



Arizona Council Bulletin

March 2025



Hello to Everyone,

Hope all are doing okay and you have enjoyed the beautiful weather we have been having!

A BIG CONGRATS TO AZ!! AMAZING Dream Home sellout! Just think ---10,000 tickets at \$100.00 is \$1M for the beautiful children and their families depending on St. Jude to hopefully save their child from this horrible disease!!

We here in Nevada just broke ground on our 9th St. Jude Dream Home. We are excited as it will be in Henderson this year. It will be in Candence. It is a one story and in a new addition for Woodside Homes. I will have all the details in the April Bulletin in case some of you would like to come and do an open house!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our April Council Meeting in a few weeks. Be sure to make your hotel reservations if necessary and get your chapter's registration in.

We will be sending out the information and details for the State Convention. The dates are May 30th- June 1st. Get your calendars marked and be sure to get your reservations once you see the flyer!

Take care.
Hugs to all

Deana

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1st Vice President

The Bridge Story – Part 1

“An old man crossed a deep chasm at twilight and turned to build a bridge behind him. When asked, “Why are you building a bridge over a chasm you have already crossed?” the old man replied, “There’s a young man coming behind me who must cross the chasm and may not know the dangers; I built the bridge for him.”

The Bridge Story – Part 2 revealed in April

In February, I attended ESA Leadership in Denver. It was several days of getting acquainted with other incoming state presidents and IC Board members, presentations on growing ESA membership via marketing strategies and through use of a number of apps and online tools, and getting a preview of IC Convention activities. At the November Council meeting, I shared the Map Your Garden information that ESA Headquarters is using as their membership strategy. To that end, at Leadership, the presentation themes centered around the garden analogy. Our ESA “year” still has a couple of months to go. Let’s continue to seek out ways to grow our ESA garden.

I was in Las Vegas February 20-22 to volunteer for St Jude at the Rock ‘N Roll Marathon event. While in the area, I stopped by the Atwell Suites and The Pass Casino where we’ll be enjoying our State Convention at the end of May. Great accommodations await, as well as a lovely ballroom for our installation and meetings. I hope you will consider attending. Plan ahead to carpool, room-share, and have some ESA-bonding time with your fellow ESAers. I know our convention hosts, Eta Gamma, will be providing more details, but I also wanted to put in a plug since I was able to see the property first-hand.

The Membership, Rushing, and Outstanding Pledge forms went out through Octotillo Express recently. These forms will be due in April. I know several chapters have had rushing events and have new members. I’m looking forward to seeing what our new pledges have been up to, too!

Wishing you “luck” in March!



Terrie Rust

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Some pirates attended IC Leadership



Sisters and Brothers of ESA,

I look forward to seeing you at the April Council meeting.

I will be collecting the final Philanthropic reports for the year at the meeting. If you would rather email them to me, that will also work.

Chapter Philanthropic Chairs, please check with all your members. Remind them to count all of their mileage, time, and donation. so you as Chairperson can get the information to me. We want to show everyone how much Arizona and Nevada has done for our Charitable partners.

Below is the collectables list for Treasurers 4 Teachers. Look it over you never know what you have that can be donated. Be sure to check out their website!

<https://treasures4teachers.org/donate-goods/>

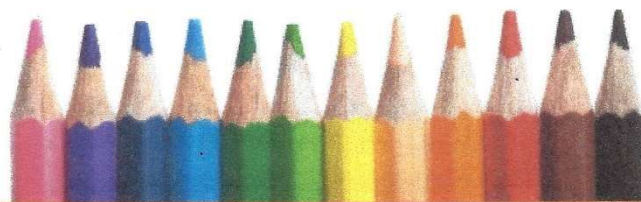
If you are a partner in Hope for St Jude, make sure to add these donations to your reports. The Philanthropic form can be found on the AZ ESA website,(azcouncilesa.com). I will also bring some to the Council Meeting, if you need one.

