come join the fun!

Bunco party event scheduled for Saturday, 3/16/24 at 3:30pm in Vail, Arizona. There will be a 50/50 raffle at the Bunco event to raise funds for Easterseals Maui Relief. The cost is \$10 per person and RSVP by 3/11/2024 and this includes a full dinner and playing Bunco. The \$10 per person will be donated to Hope for Heroes. Contact Terry Smith if you are interested in attending. If you are not able to attend, please consider donating or buying 50/50 raffle tickets. You do not have to be present to win the 50/50 raffle.

Save the date:

Bingo fundraiser hosted by Alpha Chi chapter on 4/20/2024 at 6:00 to 8:30pm to benefit Easterseals Maui Relief. See the flyer for details.

We need your help.

Please continue to save your spare change to fill up the piggy bank! Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to donate their spare change too. Let's fill up this pig and make him pop! "Moolah for Maui" relief Easterseals.

Other Volunteer opportunities for Easterseals Blake Foundation:

All Abilities Day will be on Saturday 3/30/24 from 10am to 1pm at the Children's Museum Tucson and Armory Park. The Children's Museum in Tucson will be free and open to the public and feature sensory friendly activities. There will be a community expo in Armory Park featuring adaptive sports and activities,



performances by artists with disabilities, food trucks and more. Volunteers needed. Sign-up at <https://bit.ly/AAD24VOL>.

5/17/2024 - Fun in the Sun Golf Tournament for Easterseals Blake Foundation. It will be held at the Omni Tucson National golf course in Tucson, Arizona. Volunteers are needed. We will post the link to sign-up to volunteer as soon as it is available.

9/7/2024 – Blues in Bisbee at Warrant ballpark in Bisbee, Arizona. Volunteers needed from 12pm to 8pm. Sign-up link will be available soon to volunteer at this event.

9/26/2024 – Cooking with the Stars at Mr. An’s Restaurant in Tucson, Arizona. Volunteers are needed for this event. A link will be sent out soon to sign up to volunteer.

11/23/2024 – El Tour de Tucson event at the Tucson Convention Center at 7am. A link will be provided soon so that you can sign up to volunteer at this event.

Volunteer at Blake Foundation Easterseals office in Tucson -

Easterseals Blake Foundation ESA chairperson

Volunteer at Blake Foundation 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 Blake Foundation office is 520-327-1529

There is a volunteer packet online that you can fill out with Easterseals to volunteer at their office. Please sign up to volunteer at <https://forms.office.com/r/bNnRwYRzbl>

Feel free to contact Terry Smith at 520-240-6337 if you have any questions.

Always,

Terry Smith





Thrive to Five Playfest: March 23rd Support Arizona's children by volunteering at this play-focused event. We need assistance with traffic control, children's games, and crafts. Volunteers aged 16 and above are welcome, and younger volunteers (ages 12-16) can participate with a capable adult. Register here

Festival Of Tales: April 20th Join us for the biannual Festival of Tales, where we bring books to life through the "Art of Storytelling" and provide free books to children. Volunteers are needed for various tasks such as book distribution, parking direction, and overseeing activities like arts, crafts, and games. Choose from two shifts: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sign up here

Grow a Reader Program: In-office Task Contribute to our Grow a Reader program by assembling flowerpots. Watch this video to learn more about the project. We need volunteers to create paper flowers, each taking about 3-4 minutes to make. Afterward, glue them to a popsicle stick for placement in flowerpots.

Warehouse: miscellaneous opportunities to work in our warehouse from quality control, inventory, sorting, packing and much more.

By volunteering at these events, you'll not only contribute to meaningful causes but also create lasting memories and connections. Your participation is invaluable, and we look forward to having you on board.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out. Let's make a difference together in 2024!

