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For one hundred years, Valley of the Sun United Way has brought people together to strengthen communities across Maricopa County and throughout Arizona. This milestone anniversary offers an opportunity to reflect on a century of service, partnership, and unwavering commitment to improving lives.

Since its founding, Valley of the Sun United Way has helped mobilize businesses, nonprofits, volunteers, and civic leaders to address some of the most pressing challenges facing families — from education and workforce development to housing stability and health. The organization's work demonstrates what is possible when communities come together with a shared purpose.

This progress is made possible through strong leadership and collaboration. Under the leadership of President and CEO Carla Vargas Jasa, Valley of the Sun United Way continues to evolve to meet the needs of a growing and changing region while staying rooted in its mission of community-led solutions.

As Arizona looks toward the future, organizations like Valley of the Sun United Way remain essential partners in building opportunity and resilience for families across our state.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, I congratulate Valley of the Sun United Way on 100 years of impact and thank the Board of Directors, partners, donors, and, volunteers, who have made this work possible.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Valley of the Sun United Way Marks Uniting the Valley for 100 Years

Two-Year Century Milestone Celebration Highlights Legacy of Service and Renewed Commitment to Community-Led Change

Valley of the Sun United Way is marking its 100th anniversary with a two-year celebration honoring a century of service and community leadership across Maricopa County.

The anniversary theme, “Uniting the Valley for 100 years” reflects both the organization’s legacy and a renewed commitment to addressing today’s challenges through local collaboration and shared leadership. From supporting families during the Great Depression and World War II to helping communities recover during the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has long focused on mobilizing local resources to create lasting change.

“As we mark 100 years of impact, we’re not just celebrating our past – we’re meeting the moment we’re in now,” said Carla Vargas Jasa, President and CEO of Valley of the Sun United Way. “Maricopa County has always been a place where people take care of each other, and our work is about bringing neighbors together to create solutions that make a difference right here at home.” The milestone comes at a challenging time for nonprofits as federal programs that once supported local services are facing reductions while demand continues to rise. In response, Valley of the Sun United Way is expanding its role as a convener, helping nonprofits and community partners collaborate more closely and align resources around emerging needs.

The organization’s work focuses on four areas that shape quality of life across the region: education, housing and homelessness, health and hunger, and workforce development. Many indicators show growing strain in these areas, including rising housing costs, increased evictions and continued learning gaps among students following the pandemic.

United Way’s focus, with the leadership of our Board of Directors, on these four priorities underscores that social and economic progress are intertwined. By uniting the business community, organizations, leaders and residents around shared goals, the organization aims to strengthen the systems that make communities, the workforce, and the economy more resilient.

To respond more quickly to changing conditions and to continue supporting the long-term solutions, United Way has launched a United for Our Future campaign, designed to



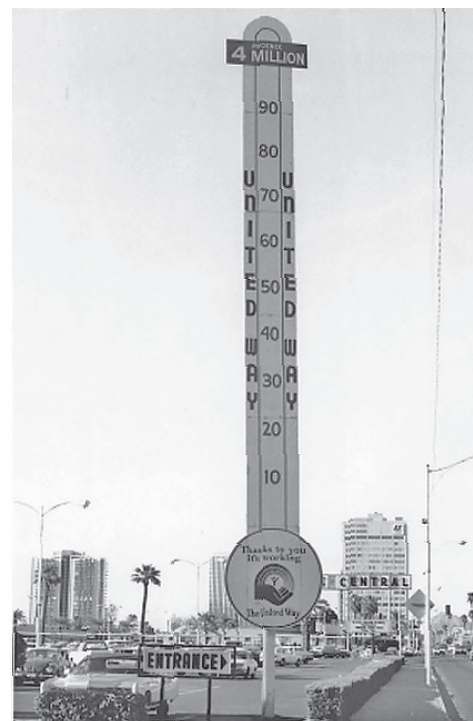
From left, Jenny Holsman Tetreault, past board chair; Latasha Causey, current board chair; John Graham, immediate past board chair; Carla Vargas Jasa, President & CEO.

deploy resources rapidly and to support the long-term health of the organization and non-profit partners.

