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Hello to Everyone,

Hope all of you are doing okay and surviving this continued heat.

I first want to thank each and every one who participated in the Nevada and Arizona Walk/Run. Each one of you have made a difference in the lives of those precious children and their families. Never forget, every dollar makes a difference!

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Our Nevada Dream Home was given away on September 25, 2024. The lucky person was Sandra Trzaska of Henderson, NV. Hopefully she will enjoy the house. We only sold 12,770 tickets but that turns into \$1,277,000.00 for the St. Jude Research Hospital. I can't thank all of you who volunteered in manning the open houses. We held them for the 10 weeks the Open Houses were held on Saturdays from 9am to 5pm and Sundays were Noon to 5pm. Without all of you we could not have done what we did. THANK YOU!

We are looking forward to the newest of Dream Homes in Arizona. Bricks and sticks will be happening soon. Please be prepared to volunteer when John Vitt or one of the members of the volunteer group reaches out to you.

**November 7th An Eye toward 100: Thrive in '25 Enrichment Event! Join us virtually to talk about what ESA members want ESA to look like when we celebrate "100" years, unveil the focus for 2025, by we resources, and instructions for participating in the focus activities. (Members only)

**** Learn more and register at: epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Events

Please take care and hope all of you have a “Happy Halloween”!

Take care and see you soon.

Hugs 🤗 to all!

Deana



1st Vice President

EXCITING NEWS! I am hearing from a number of chapters that they are planning fall rush events. I will be eagerly awaiting the results of those events. If your chapter signs any pledges or reaffiliates, please share those details with me right away. Since the 2024 Membership Campaign, *Just One More in 2024*, is still underway until the end of the year, I am anticipating seeing Arizona Council’s membership back in the black. But...would love to see it exceed that “one more”!

If you need ideas for your rush events, you might find something to fit your requirements on the ESA Recruitment page:

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Recruitment>

There are sections highlighting calendar events, special parties, and lots more!

The ESA Virtual Membership Kick-off Party, held on October 3rd, was well-attended. Your ESA Membership team is planning for a reveal in November of the 2025 campaign. I hope to have that information for you at the November Council meeting.



Happy Fall!

Terrie Rust
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Philanthropic

We will be collecting items for the Phoenix Treasurers for Teachers. The web page is <https://treasures4teachers.org/> this will have a list of needed items.

I have an electronic version for the Chapter Philanthropic Chair form. If you are interested let me know so I can email it to you.

I hope everyone is able to help with our International and Philanthropic Collectable Projects and all the other fun projects throughout the year.
Thank you for all you do,



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Philanthropic Collectibles Projects 2024-2025			
Item	Who Collects	Philanthropic Reporting	Collecting for-
Pop Tabs	Deana Walters	1 cup = 185 tabs @ 1min/each tab	Ronald McDonald House
		1oz = 108tabs @ 1min/each tab	
Postage Stamps	Karen Madrid	1 Minute per stamp	Stamps for the Wounded
		Trim to 1/4 inch around stamp	
New Greeting Cards	Karen Madrid	1 minute per card	Military
Lap Robes	Chris Goldberg	Time spent making item is counted.	Spirit Lutheran Church
Hats for Homeless		Cost of Yarn is a cash donation.	
		Purchased item, amount spent is a cash donation	
Person Hygiene & <u>Femine</u> Hygiene items	Omega Alpha	Cost of Item is a cash donation	Military
Small Toiletries	<u>Kathy Riebock</u>	1 minute per item	St Vincent de Paul
Eyeglasses	Terrie Rust	1 minute per item	Lions Club
School items: Paper pens, Pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, sticky notes, notecards, folders, 3 ring binders, notebooks, scissors, glue, rulers Items for crafts: egg cartons, cereal boxes, toilet tubes, paper towel tubes, tissue boxes, etc.	Beta Gamma	1 minute per item or cost of items	Treasures for Teachers
Medicine Bottles (clean, labels removed)	Terrie Rust	1 minute per items	AZ Animal Welfare League
			25 N 40th Street
			Phoenix, AZ 85034
	Shari Stapleton-Smith		602-273-6852
			Pima Animal Care Center
			4000 N <u>Silverbell Rd</u>
		Tucson, AZ 85745	
		520-724-7222	
Manufacturer's Coupons (see write-up for tips)	Each Chapter	Amount of coupon as monetary	Military



Happy Fall from the Foundation!

Scholarship applications opened again September 1st. Ta Da! Please reach out to anyone you know, or to any school, to tell them about our phenomenal opportunities to receive money through ESA scholarships and grants. Remember, one does not need to be a member to apply. They can go to www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grant/grants to get more information and complete the application online. Last year there were 14 scholarships for \$14,100 that were not awarded, all due to not receiving applications.