Enjoy the spring weather while you can,

Roxanne Vitt
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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 Trim to 1/4 inch around stamp	Stamps for the Wounded
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
			602-273-6852
	Shari Stapleton-Smith		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



3025 S 48th St, #101, Tempe, AZ 85282

We are looking for **clean**, safe, and interesting donations that will support our teachers and community. Unless otherwise noted, all items are accepted in new or gently used condition.

This list is not exhaustive! See our **Unacceptable Donation List** for more information.

Arts & Crafts Materials

School Supplies

Office Supplies

Reusable Materials

Dry Food Cans (with lids)
Shoe Boxes (with lids)
Tissue Boxes
Reusable Bags
Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Rolls
Egg cartons
Corks
Glass Jars

Electronics

Small Household Appliances
Small Classroom Electronics

Housewares

Ziplock Bags (new only)
Dishware
Disposable Dishware (new only)
Kitchenware

Toys

Sports Equipment
Games (complete or incomplete)

Industrial

Product Samples
Promotional Items
New Cleaning Supplies
Lab Equipment
Tools and Hardware

Furniture

Household Furniture (Sofas, Dining
Tables, Dressers, etc)
Small Classroom Furniture (Chairs,
Childrens' Desks, Bookshelves, etc)

Apparel (for all ages)

Clothing
Shoes
Jewelry
Accessories

Miscellaneous

Collectibles & Antiques
Home Decor

Media (for all ages)

DVDs
Vinyl Records
Magazines
Calendars
Books

Treasures 4 Teachers reserves the right to refuse any donations. Should we find a donation unsafe or not useful, it may be recycled, donated, or thrown away.

Greetings from the Foundation!

It's March madness all right and cold in Ohio. I am back with my father helping him recover from some kidney issues, still planning on seeing all of your wonderful faces in April though! Has everyone received their Fantasy Fundraiser postcard? Please consider giving even a small amount to the Foundation to help fund projects throughout the year. Remember, we have a competition going for the chapter/member that donates the most money to this specific event in the months of February and March. I will announce the winners and disperse prizes at the April Council meeting. Let the fun begin!

Many thanks to all that have reached out to have me send their Foundation dues on to headquarters. I left in a bit of a hurry and so haven't sent them yet but I will when I return back to Arizona. For those that haven't paid their 2025 dues they are \$40 for the year as a member or chapter. I love it when I see chapters contributing this amazing foundation. Thank you, thank you!

Take care everyone and I will see you in April.

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

Kathy Riebock
Arizona Foundation Counselor



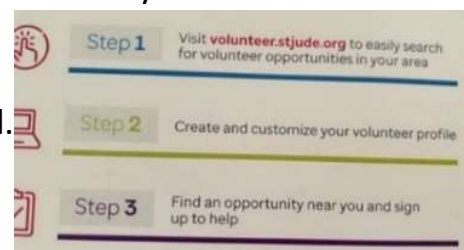
Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



Happy Spring to all of our members and your families!

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) This will insure you can participate in any of the events throughout the year.

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



Some important information is needed is later in this Bulletin.

ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – PHOENIX – 2025

First, Thank You to all of our ESA Members for attending the Floor Signing event at the St. Jude Dream Home on January 29th. By now, Ticket reservations have started and the Open House Weekends are just around the corner. This is a huge undertaking and very lucrative FUNdraising opportunity for St. Jude and ESA Arizona. ALL Volunteer Opportunities have been loaded in VMS. Please sign up today. There are many positions that need to be filled every weekend in April.

Dream Home Updates

- Sneak Peek: April 3, 2025
- * Open House Weekends: April 5 – May 4, 2025
- Giveaway: May 7th, 2025

* Major Volunteer Opportunity to Greet Guests, Process Tickets, Open/Close the Dream Home. Background check will be required.