Through partnerships and targeted programs, the organization continues to support initiatives such as the Literacy Hub at Lattie Coor Elementary School in Avondale, Pathways to Economic Opportunity and Fair Chance Collaborative providing Black, Latina and justice involved individuals mentoring and avenues for employment. Homeless prevention helps families avoid eviction and Uniting for Our Future initiative allows for responsiveness in areas such as food bank support in times of unprecedented need.

Valley of the Sun United Way is also expanding opportunities for community involvement through initiatives like the CEO Advisory Circle, which brings cross-sector corporate voices into strategic conversations, and Valley 100, which unites 100 local businesses in a shared commitment to strengthen Maricopa County. Together, these efforts create measurable impact while advancing meaningful corporate philanthropy.

The celebration will include events, volunteer opportunities and storytelling campaigns highlighting a century of impact. The organization has also recently opened new headquarters at Park Central in Phoenix, designed as a community-facing space that reflects United Way’s collaborative mission.



Campaign thermometer for Valley of the Sun United Way circa 1980.

“For 100 years, this organization has been part of the Valley’s story – bringing people together to create lasting change,” Vargas Jasa said. “The United Way of today drives forward with the same spirit of impact, innovation and community.”

100 YEARS OF UNITING THE VALLEY TIMELINE



A snippet of Valley of the Sun United Way's 'history wall', commemorating and celebrating moments during Valley of the Sun United Way's 100-year long history.

1940's Supporting the Home Front

During World War II, the organization mobilized resources to support local families and wartime needs, operating locally as the "War Chest of Phoenix." The effort reflected the Valley's tradition of neighbors coming together during times of national and local challenge.

1981 Becoming Valley of the Sun United Way

In 1981, several area United Way campaigns consolidated into what became Valley of the Sun United Way. The merger expanded the organization's reach across Maricopa County and strengthened its role as a regional convener.



1925

1925 A Community Movement Begins

Valley of the Sun United Way traces its roots to **October 25, 1925**, when Phoenix's Welfare League joined forces with the Community Chest to coordinate charitable giving and support local nonprofits. The partnership marked the beginning of a collaborative approach to addressing needs across the Valley.



1930's

1930's Formal Organization and Early Partnerships

In 1931, the organization incorporated as the Community Welfare Council and Community Chest. Early fundraising campaigns supported more than ten charitable organizations, including groups that would later evolve into well-known Valley institutions such as Catholic Charities, Jewish Family and Children's Services, YMCA, YWCA and Phoenix Day Child and Family Learning Center. These partnerships helped establish the model of coordinated support for human services across the region.



1940's

1970's

1970's Joining the National United Way Network

As fundraising efforts evolved nationwide, the organization adopted the name Phoenix/Scottsdale United Way in 1971, becoming part of the broader United Way network. Throughout the decade, the organization expanded its role, including helping fund a countywide vaccination effort during the 1976 swine flu outbreak.



Valley of the Sun United Way's partners thanking the community mid-century historical photo.

1981

2006

The Launch of Quality First Scholarships

In 2006, Arizona voters made a lasting investment in our youngest children by passing Proposition 203, creating a dedicated funding stream for early childhood development through First Things First. Just a few years later, during the recession, Quality First Scholarships were launched to help families maintain access to child care when critical state funding was cut.

2010

A New Community Impact Approach

The organization launched a comprehensive Community Impact Plan, shifting beyond traditional fundraising to focus more directly on initiatives that create measurable change in education, health, housing, and workforce development.



Arizona Cardinals' player, Calais Campbell, pictured alongside young Valley of the Sun United Way volunteers in 2011.

2025

Valley of the Sun United Way's Reorientation

Meeting the moment In 2025 the organization reoriented its focus and budget to better address challenges to the community's safety. This included responsiveness positioning to address emergency needs such as the response to the SNAP disruption funding \$400,000 to key food banks and foundations to address the 900,000 Arizonans temporary benefit disruption.

