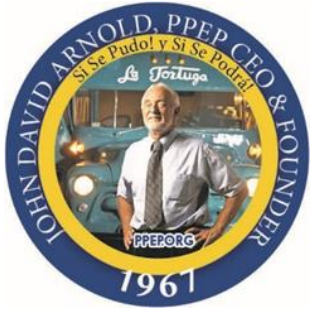


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# CEO Quarterly Report

## PPEP and Affiliates Board Meetings

October 2023 – January 2024

*Theme: Microlending &  
Small Business Development*

By: John David Arnold PhD

CEO / Founder

***!Si Se Pudo, Si Se Podrá!***



**Dr. Arnold presented with the Humanitarian Rights Award in Jalisco, Guadalajara**



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PMHDC President**



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FARS President**



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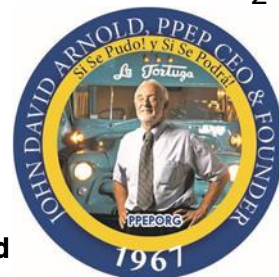
"Si Se Pudo"

"Si Se Podra!"

Gertha Brown-Hurd

President

*Home of the Farmworker Hall of Fame*



## CEO Quarterly Report October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Calendar of Events)

Estimados de PPEP Board, Staff, & Family,

Please view my quarterly report to the Board of Directors. The timeframe of this report is from October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, to January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Additional activities including the trip to Liberia with the inauguration of the President Joseph Boakai by invitation will have transpired by the time of our meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Then VP Joseph visited our programs in Arizona, and we signed an education MOU. This was during the past administration. Since then, we have had a cooperative relationship developing organic rice farming, youth Ag training programs and construction of a youth/training center. Recent updates since we last met.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – We celebrated PPEPs 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ‘improving the quality of life at home and abroad’. Some of the highlights of the anniversary celebration included Jesse Lopez being inducted into the Farmworker Hall of Fame to honor his decades of service to the youth and the farmworkers of lower Yuma County. Also, recognized that night was Charlene Fernandez who is the USDA State Director, a position appointed by the President of the United States. A special recognition was made to Melody Murguia Miss Universe Mexico /USA. She was recognized for her contributions in visiting each of our PPEP Tec high schools to empower and challenge the youth to succeed. Melody’s sister Yoselin Murguia, who is a recording artist performed two of her favorite songs. During the celebration Princess Mambo from Cameroon also honored us by singing the National Anthem. The Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona provided us with the color guard and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Traditional Prayer was performed by the Yaqui religious leader David Dominguez. The guest speaker was Jorge Maldonado, the Mayor of Nogales.

**October 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>** – I traveled to Hendron, Virginia for the annual meeting of the online charter schools. At this conference, the online charter schools are given technical assistance and offered programs that might enhance their educational offerings within their districts. This year there were many new innovations, mainly