This is our contact with SWHD Easterseals
Tay Wright
Senior Manager, Volunteer Engagement Development
Main (602) 266-5976 | Mobile (602) 545-0015 | swhd.org
Southwest Human Development | Easterseals
2850 N. 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85008

Barb Daher

Awards Chair

Hello ESA Members,

I want to take a minute and express gratitude to all of our members that have put in many hours of time, talent and gifts. It is that time of the year when we reflect on the past year and honor those members of our Chapters who have truly made a large impact on our efforts. Each Chapter can select a Member of the Year to be recognized at the AZ State Council Convention. There are two versions of the form. This is to make the submission process as simple as possible. You can either email the form to me or send it to me via USPS.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Colleen Luger

cnluger@yahoo.com





ESA Member of the year

MEMBER NAME _____ DATE: _____



About the member

Chapter Name: _____ . Chapter Number: _____

Number of Years in ESA: _____

Word(s) to describe your Member of the Year:



Brief description of why this member is selected as Member of the year

Signed by _____

Chapter President: _____ . Date: _____



Please submit this form to Colleen Luger, cnluger@yahoo.com by May 20, 2024

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!

At this point everyone should have received their postcard invitation to the Foundation Fantasy Event. I am challenging every chapter and individual to donate as much as possible to this event in the months of February and March. The chapter/individual with the most turned in will receive a gift from me for every member in their chapter. One does not need to be a Foundation member to donate. Just make sure your chapter is listed on the form for the credit. I will check the donation list and distribute gifts at the April Council meeting.

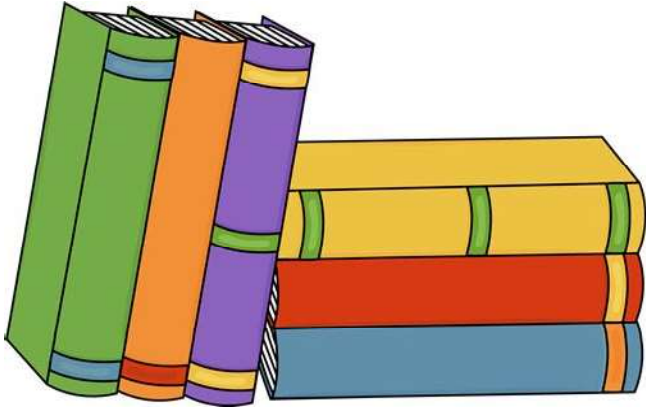
I will be collecting gift cards for the Foundation Fundraiser taking place at IC at the April Council meeting. Arizona is donating an Origami Owl purse and wallet. We raised \$675 for the Foundation last year through our donation; maybe we'll top that this year.

See you in April!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 520-559-1944, krie77@cox.net

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





Operation Paperback

A special thanks for everyone's patience-we are ready to start back collecting books! 😊 Please make sure that the books you collect and donate are in good condition. A variety of books are welcome. Our most popular requests are: action, bestsellers, biographies and memoirs, fantasy, history, horror, mysteries, science fiction,

true crime.

We ask for your help in sorting and packaging books by genre (25 per box).

Hope for Heroes humbly highlights partnership with Carl T. Hayden VA HCS Women's Health to donate toiletry bags. We are seeking donations of the following items:

The Necessities:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hair brush and/or comb
- Shampoo and/or conditioner
- Soap or body wash
- Razor
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Moisturizer and/or aloe
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Eye drops
- Face wipes
- Band-aids
- Lip balm



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

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

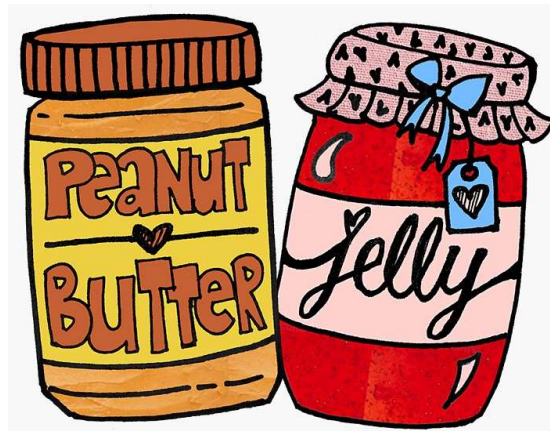
Alpha Omicron Raffle

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.



Alpha Chi Peanut Butter & Jelly drive

Our chapter appreciates the continued support of our Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive to benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. In January we donated 37 sets of PB & J and we will again be collecting sets of peanut butter and jelly at the April Council Meeting. For every set donated your name will go in a drawing for 1 of 3 amazing baskets filled with high end items including: personal care, adult beverages, and gift cards. This will run through May 4th which gives everyone time to purchase. The food bank prefers creamy peanut butter and grape jelly (regular to large sizes-to feed a family of 5) but any donation will be accepted. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact any member of Alpha Chi or myself. Once again, THANK YOU for your support!