Today - Uniting the Valley for the Next Century

Now marking its 100th year, Valley of the Sun United Way continues to bring together nonprofits, volunteers, and local leaders to address Maricopa County's most pressing issues. Through the Uniting for Our Future campaign, it is deploying resources quickly and supporting community partners to build a more resilient future.

2010

2020

2021

2025

2020

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic

When the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted communities across Maricopa County, Valley of the Sun United Way mobilized quickly, coordinating resources and partnerships to support schools, nonprofits and vulnerable families facing unprecedented challenges.

2021

Mighty Change 2026 Five-Year Change Plan Launch

Accelerated by philanthropist MacKenzie Scott's \$25M gift to the Valley of the Sun United Way, this innovative plan was designed to address Maricopa County's most pressing challenges. Developed through extensive community input, the plan focused on bold goals in health and hunger, housing and homelessness, education, and workforce development, bringing together businesses, nonprofits, and donors to create lasting and measurable change.



Left to Right: Paul Luna, Carla Vargas Jasa, Merl Waschler and Brian Hassett.

"As we mark our centennial, it's clear how much the Valley has grown and how partnership and civic leadership have driven that progress. The work continues, and Valley of the Sun United Way will keep uniting people to build a stronger future for generations ahead."

– John Graham, Immediate Past Chair



Valley of the Sun United Way's mural and representatives from the organization, pictured with representatives from Valley of the Sun United Way's nonprofit partners.

United Way's Four Focus Areas Drive Community Change as 100th Year Celebration Begins

As Valley of the Sun United Way approaches the end of its five year Mighty Change 2026 plan and launches a two year celebration of its 100th anniversary, the organization's four strategic areas of focus continue to guide its work – fueling measurable impact across Maricopa County.

The organization's pillars – education, housing and homelessness, health and hunger, and workforce development – serve as the foundation for community progress. Through business partnerships, innovation and coordinated action, Valley of the Sun United Way and its network of nonprofits and volunteers are helping individuals and families build stability and opportunity.

Education: Building Strong Beginnings

Strong early literacy is a foundation for lifelong learning. At Lattie Coor Elementary in Avondale, the Literacy Hub – supported by Valley of the Sun United Way – has brought teachers, families, and community partners together to improve reading outcomes. By integrating classroom instruction with family engagement and access to resources, the program has helped students make meaningful gains in reading proficiency and confidence.



Housing and Homelessness: Preventing Crisis, Supporting Stability

As housing costs rise, preventing homelessness remains urgent. Valley of the Sun United Way's Mighty Families initiative has been a central strategy within Mighty Change 2026, helping families on the brink of losing their homes remain housed through rent, utility and food assistance. Local families report that this support has made the difference between crisis and stability, preserving educational continuity for children and reducing the emotional and financial stress on parents.

Health and Hunger: Keeping the Valley's Safety Net Stable

To improve health and stability, the organization focuses on direct food funding support through food banks and community mobilization. The pantry pack programs reach 1,500 students each month during the school year. One million meals from elderly to young families have been provided from the onset of this area of focus.

Workforce Development: Preparing for Tomorrow's Jobs

Workforce readiness remains a critical focus as the regional economy evolves. Through Pathways for Economic Success and the Fair Chance initiatives, Valley of the Sun United Way connects Black and Latina women and justice-impacted individuals with career guidance, financial support and employer networks to complete degrees and find employment in in-demand fields. Many participants have secured internships, apprenticeships or full time work that positions them for long term success.

As Mighty Change 2026 nears its conclusion, these success stories reflect the strength of coordinated community action. Now, as Valley of the Sun United Way begins its centennial celebration, the organization is renewing its commitment to these four pillars – adapting strategies, deepening partnerships, and expanding engagement to meet emerging challenges.

With a century of experience behind it and a collaborative vision ahead, United Way continues its mission to create lasting, equitable impact across the Valley.

100th Anniversary Visionary Champions

Our 100th Anniversary Visionary Champions are local community members and businesses whose gifts of \$1 million or more were made during our two-year anniversary celebration period. We celebrate them during this milestone in recognition of their exceptional philanthropic leadership and enduring commitment to Maricopa County.