Chairman Kathy Loyd (kathybloyd@gmail.com) needs help from non ESA member who are interested in assisting with scholarship processing. Coordinators are also needed and can be ESA members. Please ask friends and family members if they would like to volunteer their time.

The Foundation is continuing the Pathway Program. It is a donation opportunity represented by a virtual brick that will be created on a Pathway on the ESAF website. These donations help pave the path for a brighter future for our organization, those that follow in our path, and all we serve. It is an excellent way to recognize people for their work. It could be someone in your community or your chapter.

Finally, this is just a gentle reminder that annual dues need to be received at ESA Headquarters before December 31st making you are eligible to vote in 2025. Annual membership is \$40 and Life Active is \$500. This is open to individuals as well as businesses.

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

See you at the November Council Meeting!

-Kathy Riebock
Arizona Foundation Counselor

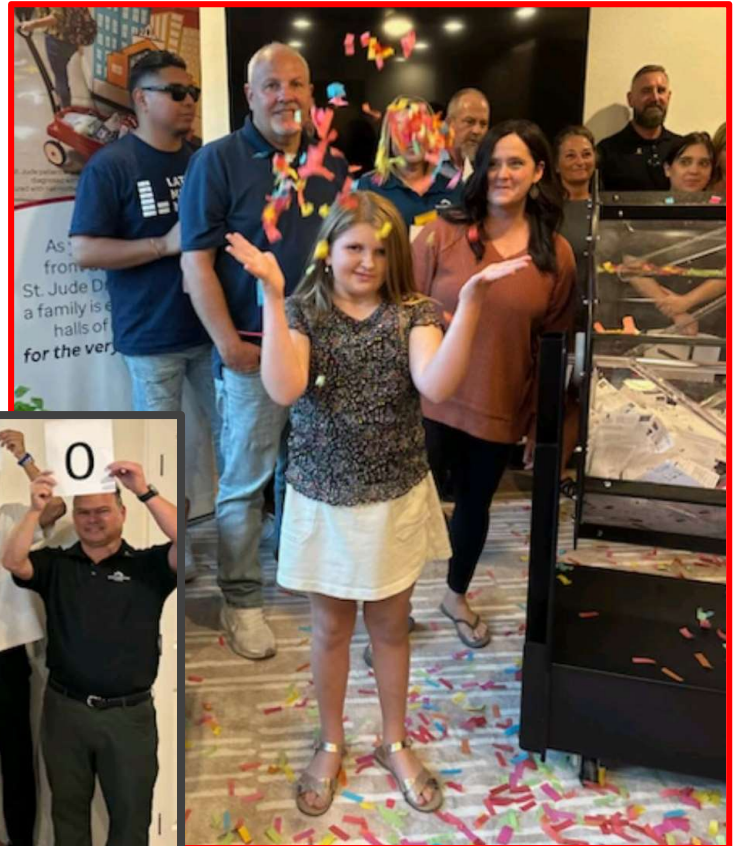


Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



FIRST – Welcome to a New Year of FUNdraising for the Kids of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Your ESA Arizona Council has set a goal to raise \$1 million in the months ahead. WE CAN DO IT!

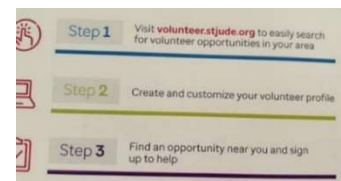
Here is Addi, St. Jude patient



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: 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!



ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – LAS VEGAS #8 – 2024

Congratulations and **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped sell an amazing number of raffle tickets for the St. Jude Dream Home-Las Vegas! A record 12, 770 tickets were sold raising a whopping **\$1,277,000*** for the Kids of St. Jude!

Congratulations to **Sandra Trzaska of Henderson, NV** as the Dream Home winner and to all for the winners of the Early Bird, Tickets on Sale, Bonus Prize, Last Chance and Open House Prizes. [* That's \$638,500 Credit for ESA – Arizona!]

ST JUDE WALK/RUN – PHOENIX 2024

* **SEPTEMBER 28, 2024.** The St. Jude Walk/Run was a great success. Thank you to all of the Team ESA AZ members who volunteered their time, talents, and energy to make this the trip to Salt River Fields (Scottsdale) in the blistering heat! Childhood Cancer Awareness month may be over, but there is still time to help **Team ESA-AZ** FUNdraise for this great event.

Deadline is **October 28th**. To donate visit: <https://fundraising.stjude.org/TEAM ESA AZ>

Or scan the QR Code on the right. Pictures of the event are at the end of this report.