in the area of the technology as well as tutorials. Our PPEP Tec High School was recognized as one of the pioneers in the STRIDE program going back to 2002 when it was called K-12 Inc. The STRIDE online schools operate under our charter and have roughly 8000 students that study each day, kindergarten through high school. During this time, our agency independent audits were presented to the boards PMHDC and PPEP. We are proud to report there were no questioned or disallowed costs and both corporations had a healthy bottom line. This positive financial pattern has been consistent over the past two decades.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – I attended the Pueblo High School Foundation fundraiser. Arnold Palacios, a PPEP board member is very much involved in that organization and fundraising. Both Arnold and I are graduates from Pueblo High School. That same day we sponsored the Southern Arizona veteran's recognition dinner at the Knights of Columbus. We honored 60 veterans for their service to the country.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – We hosted the Arizona Rural Human Services Network. This is a rural peer group exchange we set up about 25 years ago to bring rural organizations together for the betterment of that community. Our focus was on rural housing. Charlene Fernandez, the State Director of USDA, was present to talk about affordable housing along with the Deputy State Director Alesia Stanley. Also in attendance was Randy the Executive Director of SEAGO which is a regional government representing Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, and Greenlee Counties. There was a strong emphasis on access to clean water, affordable land, and financing for new and used housing. The network meeting was well attended with representatives throughout rural southern Arizona.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – A film crew from Arizona State University came to do an interview regarding PPEP's 56 years of service. This is part of the larger documentary on issues and concerns that rural people face on a daily basis.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Marked the date of the 2023 Amado chili cookoff. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year has been growing in leaps and bounds. It is the annual fundraiser for the Amado youth center. This year some 14 of the best chili chefs brought their offerings to be tasted by the public. The competition is keen, but the chili is great. It also features one of the largest motorcycle and antique car shows in southern Arizona. Great entertainment and a growing number of vendors selling their unique wares. See the attached photos.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – We traveled to Benson, Arizona to our La Ramona Morales senior housing project. There we met Randy Heiss and the new SEAGO Executive Director. We visited the senior apartment site and then the adjacent property which would like to develop into market rate housing. We proposed that this would be a joint effort between our two organizations. It would provide affordable housing for families that need that extra boost to be able to acquire a home.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – We traveled to Somerton and San Luis, Arizona. During that period, I visited all of the offices of our organization in that area to greet the staff and thank them for their service. Plus, to double their efforts on behalf of the farmworkers we serve. I also visited our two charter high schools and greeted the students encouraging that education creates opportunity. In San Luis, I had the opportunity to have a session with the PPEP Youth Build trainees. There are 25 trainees both young women and men that are training in the homebuilding trades. We also had the opportunity to meet with the students and their families at the new PPEP Tec campus facility. There we had what is called ‘friends giving dinner’. About 200 people showed up for both the dinner and the tour of the facilities which are one of most state-of-the-art education campuses in southern Arizona.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Was the Dia del Campesino in San Luis, Arizona. This event involves the entire community services organizations that set up booths just after midnight. The purpose is to provide some 7000 farmworkers that cross the border in the early mornings to come to work in the agricultural fields of Yuma Arizona. All of our PPEP/PMHDC Departments that provide community services including our Youth Build trainees were the ushers, participated. The 25 young trainees did their best to ensure that the farmworkers got to where the services were as a made their way down Main Street. In a small way we are honoring those workers the toil in the fields that put the food on our tables. It's interesting to notice most of our staff and the youth trainees come from farmworker families themselves. Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta would be proud of them!

**December 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>** – I was invited to the University of Guadalajara to receive a Human Rights Award. There were 50 applicants, and I was one of four that was chosen and the only one from outside Mexico. See attached photos. The award ceremony was held in their beautiful and historic facility which is also part of the University campus. I was surprised that we had a good group of supporters show up as far away as Mexico City and Puebla. I was given time to make a presentation where I thanked the city of Guadalajara for having received our family back in the 1950s when we first came there until now. This event gave recognition to PPEP as a Human Rights organization. Melody Murguia, Sen. Shirley Vasquez, plus several representatives from the FHC Foundation were in the audience to support me. See attached photos.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – PSMA had their annual volunteer recognition luncheon. Presently, we have about 25 doctors and nurses who are retired that volunteer at our PSMA equipment distribution center to ensure quality control in everything that we donate. The volunteers are important because most of them are retired doctors and nurses that understand quality control and it made a big difference in how we operate presently we have 52 municipalities in the state of so Nora and another 40



here in the state of Arizona which we provide free medical supplies and equipment.

**December 14<sup>th</sup> - January 7<sup>th</sup>** – I was in Tanzania, Africa to participate in a board-initiated project to create a rural maternity ward. Some 25 youth from surrounding communities built the clinic from scratch with PPEP supporting with the materials. Its construction was first class construction. Also, you note by the attached agenda, I spoke at a number of colleges both on the mainland of Tanzania and to colleges in Zanzibar which is an island off the coast. I really enjoyed being with the youth and conducting workshops on micro-business, affordable housing, and organic farming. Actually, I took three days off to go to the wild animal parts near Arusha. The weather was good, and the animals were out in strong numbers and observations made of nature were very inspiring to me. There are some photos in the photo album of this event. While there I visited a number of villages, met with community leaders and talked about their needs for medical facilities. I enjoyed the youth and their enthusiasm and hope for a better future. We even handed out some soccer balls so the young people in these remote villages have something to do. We visited a youth center that had been burned in the same youth center that built the maternity ward are making repairs so that the center can reopen. I also visited King Kinjaru who is the regional chief for that area who lives on the top of the mountain. We went to his palace first by jeep, and then by motorbike to get to his kingdom. While there he gave us the history of his kingdom that goes back centuries and their belief in a better future by building on each generation's successes. Also, I had interaction with the Masai tribe and was invited to visit their village and hang out with them for an afternoon. See attached photo.