David & Weezie Reese

Cindy and Mike Watts

Edward Jones



JPMorganChase

Kathleen & John Graham

Phil & Nita Francis



100th Anniversary Champions

Our Anniversary Champions embody the spirit of community investment. With contributions of \$100,000 or more during our two-year anniversary celebration period, their generosity and partnership help ensure that individuals and families across Maricopa County have access to pathways that support stability, opportunity, and long-term success.

American Express

Arizona State University

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

Connie & Jim Binns

**CopperPoint Insurance
Companies**

Costco

Enterprise Holdings

General Dynamics

Gila River Indian Community

Microchip Technology

Microsoft Corporation

Nationwide Insurance

PCL Construction

PetSmart

**Simer Institute for
Family Stability**

Snell & Wilmer

USAA

Wells Fargo

Message from our President & CEO

Carla Vargas Jasa

As Valley of the Sun United Way marks one hundred years of service, we do so with deep gratitude for the community members, corporate partners, and donors who have made this work possible – including many who have stood with us for decades, as well as those who are newly joining us as we look ahead to the next century of impact.

Our focus is firmly on the future. For a century, we have helped strengthen the systems that make our communities, workforce, and economy more resilient. Today, as population growth and rising costs increase demands on these systems, our work has never been more important.

We are intentionally evolving to meet this moment – becoming more responsive, more collaborative, and more oriented around partnerships that bring greater impact at scale. By convening leaders across nonprofits, businesses, and public agencies, we are ensuring resources are aligned, programs are coordinated, and families receive the support they need when they need it most.

The past century has shown that strong communities are built from within. As we enter our centennial celebration, we recommit to that principle – uniting leaders, aligning resources, and strengthening partnerships so that Maricopa County's future is secure, resilient, and prosperous for generations to come.



– Carla Vargas Jasa



A Note from Our Partners at New Life Center

Valley of the Sun United Way meets the moment by assessing our community's most pressing needs, unifying organizations around solutions, and mobilizing support to provide a vital safety net. By strengthening our partner organizations, we help ensure families move beyond crisis toward lasting stability.

Homelessness is a crisis facing Maricopa County. On any given day, more than 9,000 of our neighbors are experiencing homelessness. However, through our partnership with New Life Center, we are able to provide a comprehensive, trauma-informed care model that supports families as they begin rebuilding independent lives.

This impact comes to life through stories like the one below. When a mother and her young son arrived after fleeing a violent situation, safety could not wait. At New Life Center, families receive more than emergency shelter.

Survivors are welcomed into a secure, trauma-informed campus where advocates provide safety planning, case management, and pathways to permanent housing. Children have spaces intentionally designed for healing and normalcy.

New Life Center is also among the small percentage of domestic violence shelters nationwide able to keep pets with families. With only about 20% allowing pets, this support is especially meaningful. For this young boy, being able to keep his dog by his side brought comfort during one of the hardest moments of his life.

"When families arrive at our shelter, they are often leaving everything behind except what they can carry," said Molly Pino, Development Manager at New Life Center. "Because of the support of community partners like Valley of the Sun United Way, we're able to offer immediate safety, keep beloved pets with their families, and help survivors move from crisis to stability. This photo captures that turning point."

"Valley of the Sun United Way admires A New Life Center's mission to support individuals and families traumatized by domestic violence and human trafficking," said Samantha Jackson, Community Development and Engagement Director for Housing and Homelessness at Valley of the Sun United Way.

"We don't often equate victims of trafficking



A young boy and his dog as they arrive at stable temporary housing at A New Life Center. Photo blurred for privacy.

"As Board Chair of Valley of the Sun United Way, I am proud to see the organization's lasting impact in our area. For one hundred years, United Way has brought people, organizations, and neighbors together to address the challenges facing Maricopa County. Today, that mission is more important than ever.

I am inspired every day by the generosity, dedication, and vision of those who contribute their time, resources, and expertise to United Way. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient community – one that will continue to thrive for generations to come."