Dream Home Updates

To see a video of the groundbreaking, visit: <https://www.azfamily.com/2024/10/25/st-jude-dream-home-groundbreaking/>

- **Address: Ironwood Villages at North Creek (Woodside Homes)**



ST JUDE DREAM HOME – PHOENIX – 2025 Construction Update

Thank you to our Arizona ESA Members that were on hand for the groundbreaking and floor signing ceremonies of the first St. Jude Dream Home in Queen Creek. The construction of the 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, two story home (Valued at \$510,000) is complete. Tickets will go on sale February 26, 2025. Woodside Homes, 3TV and other trades contractors are donating their labor and materials so that 100% of the tickets sold will benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

More Dream Home Facts:

- Open concept first floor, perfect for entertaining and cooking
- Light and bright interior selections with warm hues for a cozy feel
- Durable luxury vinyl planks on the first floor with chic and comfy carpet on the stairs/second floor
- Kitchen includes durable Quartz kitchen countertops with delicate veining, complimenting the handmade-looking backsplash, and Energy Star Bosch stainless-steel appliances
- Fun, decorative tile in the powder room and laundry room



The poster features a red banner at the top with the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital logo and the text "2025 PHOENIX St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway". Below the banner is a photograph of a two-story house. Overlaid on the house is the text "Tickets are SOLD OUT!". At the bottom, there is a section for "NATIONAL SPONSORS" with logos for BRIZO, Shaw, TRANE, BOSCH, and KICHLER.

NATIONAL SPONSORS

BRIZO Shaw TRANE BOSCH KICHLER

LOCAL SPONSORS



<https://www.azfamily.com/community/st-jude/>

Oasis of Hope – A Night in Vintage Vegas

The Vault, Scottsdale

April 5, 2025

- This event will be one to remember and in the theme of Havannah, the evening will include cocktails, dinner, gaming, silent/live auctions and dueling piano entertainers all in support of the St. Jude mission.
- Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available.

St. Jude Heroes

Many of our ESA Members volunteered their talents at the Rock ‘n’ Roll Running Series in Arizona and Las Vegas in January and February supporting the St. Jude Heroes that ran for the Kids of St. Jude. Tallys on the Funds raised will be announced in the coming weeks. Pictures are below.

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – LAS VEGAS – 2025

You are reading that correct. The Ninth St. Jude Dream Home – Las Vegas broke ground February 18th. This Dream Home will be in Henderson, NV and additional information and Volunteer Opportunities will be sent in the weeks ahead.



St. Jude Dream Home - Las Vegas

Woodside Homes has again stepped up to build the 9th St. Jude Dream Home in Nevada.

Located at 901 Cottonwood Hill Place, in Henderson the Groundbreaking was completed February 18th.

Pictures from the ninth St. Jude Dream Home -Las Vegas Groundbreaking

Pictured are ESA-AZ/NV President Deana Walters at the 2025 Las Vegas Groundbreaking.



Pictures from the Rock 'n' Roll Expo and Cheer Station - Las Vegas



IMPORTANT ST. JUDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ESA MEMBERS

- Did you volunteer for a St. Jude Event through the Volunteer Management System (VMS)?

If you did, please be sure to return to VMS and report the time you worked and the mileage you traveled when the event is complete. Also, report these figures on your Philanthropic Report.

- Are you a St. Jude 'Partner in Hope' contributing monthly to St. Jude?

Your St. Jude Senior Coordinator recently learned that ESA Members should be reporting this to ESA Headquarters. Here is what we will do to catch up on this important Philanthropic Report:

- 1) Make sure your Chapters Philanthropic Chair knows you are a St. Jude Partner in Hope
- 2) Send John Vitt an e-mail with Your Full Name, Chapter Name/Number, and Monthly Contribution amount to St. Jude as a Partner in Hope. John's e-mail: vittjc@aol.com. Deadline for the 2024-2025 Philanthropic Year is March 31st. Negative reports are also appreciated.

