



Fly the Flag

On Sunday, September 11, the 10th anniversary of one of the country's worst tragedies, remember to display an American flag at home or on your car. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

Our American flag is the fabric of our country and shows together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

Thank you for your participation.

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Center Assists Families in Transition

"I don't want this to be about me, I want this to be about the organization and the services we are providing," said George Macedon, when asked about the start up of Fans Across America Locker Room, which serves as a distribution center to assist students and families in transition or homeless within the Chandler Unified School District.

His response is indicative of a humble nature. But truth be told the Locker Room wouldn't exist if not for the passion of George, a retired executive in the consumer and electronics, communications and financial services industries.

In a span of less than a year from the germination of the idea, George has secured corporate sponsors, a location and consist in-flow of donated items to help CUSD families who are victims of economic hardships and are often living in temporary transition housing, sub-standard conditions, shelters, shared housing, motels or with friends.

The Fans Across America, an all-volunteer 501(c) 3 was established five years ago by a CUSD parent, Bruce Petillo. The mission of the organization is to continue building a community of sports and entertainment fans that helps provide living necessities to families with seriously ill children, families in transition and homeless students.

The organization added a new dimension when George learned in September 2010 about the homeless problem of CUSD. He has been a man on a mission ever since, establishing the Locker Room near Ray Road and Arizona Avenue. He has cultivated relationships with businesses and individuals in the community to supply the center.

The Locker Room serves as an acceptance, processing and distribution center for donated clothes (infants to adults), toiletries, dental hygiene items, household items, school supplies, small appliances and any other items to assist students and families with basic living necessities. Coordinating with the Chandler Unified School District through school administrators, counselors, social workers, school nurses and teachers, Fans is able to distribute donated items to families in need. Only items in good condition are distributed and only after being thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

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Martha Brown, the district's homeless liaison, assists families in need of clothing.

CUSD is currently home to 517 homeless students and 238 homeless families in transition

United Way: Live United

United Way Site Coordinators

Elementary	
Andersen	Christina MacDonald, Joan Todd
Basha	Marie Campbell
Bologna	James Estes, Gigi Tate
Conley	Susan Kienitz
CTA-Freedom	Mary Jo White, Kathy Lynch
CTA-Goodman	Pam Scott, Sylvia Krick
CTA-Independence	Carolyn Hernandez
CTA - Liberty	Caitlin Racco
Erie	Michelle Lester
Frye	Laura Rook
Fulton	Stacy Pratt
Galveston	Eric Brooks
Haley	Pam Nephew
Hancock	Elsie Merfeld
Hartford Sylvia Encinas	Chalene Baxter, Sherri Fullerton
Hull	Teri Raven
Humphrey	Kristen DeBruin
Jacobson	Devon Darone
Knox	Connie Wallace
Navarrete	Rick Cramer
Patterson	Nichole Kogel
Riggs	Laura Ifverson
Ryan	Erica Budka, Tina Henegar
Sanborn	Marsha Hart
San Marcos	MaryJo Landwehr
Santan	Mary Logan
Shumway	Jamie Ezolt
Tarwater	Melody Nowotarski
Weinberg	Kelly Lawler

CUSD has partnered again with the Valley of the Sun United Way and it is time for our 2011 pledge campaign. Through the community fund, the Valley of the Sun United Way:

- Provides children, youth, and adults with opportunities for quality learning and skill development.
- Helps families and individuals achieve greater self sufficiency by empowering them with skills and knowledge.
- Assists people in crisis with vital basic services to help them get back on their feet.

A universal fund, like Live United, is a way to ensure that funds are distributed for programs that do the most for our community.

If you prefer, you can earmark your pledges for any number of organizations, including the Chandler CARE Center (in care of the Chandler Education Foundation) or the CEF itself.



Live United



More than 8,000 children participated in quality early learning opportunities.



More than 24,000 individuals received employment-related services.



100,000 individuals dealing with disease received counseling and support services.

District-wide orientation will be held at 3:30 on Sept. 15 at the district office.

- Chandler Christian Community Center
- Chandler Gilbert Association for Retarded Citizens
- Chandler Meals on Wheels
- Foundation for Blind Children
- Human Action for Chandler
- Chandler Education Foundation
- Community Care Hospice
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley
- Salvation Army
- Chandler CARE Center

More information about the Valley of the Sun United Way organization can be found on its Web site (www.vsuw.org) or talk to your site coordinator.

Please take a moment to thank the individuals who have agreed to be site coordinators for this year's pledge campaign.

The Community Relations Department will be accepting donations until October 28.

A Look at What's Going On Around the District



- Andersen Elementary** participated in a clothing recycling drive in conjunction with Chandler-based company Phoenix Fibers. By donating used or tattered clothing and linens, Andersen was able to raise money for the school and help the environment at the same time. **Shannon Moxley's** sixth grade class won the school-wide competition by bringing in more than 200 pounds, they were treated to a pizza party by the company.