– Latasha Causey, Board Chair, Valley of the Sun United Way

with homelessness, but those who are trafficked usually don't have their own home to live in," Samantha said. "Once a person arrives at A New Life Center, they can begin their healing journey while staying in A New Life Center's temporary housing, taking the steps needed toward regaining self-sufficiency. Providing transitional housing is such a critical intervention."

Through coordinated partnership and early intervention, families like this one can transition from crisis to safe, stable housing of their own. Domestic violence remains one of the leading drivers of homelessness,

with 38% of domestic violence survivors experiencing homelessness at some point in their lives. This is why Valley of the Sun United Way recognizes the importance of investing early.

By convening partners, aligning resources, and stabilizing trusted community providers, Valley of the Sun United Way helps build a network where the housing crisis in Maricopa County is lessened. Each year, more than 2,000 individuals are supported through our partnership with New Life Center, and that is just one example of how early intervention changes lives.

New Century, New Home

Valley of the Sun United Way has moved into its new headquarters at Park Central in central Phoenix, creating a modern, community-facing space designed to strengthen connections across Maricopa County. The new offices provide a hub for collaboration with nonprofits, volunteers, donors, and local leaders, making it easier to coordinate programs and initiatives that address education, health, housing and workforce development. A prominent new mural celebrates partnership and service, symbolizing the organization's commitment to the Valley. This move reflects United Way's focus on being more accessible, visible, and responsive to the communities it serves.



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

23,000+
DONORS

5,500+
VOLUNTEERS

18,700+
VOLUNTEER HOURS

Valley of the Sun United Way Looks to the Future, Strengthening Community Collaboration



Laura Kaiser, Jenny Tetreault, Heather Kivatinos, Olivia Fierro and Sabrina Freiberg at Valley of the Sun United Way's Women United breakfast in 2025.

As Valley of the Sun United Way marks its 100th anniversary, the organization is turning its focus to the future – meeting today's challenges with renewed strategies, deeper collaboration, and stronger support for the nonprofit community.

For a century, Valley of the Sun United Way has been part of the fabric of Maricopa County, helping families, businesses and public partners navigate times of disruption and recovery. Now, as the organization begins a two-year 100th anniversary celebration, it is intentionally shifting how it operates to be more responsive, more agile, and more focused on partnership-driven solutions.

"Lasting progress happens when communities come together to tackle challenges head-on," said Carla Vargas Jasa, President and CEO of Valley of the Sun United Way. "We're proud to stand alongside our business community and nonprofit partners to innovate and invest in solutions that expand opportunity across the Valley."

This approach is particularly important as nonprofits face rising demand amid decreasing federal support. Valley of the Sun United Way is convening leaders across the public, private and nonprofit sectors to coordinate action, share insights and strengthen collaboration.

New initiatives, such as Valley 100, are

helping small and mid-sized businesses engage beyond philanthropy, contributing leadership, expertise, and ideas to local problem-solving. Our CEO Advisory Circle deepens engagement with corporate partners to address systemic issues across United Way's four focus areas.

"Valley 100 is about engaging the business community in a deeper way – not just giving back, but helping lead, innovate and shape solutions that strengthen our region," said Adam Goodman, co-chair of Valley 100.

Additionally, United Way has convened



Valley of the Sun United Way CEO Carla Vargas Jasa and United Food Bank CEO Jason Reed at Valley of the Sun United Way's new office open house in February 2026.

the leadership of its nonprofit partners consistently over the past 10 years to ensure it has a deep understanding of challenges, concerns, and needs and can continue to adjust and respond to needs in real time.

As Maricopa County continues to grow, Valley of the Sun United Way's 100th anniversary is not only a celebration of past accomplishments but a call to collective leadership. Together, businesses, nonprofits, and community members can meet today's challenges and shape a stronger, more resilient future.



Valley of the Sun United Way volunteers at Phoenix ToolBank during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day service project.

Valley 100 Launches to Unite Local Businesses Around Community Impact



Latasha Causey, Co-chair of Valley 100, President, Phoenix Raceway.