Fondly, Kathy Riebock
(520) 559-1944 - Krie77@cox.net

Alpha Kappa

The Alpha Kappa's have been busy working on the Spring Fling event on April 13, but we took time out to have a fun Social Meeting playing Card Bingo. If you have never played it before it is a fun game that requires no equipment but regular playing. Prizes can be anything you desire.

See below for information about the Spring Fling will be April 13, and we are looking forward to another great event! Hope to see you there!

Spring Fling
Presented by
Alpha Kappa Chapter
of Epsilon Sigma Alpha
Celebrating 80 Years of Service

Music by Zazu West Jazz Ensemble

Proceeds will go to:
Tempe Meals on Wheels
And Connecting With Kids
(Supports Tempe Elementary Schools)

Location:
DoubleTree Inn by Hilton Hotel
2100 S. Priest Dr
Galleria Room – Main Lobby
Tempe, AZ

Saturday, April 13, 2024
11:00 No Host Cocktails - 12:00 Lunch - 1:00 Raffle/Silent Auction

Cost is \$50 per ticket.
R.S.V.P. by April 3, 2024 by calling 480-945-8370

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, April 20, 2024
Bingo for Maui
Tucson, AZ
Hosted by Alpha Chi
To benefit Easterseals

ESA Arizona April 2024 Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Chi

Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024
Registration: 9am
Meeting: 10am

Location: Ramada by Wyndham
Viscount Suites Tucson East
4855 E. Broadway Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85711

RSVP by Friday, 4/5/2024
Cost: \$30 per person

Please send one chapter check payable to Alpha Chi, include a list of people attending.

Send to: Connie Cole
2476 E. Kalispell Ave
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Also please let us know if you need raffle table space (full or half table) when you send in your reservation.

Viscount hotel is offering a discounted room rate of \$115 plus tax for ESA members. Please send an email to banquetsales@viscountsuite.com with the date and how many rooms you need and that you are with ESA. Also, if you need a handicap room, please include that in the email as well. Diane Wolford, director of Catering, said they will reply to your emails and ensure the ESA discounted room rate. If you don't get a reply from your email. Call Diane Wolford at 520-584-5805.