- Barbara Kish's** class at **Bologna Elementary** was disrupted by a great horned owl on Wednesday. The bird landed in the pod by sixth grade around 11 a.m. and was safely sheltered by staff until rescue in the afternoon. It was a young bird who was disoriented by the heat. The bird will be returned to the wild after recovering at a local rescue.



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United Way Site Coordinators

Junior High	
Arizona College Prep	Candy Rife
Andersen	Jim Anderson, Lora Schumacher
Bogle	Marilyn Wollschlager
Hamilton Prep	Victoria Loftis
Payne	Shawn Varner
Santan	Courtney Marlow
Willis	Mike Cady

High School	
Basha	Candice Holliday
Chandler	Dave Shapiro
Hamilton	Brenda Lohr
Perry	Yvonne Parkison
Chandler Early College	Jeff Cowger
Hill Learning Academy	Jen Chandler

Ancillary Sites	
Central Kitchen	Rich Kalesz
IRC	Diane Hale
Support Services	Bob Langmeyer
Transportation	Pamela Cuthbert
Warehouse	Diana Messersmith
District Office	Terry Locke-- Chairperson

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Creative Expression Competition

Theme: 100 Years of Music – 100 Years of Culture



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES
November 14**

This year's competition is open to any student living or attending school in Chandler. Entries will be accepted in the following categories:

Categories

Writing

Essay and Poetry

Entries Limited to one page
Eligible Grade Levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

Visual Arts

Posters, Photography & Paintings

Medium no Larger than 14 x 22 inches
Eligible Grade Levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

Performance Arts

Music Singing & Dance

Entries can be no longer than 3 minutes
Entries must be submitted by video tape or DVD
Eligible Grade Levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

Video

DVD or VHS Format

Entries no longer than 3 minutes
Eligible Grade Levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12

Competition Information

All winners will be announced and winning entries will be displayed at the Multicultural Festival on Jan. 14. First place performance category winners will be invited to perform at the Multicultural Festival.

Entries can be mailed or dropped off at:

City of Chandler - Neighborhood Resources
235 S. Arizona Ave. - Chandler, AZ 85225

Judging Criteria

Remember this year's theme: 100 Years of Music – 100 Years of Culture

Writing- Readability, Reflection of Theme, Use of Writers Understanding of Cultural Experiences

Performing Arts – Originality, Arrangements/Sounds/Continuity, Image, Stage Presence/Interaction with Audience

Visual Arts – Composition, Presentation, Technique and Subject

Video Arts- Illustration of Theme, Thought Provoking, Overall Production and Flow

For additional details please see the [flier](#) or call 782-2214.

Centennial Birthday Card Cover Design Contest

Chandler students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in a design contest to create covers for Chandler's official Centennial birthday cards. The winners will have their designs placed on large cards that will be displayed throughout the community and signed by the public.

The contest is free to enter and open to any student who lives within or goes to a school within the Chandler city limits. Three winners will be chosen from each of the four competition divisions, which are based on school grade: K-3; 4-6; 7-8; and 9-12. Only one entry is allowed per student and the design entries must be submitted along with an application by **5 p.m. on Oct. 18**. Finalists will be announced in December and the winners will be announced at the Chandler Multicultural Festival on Jan. 14, 2012.

For more information see the [flier](#), visit the website www.chandler100th.com or call 480-782-2665.



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Educational Equity Compliance

Chandler Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age. The Title IX coordinator is Jeanette Polvani, 812-7660, and the Section 504 coordinator is Diane Bruening, 224-3732. Address: 1525 W. Frye Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

Locker Room Serves Neediest

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Being an all-volunteer foundation, Fans Across America relies on monetary and item donations from individuals, businesses, corporate sponsorships, civic organization drives and fund raisers.

Intel has been a particularly supportive partner, with staff coordinating backpack, clothing and supplies drives.

Families are served only through referral of CUSD staff and by appointment.

George has earned the right to kick up his feet and relax after a successful career that included serving as CEO of Commtek Communications, the largest publisher and distributor of entertainment guides for the home satellite industry. So why does he work so hard during his "retirement."

"To be able to give back to the community for the opportunities the corporate world afforded me is very rewarding," he said. "Every day is a rewarding experience. This is all about helping those who are less fortunate, those who not long ago had the economic means. It is important to show families and students that somebody is there for them."

To refer a family for services or to donate items, please call George at 480-861-6280 or email him at gmacedon@fansacrossamerica.org.



George Macedon, director of Fans Across America, sorts clothing at the organization's Locker Room, a distribution center for CUSD families in transition.

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