Valley of the Sun United Way has launched Valley 100, a new initiative designed to unite one hundred locally headquartered businesses around a shared commitment to strengthen Maricopa County while advancing strategic corporate philanthropy. The organization is honored to have Latasha Causey and Adam Goodman serve as the inaugural Valley 100 co-chairs, helping guide the initiative from its inception.

Valley 100 moves beyond traditional corporate giving by creating a network of business leaders committed to addressing critical community needs, including workforce development and regional economic growth. Participating companies commit to annual membership and gain access to United Way’s corporate social responsibility consulting services, as well as Tocqueville Society membership for executive leadership.

“Goodmans has always believed in giving back to the community we call home – it’s



Adam Goodman, Co-chair of Valley 100, President & CEO, Goodmans Interior Structure.

part of who we are as a family and as a business,” said Adam Goodman, co-chair of Valley 100 and CEO of Goodmans. “Valley 100 brings local companies together in a powerful way, and by aligning around Valley of the Sun United Way’s mission, we have an opportunity to create meaningful, lasting impact in our community.”

The organization is also grateful to its Founding Valley 100 members for their long-time partnership and support of Valley of the Sun United Way’s mission. Founding members include APS, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Goodmans, Phoenix Raceway, Snell & Wilmer, SRP, Sunbelt Holdings, and PetSmart.

Membership support advances key community priorities, including education, health and hunger, housing and homelessness, workforce development, and other emerging regional challenges.

“Valley 100 is about more than philanthropy



Nadia Rivera, Chief of Staff & Brand, Lead of Valley 100.

– it’s about equipping local companies with the tools and support to meet business objectives while activating their corporate values and maximizing their investment in the community,” said Nadia Rivera, Chief of Staff and Brand at Valley of the Sun United Way. “Consumers and employees increasingly expect companies to give back, and Valley 100 helps businesses do that in authentic and meaningful ways.”

Through its corporate social responsibility consulting and concierge services, Valley 100 offers companies flexible pathways to strengthen corporate philanthropy, employee engagement, and brand strategy, backed by the appropriate level of strategic and operational support.

Valley of the Sun United Way views Valley 100 as a platform for long-term collaboration between the business community and nonprofit organizations across the region.

FOUNDING MEMBERS



Valley of the Sun United Way Invites Community to Get Involved in Uniting for Our Future

As Valley of the Sun United Way marks its one hundred Years of Uniting the Valley milestone, the organization looks to a resilient future and is inviting businesses and individuals across Maricopa County to act and join in Uniting for Our Future.

The campaign honors a century of partnership and encourages our community, businesses, organizations, and leaders to help shape our future of local impact by engaging in meaningful ways that support long term health and opportunity.

“At the heart of our impact over the past century are the businesses, leaders, donors, volunteers, and advocates who stand with us,” said Laura Kaiser, Chief Corporate and Donor Relations Officer. “Now is the time to continue that legacy of service and invest in the future of our community.”

Ways to Give and Get Involved

Businesses can participate by sponsoring centennial events, launching workplace giving campaigns or engaging employees in service activities. Corporate partners can also participate in newer initiatives that bring companies together to align their community investment strategies with measurable impact goals.

Businesses and individuals can support United Way's work through several giving options that fit their interests and capacity. Charitable gifts, including donations and recurring support, help provide essential resources for local programs focused on education, health, housing, and workforce development. Arizona's charitable tax credit also allows individuals to make impactful gifts that provide tax benefits.

Leadership giving opportunities invite donors to join circles that demonstrate long term commitment while inspiring others. These include membership levels that recognize significant annual pledges and planned giving options that allow supporters to include United Way in their estate planning, ensuring sustained benefit for decades to come.

Volunteer and Social Engagement

Volunteerism remains a cornerstone of United Way's impact. Individuals, families, and groups can volunteer throughout Maricopa County, contributing time and talent to support nonprofit partners and community initiatives, from hands-on service to organizational support.



Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, City of Phoenix representatives and Valley of the Sun United Way staff members, pictured outside Valley of the Sun United Way's Literacy Hub at Sullivan Elementary School in November 2025.



Valley of the Sun United Way's Kelli Fawcett with young volunteers during Day of Action in October 2025.