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
Bingo for Maui (Easterseals) Hosted by Alphi Chi April 20, 2024	Karen Madrid's home
April Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Chi April 21, 2024 Cost is \$30 Reservation due 4/5/2024	Location: Ramada by Wyndham Viscount Suites Tucson East 4855 E. Broadway Blvd Tucson, AZ 85711
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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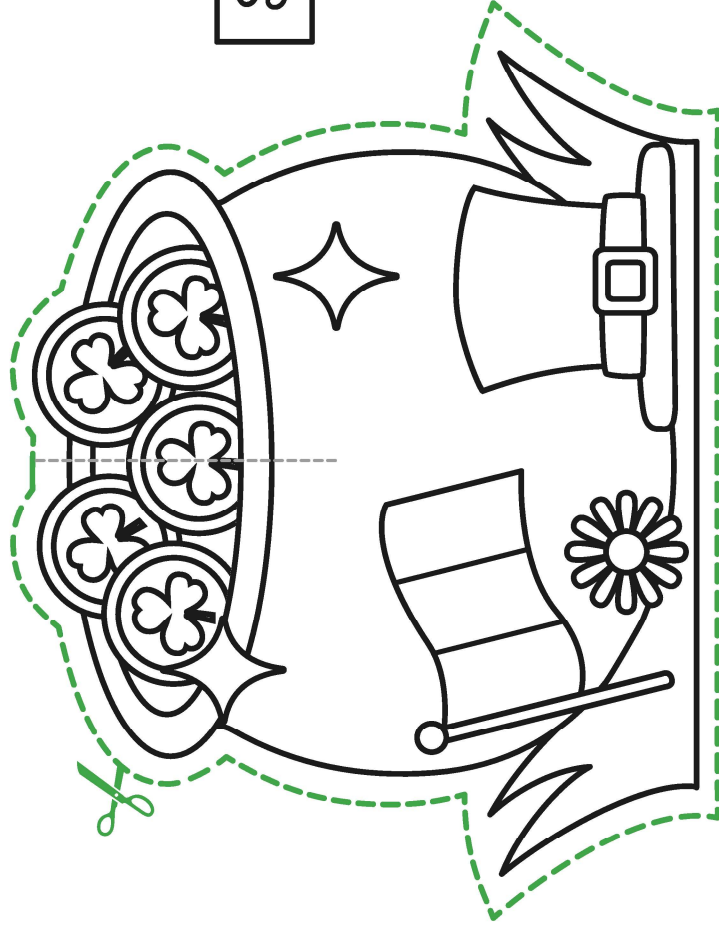
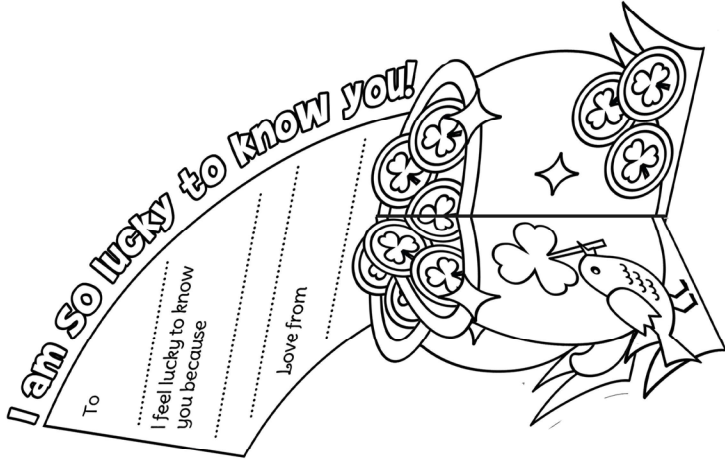
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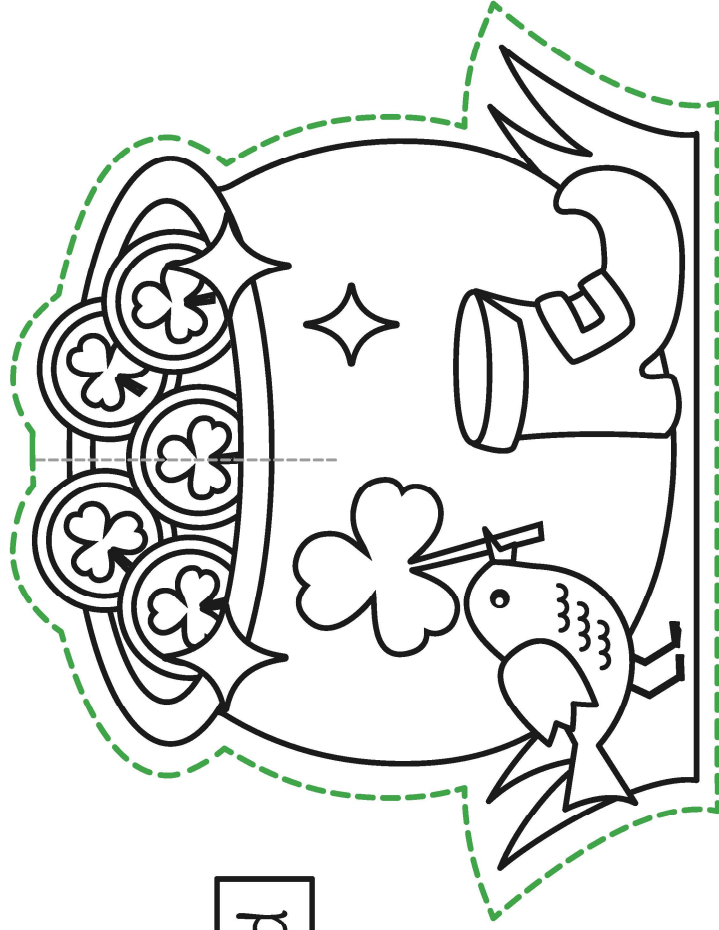
3D St Patrick's Day Card