**Other activities** during this time frame included the purchase of the small shopping center in San Luis that will be our base of operations for all of our programs that community in Yuma County. This was necessary because our present service center lease was expiring. We've named the facility after the late Hector Sanchez who passed away in early January. Also, I'm sad to report that we lost our lead teacher from Casa Grande, Dr. Keith Greer. Both men had a great passion for the mission of our organization to improve the quality of life. They will both be missed.

**I am happy to report** that during this period of time we finished the Amado youth center, had its dedication, and it is operational. It replaced the former youth center that was destroyed by a flood five years ago. The community came together and raised almost a million and half dollars to replace the center with a new state-of-the-art facility. It's located on a county park property which also includes a swimming pool, baseball diamond, and basketball court. The event was well attended as the community was strongly behind the effort to replace the youth center.

**Other important activities and events** are documented in the following reports from the various departments of the agency during this period of time. There is also a photo album that helps visually amplify the activities described in this report.

**Finally**, we are very excited about the prospects for 2024 as well as updating our updated strategic plan 2024 to 2030 which will be presented at the board meeting.

***!Si Se Pudo, Si Se Podrá!***

*John David Arnold*

John David Arnold, Ph.D.  
CEO / Founder

Interacting with the Maasai  
People of Morogoro  
Tanzania, East Africa





# *Photo Album*

*Remembering the life of*  
**Hector Sanchez**



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**PPEP BOARD MEMBER**

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Remembering the Life of

# KEITH GREER



PPEP Tec  
Alice Paul Learning Center  
Lead Teacher

*PPEP Annual Meeting October 23, 2023*



*Traditional Prayer done by David Dominguez and family.*



*Color Guard by Santa Cruz County Girl Scouts*





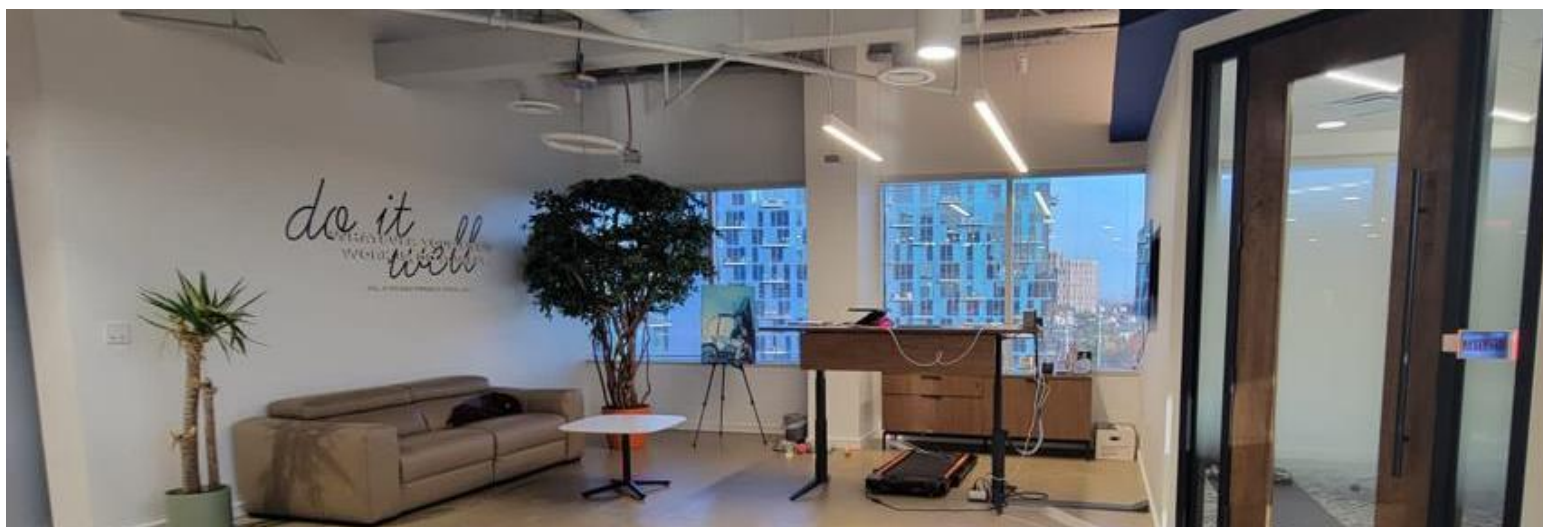
## *Stride Online School Conference*



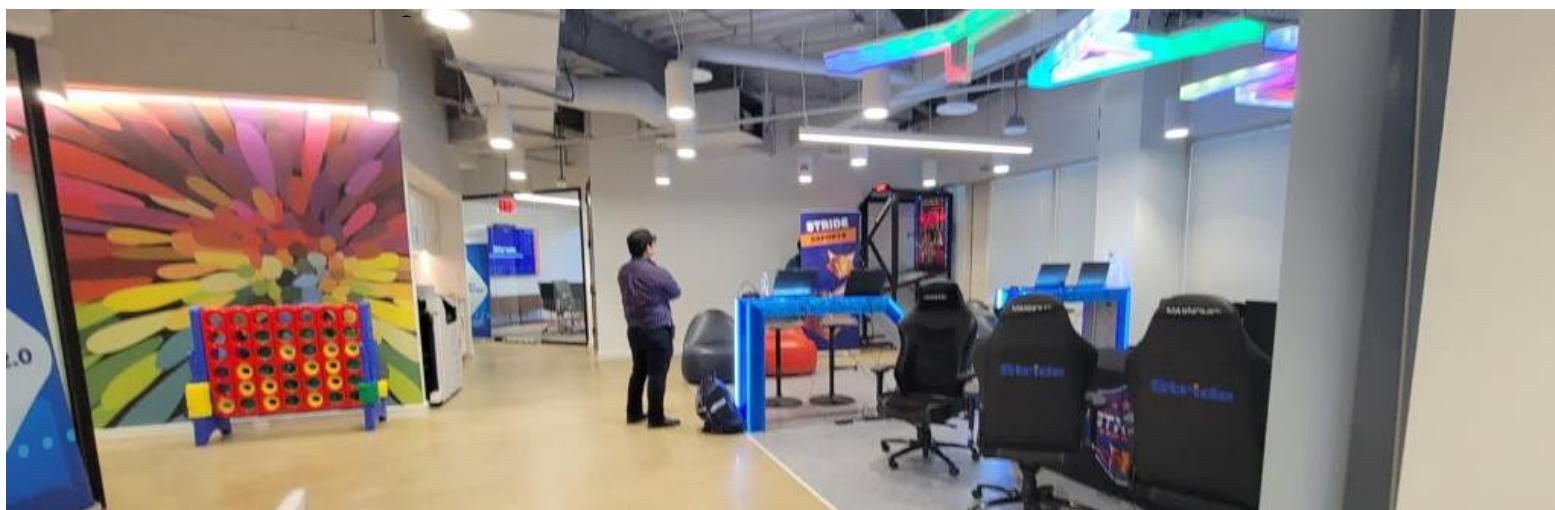
*Arizona Virtual Academy receives a \$30,000.00 reward for its academic success*



*James Rhyu CEO of Stride / K12 online charter schools*



*The uniqueness of STRIDE Corporate Offices*







*ARHSN (Rural Network) Meeting  
Randy Heiss,  
Alesia Stanley,  
Dr. John David  
Arnold,  
& Charlene  
Fernandez*

*2023 Annual Amado Chili Cook-Off Youth Center Fundraiser*











*Affordable Market rate  
housing initiative SEAGO  
Visit – Benson, AZ*



*SEAGO visits La Ramona  
Morales Apartments*





*Giving Thanks!*

*Please Join The*  
PPEP TEC High School Family  
*For our Annual Friendsgiving Feast*