One example is our Loaned Executive program, where companies share their rising leaders for social investment. This program has resulted in thousands of volunteer hours contributed by the private sector to help programs succeed and serve residents Valley wide.

In addition, United Way's 100 Acts of Impact Social Media Challenge invites community members to share meaningful actions online, amplifying the message that giving – in any form – drives lasting change.

Sharing the Story

As part of the centennial, United Way is also gathering and sharing stories from those whose lives the organization's work has touched. Community members can share their own experiences, demonstrating the collective power of giving across generations.

Valley of the Sun United Way's 100th anniversary is not just a celebration of past accomplishments – it is a call to action for everyone in the Valley to help build a stronger, more resilient community for the future.



Valley of the Sun United Way's Chief Corporate and Donor Relations Officer, Laura Kaiser.



Valley of the Sun United Way's loaned executives in August 2025.

Board of Directors

Our board members lead with generosity, vision, and a deep commitment to our community. Their investment and leadership fuel the work that expands opportunity, supports long-term solutions, and strengthens Maricopa County for generations to come.

Ruben E. Alvarez Molera Alvarez	Matt Byrnes (Vice Chair) PetSmart	Greg Geist BMO Commercial Bank	James M. Macdonald, III JPMorganChase	Kyle Steinbuch PNC Bank
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Rebecca Burleigh EPCOR USA	Matt Feeney Snell & Wilmer	Drena Kusari Microsoft	Brad Smith (Secretary) Community Leader	Christine Wilkinson, Ph.D. Arizona State University
	Sabrina Freiberg Nationwide	Dave Long (Treasurer) Community Leader		

Past Chairs

Our past board chairs have shaped our organization with exceptional leadership, generosity, and vision. Their dedication laid the foundation for the impact we continue to build today. Through their guidance and commitment, they helped expand opportunity, strengthen community partnerships, and set in motion long-term solutions that continue to benefit Maricopa County. We honor their lasting legacy and the profound influence they have had on our Valley community.

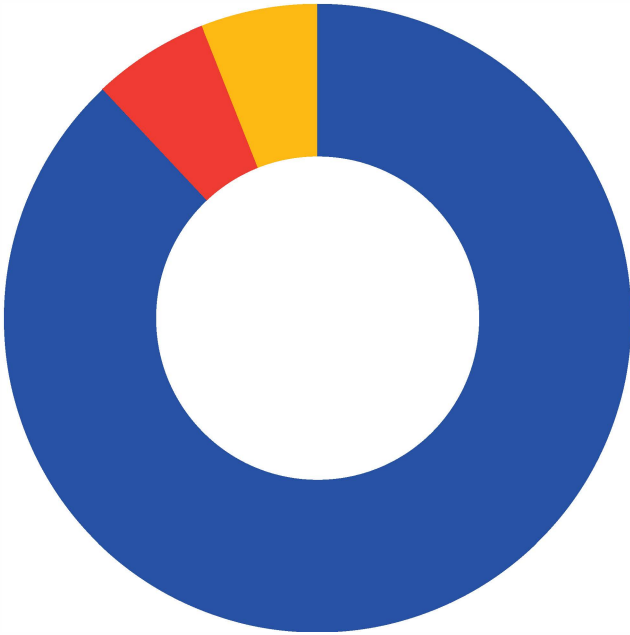
L.C. Chalmers	1925-1927	W.R. Young	1952	Lawrence Mehren	1964	Aggie Angerer	1984	José Cárdenas	2001
Russell R. Kyle	1928	James Patrick	1953	G. Clarke Bean	1965	Mark DeMichele	1985	Armando Flores	2002
Lloyd C. Lakin	1929	Dr. Paul Case	1954	Guy Neeley	1966	Leonard Huck	1986	Steve Wheeler	2003-2004
E.W. Montgomery	1930-1931	John E. Griffith	1955	Dick Smith	1967	Jim Bruner	1987	Ken Burdick	2005-2006
Judge Jenckes	1932	Dr. Frederick Barnhill	1956	Robert Forsberg	1968-1969	James Lincicome	1988	Phil Francis	2007-2008
E.L. Grose	1933-1936	Don Willis	1957	Robert Sabeck	1970	James Lee	1989	Doug Parker	2009-2010
W.T. Joplin	1937	Stanley H. Blyth	1958	Randolph Soranson	1971-1972	Molly Broad	1990	Derrick Hall	2011-2012
C.W. Pensinger	1938	Niblack Thorne	1959	Frank Moss	1973	James Norling	1991	Pam Conboy	2013-2014
Barry Goldwater	1939-1940	Kenneth W. Michael	1960	J. Wilson Barrett	1974-1975	Michael Welborn	1992	Don Smith	2015-2016
H.L. Dunham	1941-1942	Richard Steiman	1961	George Leonard	1976-1977	James Albo	1993	Mark Schiavoni	2017-2018
C.E. Freeman	1943-1945	Earl Bimson	1962	John J. O'Connor	1978-1979	Cecil Patterson	1994-1995	Jenny Holsman Tetreault	2019-2020
Jack Brahm	1946	M.H. Diels	1963	Donald Cline	1980-1981	Kathy Munro	1996-1997	John Graham	2021-2023
J. Otis Sullivan	1947			Jerry Wisotsky	1982-1983	Jon Campbell	1998-1999	Latasha Causey	2024-Present
R.H. Payne	1948-1951					John Oppedahl	2000		