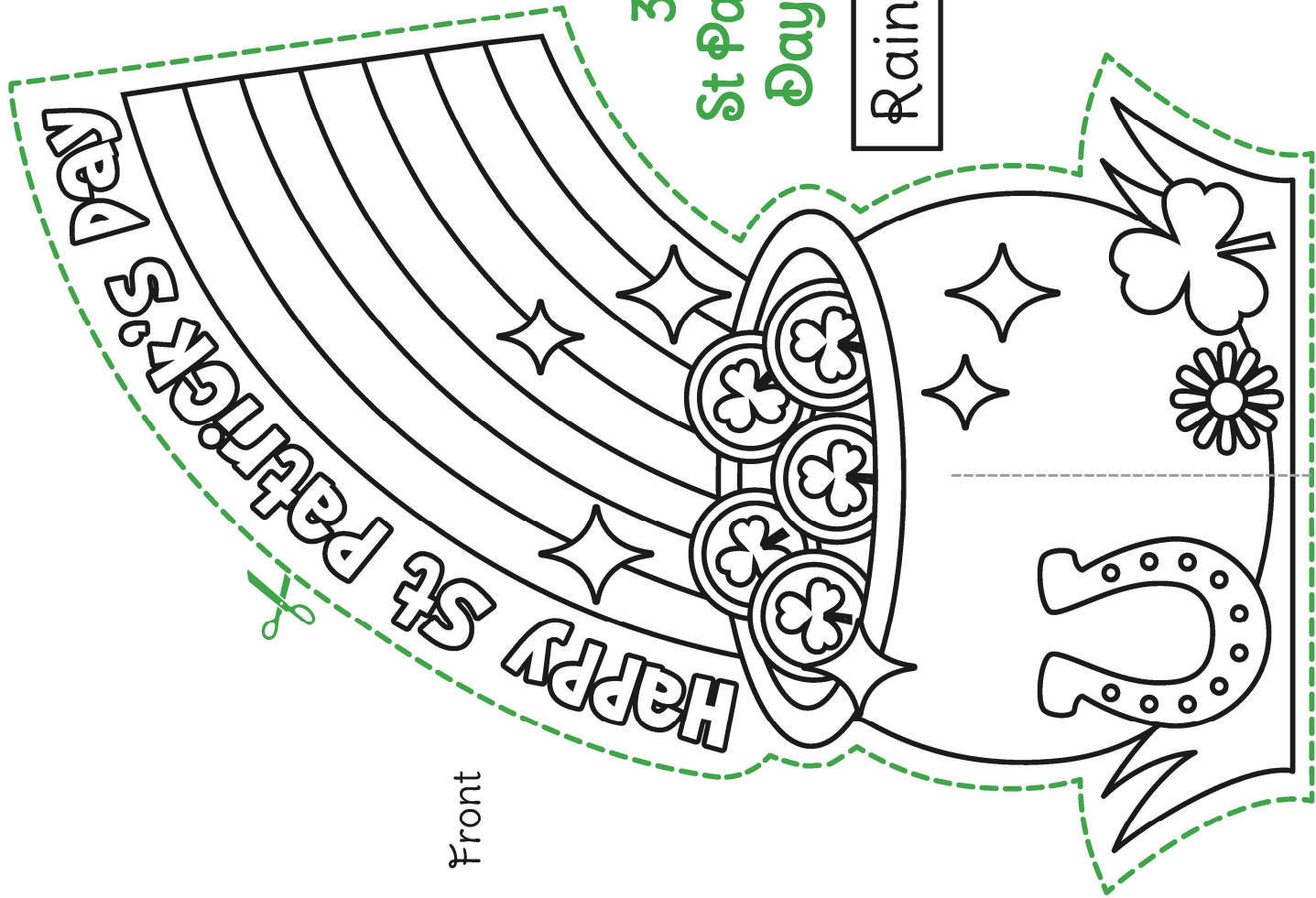
How to make your card

1. Choose which message you'd like from the following 'Rainbow' pages (you can mix and match but be sure to pick one front and one back).
2. Print this 'Stand' page and your chosen 'Rainbow' page onto thick paper or card. Cut out the two rainbows and glue both sides of these back to back. Cut out the two stand sections on this page and glue these back to back.
3. Color the designs and fill in who the card is to/from.
4. Cut along the gray dotted lines and slot the two parts together to make a 3D standing card.