ESA LOVE TO ALL, John & Karen

St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway

Art by St. Jude patient Mia

Phoenix Update | February 24, 2025 | Ticket Goal: 10,000

Inaugural Phoenix Dream Home Media Launch
Wednesday, February 26!

Tickets are sold out!

This week we will officially launch our tickets on sale for our 1st Annual Phoenix Dream Home! Tune in to Arizona's Family at 7:30 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am and 10:30 am for interviews with our incredible partners and hear local St. Jude patient stories. With your help, we plan to sell 10,000 tickets with the goal of raising \$1 Million for the kids at St. Jude!

Important Reminder! The following persons, and their immediate family members, are not eligible to purchase a ticket: St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway media and prize sponsors; St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway builders and developers; volunteers and members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha; and St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway auditors and accountants.



St. Jude patient, Colton, and his parents, interviewing with Arizona's Family

We hit a Homerun at our 1st Annual Floor Signing Ceremony

Our 1st Annual Floor Signing Ceremony was a HUGE success. Sponsors, trade partners, volunteers and donors came together with Woodside Homes to sign the subflooring and check out the construction progress on this year's home.

Attendees heard from Joe Vannelli, Woodside Homes Division President, and St. Jude patient, Colton, who was treated at St. Jude. [Watch Colton and Arizona's Family, Tess Rafols, sign the St. Jude Dream Home Floor.](#)

Volunteers Needed!



Open Houses are quickly approaching, and we are looking for volunteers to help assist! Volunteering is a super fun and easy way to show your St. Jude support to the Phoenix community. Check out the opportunities [here](#).

Sponsor Spotlight



Thank you to our Tickets on Sale prize sponsor, Gilbert Fireplaces & BBQs, for the generous Stoll 7' custom outdoor kitchen island with 36" Estate gas grill to use for our first prize deadline! We appreciate your support and know the winner of this prize will be thankful.

Key Campaign Dates



Tickets on Sale: February 26
Sneak Peek: April 3
Grand Opening : April 5
Early Bird Prize Deadline: March 21
Bonus Prize Deadline: April 18
Last Chance Prize Deadline: May 2
Giveaway date: May 7
Open House Tours: April 5 - May 4
Saturdays: 9 a.m - 5 p.m.
Sundays: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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

It was great seeing everyone at the Council meeting in Phoenix

Please continue to save your pennies, coins etc. as we stand up to do the Hula and fill up our piggy bank for "Mola" for Maui. Bring your change to the next Council meeting.

Also, Aviva (Childtens Foster program) fundraiser is coming up as they are collecting socks and underwear, for more information please contact Terry Smith (ETA Pi)



Thanks again for your support.
Please feel free to contact Terry Smith or Kelly Kringen with any questions.

The poster for All Abilities Day features a circular logo on the left with the text "easterseals Blake Foundation" and "ALL ABILITIES DAY" above a silhouette of a cactus and people. The main text on the right reads "SAVE THE DATE!" in large yellow letters, followed by "All Abilities. Limitless Possibilities!" in white. Below this, it states "Saturday, March 29, 2025 • 1pm - 5pm" and "Armory Park 222 S. 5th Ave". A red banner says "A FREE celebration of community inclusion". Further text mentions "The Children's Museum Tucson will be FREE and open to the public, offering sensory friendly activities." and "A community expo in Armory Park featuring adaptive sports & activities, performances by artists with disabilities, food trucks and more!". It concludes with "Visit www.allabilitiesday.com to sign up today!" and "Questions? Email: Events@blake.easterseals.com". On the bottom left, there are four small circular photos of diverse people.



Beta Gamma is so excited to be hosting the Spring 2025 Council Meeting.

If you have not yet completed the survey questions, please do as soon as possible so that we can make sure your selections are available.