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

St. Jude Dream Home-Arizona

Yes, as announced at the State Convention and several Council meetings, ALSAC and St. Jude has reached out to ESA-Arizona and announced that there is a St. Jude Dream Home slated for Queen Creek, Arizona. Some specifics are listed below and updates will be announced in the months ahead, but mark your calendars for the months in early 2025. This is a huge undertaking and very lucrative FUNdraising opportunity for St. Jude and ESA Arizona.

Dream Home Updates:

- **Bricks and Sticks & Groundbreaking:** October/November 2024 (We are working with Woodside Homes to determine when they will begin building which will allow us to finalize these dates).

- **Construction on Home Complete:** Early March 2025
- **Sneak Peek:** Mid-March
- **Open House:** March - May
- **Media Launch:** February 26
- **Tickets on Sale Prize Deadline:** March 5
- **Early Bird Prize Deadline:** March 21
- **Bonus Prize Deadline:** April 18
- **Giveaway:** May 7th, 2025

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



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

Mission Complete!

Following several delays in weather and other NASA scheduling conflicts, the Crew of ***Polaris Dawn*** and SpaceX successfully completed their six day mission. Some of the highlights of the mission included the first manned craft to fly more than 875 miles above Earth, the first commercial space walk, testing of communications using Starlink satellites and lasers, testing of a new space suit, and several human health tests. The all civilian crew splashed down successfully on September 15th.

Another Highlight of the mission was a collaboration of musicians around the world joining Polaris Dawn crew members Sarah Gillis to play ***Rey's Theme*** in space. Visit: [Polaris Dawn Music](https://www.stjude.org/donate/polaris.html) to see this performance.

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:

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/polaris.html>

Updates on the amount raised for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be available soon.



SPECIAL EVENT:

The Alpha Chi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha presents

Handbag HAPPY HOUR

A Purse Auction Fundraiser benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital

SAT 19 **OCT**

AMERICAN LEGION
12 E THEATER DRIVE
SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85635

DOORS OPEN 4:00PM
AUCTION BEGINS 4:45PM

Tickets

\$35 in advance
\$40 at the door

Email alphachiaz@gmail.com for tickets

Appetizers
Cash Bar



PURSE BRANDS
MICHE - COACH - KATE SPADE
MICHAEL KORS - LOUIS
VUITTON GUESS - NINE WEST
AND MORE

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED: CASH, CHECK, CARD

ST JUDE WALK/RUN 2024



ESA LOVE TO ALL, John & Karen



Easterseals- Terry Smith (Blake Foundation)/Kelly Kringen (SWHD)

It was great seeing you all at the September Council meeting. Thank you to those who purchased raffle tickets and purchased craft items. Also thank you to those who donated monies to Easterseals Maui Relief.

Working together for Easterseals (Southwest Human Development in Phoenix and Easterseals Blake Foundation in Tucson). Terry Smith is serving as the Blake Foundation Easterseals chair and Kelly Kringen Kelly is serving as the Southwest Human Development Easterseals chair. Teamwork makes dream work!

Easterseals provides essential services and on the ground support to more than 1.5 million people each year. From early childhood programs for the critical first five years, to autism services, to medical rehabilitation and employment programs and veteran services and more.

Easterseals Maui Relief is a great cause. Monies raised will help with Easterseals programs as Maui recovers from the terrible fires. You can send donations to Terry Smith. Please make checks payable to: Arizona Council of ESA. There will be Maui Relief collection boxes on the tables at each Council meeting. Every dollar helps the cause.

Consider hosting a bunco or bingo or trivia event to benefit Easterseals. It is a lot of fun; you can raise money for Easterseals and maybe even get a new member into ESA chapter. Contact Kelly or Terry if you are interested in hosting an event.

Upcoming Volunteer and donation opportunities

Year-Round Diaper drive of Central Arizona.

Southwest Human Development supports this drive that benefits many families.

October – December 2024 (Gingerbread Kids Holiday Gift Drive)

For Southwest Human Development.

Southwest Human Development's annual Gingerbread Kids Holiday Gift Drive started with only one corporate sponsor and gifts for 50-100 children in our Kinship Care and Adoption program.

Now in its ninth year, the drive has the support of 25 partners and will provide gifts for 968 children in 11 of our programs! Contact Tay Wright at (602) 545-0015 or email twright@swhd.org

You can to this link to receive more information:

<https://www.swhd.org/gingerbread-kids-holiday-giving-campaign-shopping-cart/>

11/8/2024 10th Annual Golf Classic event

For Southwest Human Development

Location – Talking Stick Golf Club at 9998 Talking Stick Way Scottsdale, AZ

Volunteer at this event.

The link to sign up to volunteer will be sent out as soon as its available.

