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FUNDamentals Scholarship - Let the FUN Begin

Coolidge – July 26, 2018 As Back to School season approaches, the question on parent's minds becomes: What sport will my child play? Will they take dance, choir, drama, art? And, most importantly: How will we pay for it? The United Way of Pinal County (UWPC) has developed a community solution with the FUNDamentals Scholarship.

This scholarship provides a monetary grant to assist in paying any fees associated with afterschool activities. Research shows that children of low-income families who attend after-school programs are less likely to exhibit anti-social and problematic behaviors. Children who regularly attend high-quality after-school programs are more likely to be engaged in school and attentive in class. They are also less likely to skip school and engage in risky behavior. Learning how to handle and cope with stress improves children's health both mentally and physically while teaching valuable life skills.

The FUNDamentals Scholarship is made possible by a collaborative partnership between the UWPC, the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce, Central Arizona Community College, The Coolidge Rotary Club, and local Coolidge businesses like Shopes IGA and the Coolidge Ace Hardware. These businesses have displayed Cents4Change donation box at their locations and designate their "round up" donations to support the effort. In 2018 alone, over \$550.00 has been raised. The UWPC has set the ambitious goal of raising \$750.00 by the beginning of the school year.

If you're interested in applying, please visit www.unitedwayofpc.org/grants to apply.

Want to help? Text UWPC SCHOLARSHIP to 313131 or visit www.unitedwayofpc.org/fundamentals-scholarship. For more program information contact Community Program Manager, Braden Biggs at 520-233-8272 or email Braden.biggs@unitedwayofpc.org

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About United Way of Pinal County

The United Way of Pinal County is a nonprofit organization that brings people and communities together to advance the common good through services that improve lives. The organization partners with local nonprofits, businesses, and government and social service agencies, to address the communities' most pressing needs. The mission statement is "United Way of Pinal County matches generosity with community needs to promote lasting change in people's lives" -unitedwayofpc.org-