[ESA Spring Council Meeting](#)

The meeting will be held at the HOLIDAY INN & SUITES PHOENIX AIRPORT
Conveniently located at 48th Street and University Drive
3220 S. 48th Street Phoenix, Arizona 85040

Cost per member: \$30.00

There are 20 rooms set aside for April 3-8, 2025, in case anyone would like to come in earlier, or stay on after the event.

All of the hotel rooms have wifi, refrigerators, microwaves, flat screen TV's, and they also provide 24-hour airport shuttle service to and from Sky Harbor Airport with your Hotel reservation.

In order to get the discounted rate, it is best to make your reservations by March 22, 2025. The regular rate for a standard room is \$ 169.00+ tax, however for ESA, they have discounted them to \$ 149.00+ tax.

You must use the link below to book the rooms at these rates. They offer king size rooms, or doubles, your choice.

[Epsilon Sigma Alpha Spring Meeting rate Holiday Inn Phoenix April 2025](#)

If you are having trouble accessing the link, please call the hotel at 480-543-1700, and let them know you are having issues and are with ESA.

Alpha Kappa Update:

Alpha Kappa has been busy with preparations for our Annual SPRING FLING Philanthropic event which will be held on APRIL 12, 2025. Hope you have this date on your calendar! We are using a NEW VENUE this year, THE EMBASSY SUITES in Tempe. Invitations will be going out soon. If you have not attended in the past, please let Julie Bartanan julie.bartanen@gmail.com know, for an electronic evite; or Baz Winsor, bazwinsor@q.com; know for a traditional invite. This is always a fun event with good food, great music, and lots of Raffle and Silent Auction items. The price is still just \$50 per ticket., and the time is 11:00 am with a no host cocktail hour, 12 noon for lunch, and concludes with announcing the winners of the silent auction. Drawings for the Raffle tickets will be held during the luncheon. We will have more information to pass along via the Ocotillo Express.

For the March Social we had a FunD Raiser at the Texas Roadhouse. A great time was had by all and the Roadhouse made a donation of a Gift Basket for the Spring Fling.

Looking forward seeing you at the April Council meeting AND at our SPRING FLING.

SAVE THIS DATE.....SATURDAY APRIL 12! We will be in a new venue...THE EMBASSY SUITES, RURAL RD. AND US 60 IN TEMPE. **ZAZU WEST** will again be providing music.

There will be many items in the **SILENT AUCTION**, great items in the **RAFFLE**, and of course **GOOD FOOD**. Invitations will be going out soon. If you would like to receive an electronic invite, contact Julie Bartanan, julie.bartanen@gmail.com. If you would prefer a traditional invite, contact Baz Winsor, bazwinsor@q.com. The tickets are still only \$50 per person. If you have been to this event before we hope to see you soon; if you haven't been, plan to come and have a wonderful time.



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**



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE



Help the Alpha Chi chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha collect 800 sets of peanut butter and jelly* for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Sierra Vista, AZ.

From now until April 26th each set donated will earn you a raffle ticket for one of three amazing prizes!



For information and to make donations

contact Kathy Riebock

(520) 559-1944

(520) 378-9356

krie77@cox.net

***Note that St. Vincent de Paul
prefers 16-24oz plastic jars of
creamy peanut butter and grape jelly.**


Eta Pi

Eta Pi had a Bunco fundraiser that will benefit Calif Community Foundation.



We raised \$175 and we will continue to support this cause.

Please help us, as we will have a 50/50 raffle at our April Council meeting in



When natural disasters strike, it's in our nature to help.

Buy a 50/50 Raffle ticket to help! (\$10/ticket)
(Raffle ends Saturday, April 5 at midnight)

Your participation will help provide essential services and supplies to those who need it most. **The Eta Pi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha** will be working with the California Community Foundation to address ongoing needs of the fire victims and their families.

Email esaetapi@z@gmail.com to find out how you can purchase a ticket via Zelle, Venmo, PayPal or check

I have attached a picture that you can use for your

Phoenix. We will accept checks, Venmo and Zelle.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Date	Event & Location
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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