Upcoming Volunteer and donation opportunities

Cooking with the Stars

10/3/2024 at Mr. An's Teppan Steak and Seafood located at 6091 N. Oracle Road

Tucson, AZ 85704. For Easterseals Blake Foundation 6pm to 10pm event time

There are morning shifts available to unload all the auction items, tables and additional supplies. Also shifts available to help during the event and clean up after the event is over. Volunteers needed for this event. Go to

<https://bit.ly/CWTS2024OL>

El Tour de Tucson to benefit Easterseals Blake Foundation -

11/23/2023 – 7am to 5pm at the Tucson Convention Center and surrounding areas. Located at 260 S. Church Avenue Tucson, AZ 85701. Sign up link will be available soon to sign up to volunteer for this event.

Aviva / Easterseals Blake Foundation Foster Kids Holiday Toy Drive

Let ensure that every child in the Aviva foster system received a holiday gift.

Sign-up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/2024holidayvolunteer>

You can also go to <https://bit.ly/Avivatoydrive> to see what items are needed for this event.

Please fee to contact Terry Smith or Kelly Kringen with any questions.



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

ESA Arizona
State Council Meeting

**5049 E BROADWAY BLVD. -
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAMPUS**

Room Available at 8:30
Meeting starts at 10:00

RSVP to Jacqui Smith - One check per chapter, please make checks to Eta Pi Chapter 5575. \$30 per person - Please include a list of attendees and include your table request for your fundraising.
7774 E Marquise Dr. | Tucson, AZ | 85715

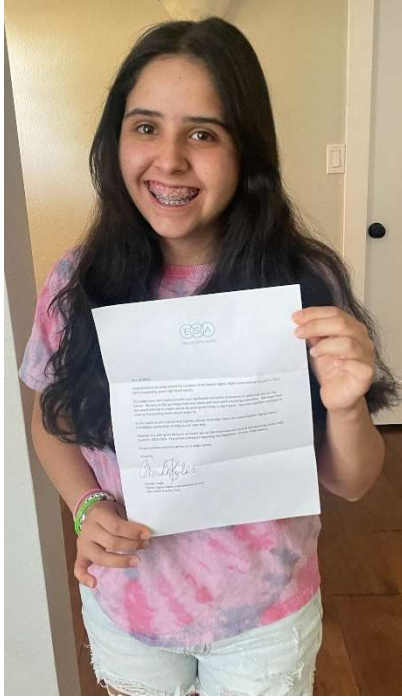
**JOIN US SATURDAY EVENING FOR A SOCIAL
GATHERING AT THE VISCOUNT IN WILBURS
GRILL
5:30 - UNTIL WE'RE DONE**

There are two hotels very close to the campus:

Ramada by Wyndham - Viscount Suites
4855 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ, 85711
520 745-6500

DoubleTree Tucson Williams Center
5335 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson AZ 85711
520 745-2700

**We DO NOT have room blocks
at these hotels**



Alpha Kappa #336

Congratulations to Madelyn M. who was selected by ESA as the Outstanding Junior High Youth for 2024. Madelyn wrote an essay about what her future plans are (newsflash-she wants to go into teaching and work with children), submit three letters of reference and a parent statement about her accomplishments and volunteer work. She impressed the judges so much they unanimously selected her as the winner and awarded her a \$500 cash prize. Alpha Kappa was very proud and excited to have Madelyn represent us and we are all excited to see what her future holds.

Omega Alpha

Omega Alpha is official!!! Charter and Pinning ceremonies were August 17 and it was Amazing!!! Thank you, State Vice President, Terrie Rust for conducting our ceremonies.



Thank you to all of the amazing members who came out to support Omega Alpha's first volunteer activity, August 17th to collaborate and partner with Women 4 Women. Together, members of Omega Alpha, Omega Mu and Eta Pi packed 300 bags of feminine hygiene products — (totaling 600 wipes, 300 packs of liners, and 3600 pads) that will be distributed to women

across Arizona because of our joint efforts!

Thanks everyone for a fantastic first start and volunteerism.



It was such a wonderful time connecting with each of you, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Here's to many more impactful moments!

Members of Omega Alpha
#WeAreESA

#omegaalpha  



Date	Event & Location
November Council Meeting November 17, 2024 Hosted by Eta Pi	Tucson, AZ Details above
January Council Meeting January 18-19, 2025 Hosted by Omega Alpha & Omega Mu	Details in Ocotillo Express
April Council Meeting Hosted by Beta Gamma April 6, 2025	Mesa, AZ Details in Ocotillo Express
Arizona Convention May 30-June 1, 2025 Arizona Council State Convention Hosted by Eta Gamma	Henderson, NV Details in Ocotillo Express
IC Convention July 13-20, 2025 Cary, North Carolina	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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