Valley of the Sun United Way Past Board and Campaign Chairs gather together in November 2025.

2025-2026 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

\$70,681,801



88%

Community investments through United Way network of partners, community services and program support, including First Things First and other restricted funding.

6%

Administrative support

6%

Fundraising



HOW YOU CAN HELP

By supporting Valley of the Sun United Way, you're helping thousands of residents get the tools they need to succeed. You can support our work financially or through many volunteer opportunities.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Corporate Sponsorships

Global, national and local businesses are uniting to support community impact. Through sponsorships and grants we partner with companies to align their philanthropic goals with the most pressing needs in our community – helping meet the moment and drive meaningful change.

Major Gifts

Collaborate with us to find innovative solutions for a stronger, more resilient community.

Valley 100

Join Valley 100 to drive measurable community impact while strengthening your company's corporate philanthropy and leadership.

The Reese Tocqueville Society

Join passionate and mission driven leaders who invest in proven community impact solutions like David and Weezie Reese.

Bench & Bar

Join a dedicated circle of lawyers and judges within the Tocqueville Society who drive collective impact.

Leadership Giving

Join fellow pacesetters who lead by example and inspire others to support in uniting for a resilient future.

Women United

Join a premier network of philanthropic women leaders dedicated to effecting change in the Valley.

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

Give a charitable donation that assists hardworking families by supporting areas like job skill training, childcare, education and more.

United Way Planned Giving

Get more flexibility and greater tax benefits with every gift.

Endowed Gifts

Invest in Valley of the Sun United Way's endowment to ensure United Way can continue to provide stability to this community into the future.

To learn more about how you can support Valley of the Sun United Way's programs and mission, please contact Sarah Boerner at sboerner@vsuw.org



Above: Valley of the Sun United Way's Tocqueville Society members in October 2025.

Right: Valley of the Sun United Way representative at Arizona State University's 2025 Homecoming.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to join us in Uniting for Our Future in Maricopa County through participating in our many volunteer opportunities across the Valley.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer in the Community

Find an opportunity in your community that best meets your needs.

Volunteer at Home

Offer support with activities you can complete anywhere.

Volunteer at the Office

Help bring engagement opportunities to your office.

We make it simple for you to be a part of the solution. We'll provide opportunities to be an activist wherever you are – at home, at work, or at school. We have bold goals for Maricopa County and invite you to join us in making them happen.

Visit Valley of the Sun United Way at vsuw.org.



Left: Women United member volunteering at Valley of the Sun United Way's Literacy Hub at Sullivan Elementary School.



Below: Valley of the Sun United Way's annual employee campaign with corporate partner.



Valley of the Sun United Way's corporate volunteers during a Pantry Pack event.