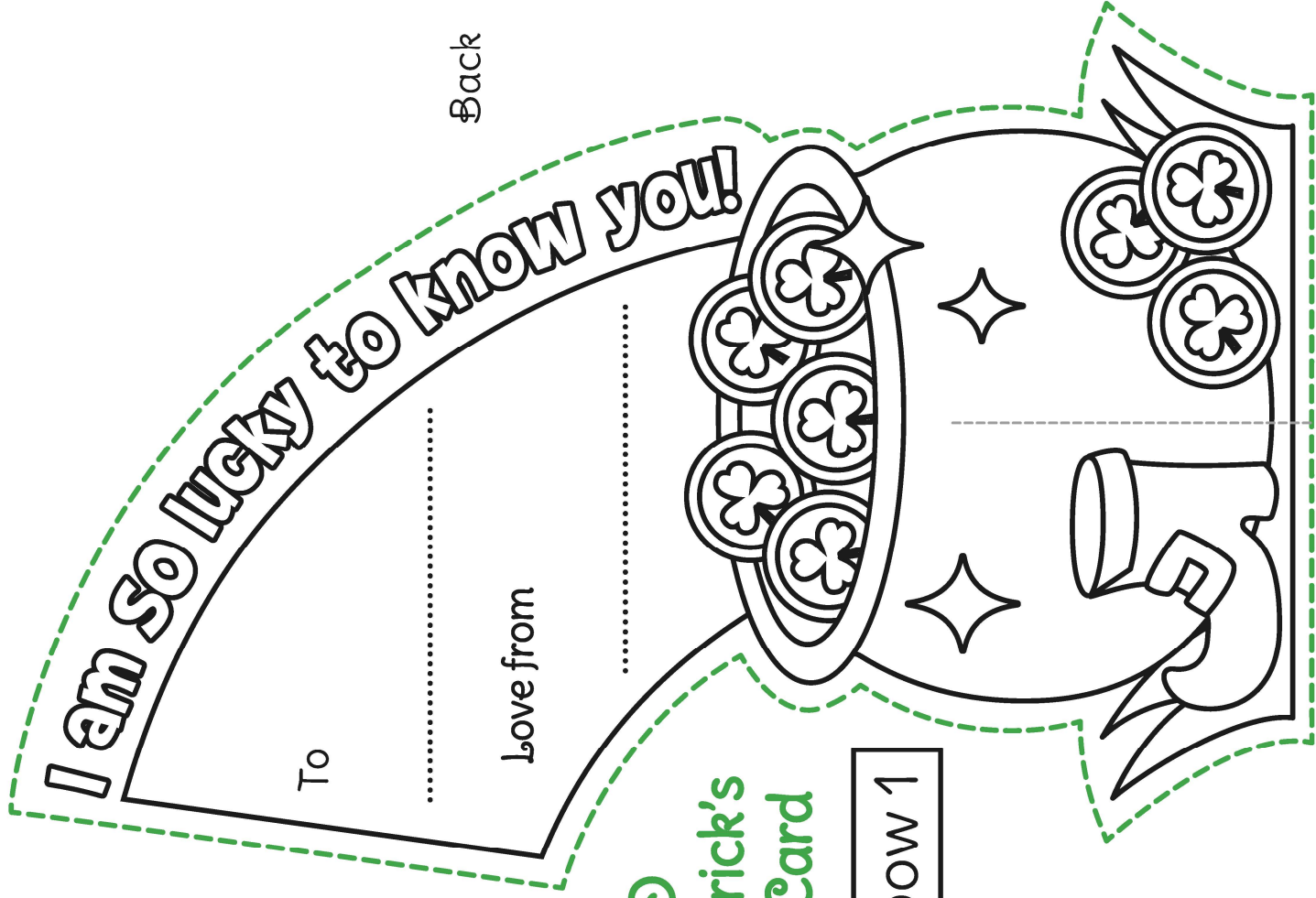


Stand





Front



Back

3D
St Patrick's
Day Card

Rainbow 1