In celebration of our New Building

**November 29, 2023**  
*5:00pm-8:00pm*

**Cesar Chavez Learning Center**  
**850 N. San Luis Plaza**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**

RSVP to Gloria Salgado By  
November 3, 2023  
(Max two guests per student)

EMAIL : [gsalgado@ppep.org](mailto:gsalgado@ppep.org)







*Inaugural dinner & tour of the new San Luis PPEP Tec Campus*



*Dr. Arnold & SLRC Councilwomen Rebecca Chin the tour of the new campus interior*





*The new Hector Sanchez Farmworker/ Community service building (under renovation)*



*Used Vehicle Donations*

*Van donated  
to Santa  
Ana, Sonora,  
MX*





*3 Vehicles  
donated to  
Hermosillo  
Firefighters,  
Sonora, MX*



*The State of Sonora Fire Chief & Staff receiving a PPEP donated used vehicles for their emergency services fleet.*





*University of Guadalajara Human Rights Award  
Ceremony  
Guadalajara, Jalisco December 2023*



**La FHC Internacional felicita a nuestro  
vicepresidente de FHC USA**

**JOHN ARNOLD PHD.**

Por el premio Universitario de Derechos Humanos 2023, que le otorga la Universidad de Guadalajara por su activismo y su trabajo en pro de los grupos vulnerables y de la comunidad latina en Estados Unidos.







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**Oficio DDU/157/2023**

**Asunto:** Notificación de obtención del premio.

**Dr. John David Arnold**  
Presente

Con el gusto de saludarlo me permito informarle por este medio que en relación al “Premio Universitario de Derechos Humanos 2023” organizado por esta Defensoría, se ha llevado de conformidad con la convocatoria la sesión de deliberación para seleccionar a las personas e instituciones ganadoras en cada categoría, y como resultado de las evaluaciones de las postulaciones, me permito hacer de su conocimiento que usted ha resultado:

**GANADOR**  
*en la categoría **activismo***

La labor que ha realizado ha sido distinguida por unanimidad por quienes integramos el jurado calificador. Reconocemos el arduo trabajo en beneficio de los grupos vulnerables de brazeros en Arizona y comunidades indígenas en Sonora, con el legado del autobús escolar “La Tortuga” que sigue vivo a través de más de 500 empleados en 35 oficinas de campo y capacitación laboral en todo el estado, dan cuenta de su trabajo. Destacamos su alto espíritu de servicio, cordialidad y entrega para crear entornos que mejoren las condiciones para el desarrollo de grupos vulnerables no solo para poblaciones de mexicanos migrantes sino para personas de vulnerables en otros países, como su último proyecto internacional “construcción de la sala de maternidad juvenil de Lubungu” en Lubungu, Tanzania, África.

Sin otro particular, le envío un cordial saludo y le reitero nuestras felicitaciones y mi distinguida consideración.

Atentamente  
“Piensa y Trabaja”

**“2023, Año del Fomento a la Formación Integral con una Red de Centros y Sistemas Multidisciplinarios”**  
Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, 09 de noviembre de 2023

**Dr. Dante Jaime Haro Reyes**

Defensor de los Derechos Universitarios y Presidente del Comité Organizador  
**UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA**  
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Proponente: Dr. Armando Moreno Soto, Rector de la Universidad Estatal de Sonora.

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*Dr. Arnold was  
awarded the  
Human Rights  
Award  
Category  
Activism*







*Reino de los Niños Orphanage in Imuris, Sonora Angel tree pick up of Christmas Gifts*





*PPEP Staff Christmas Party in  
PPEP Hall of Fame*





*Dia de los Campesinos 2023 Annual Community service & Health event for Farmworkers – San Luis, AZ*

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*PPEP YouthBuild volunteers wearing green beanies from 1:00 AM – 8:00 AM  
December 1st 2023*





*Humanitarian Trip to Tanzania, Africa*  
*Dedication of the Maternity Ward in Lubungo, Tanzania*

**PROGRAMME**

**DR. JOHN DAVID ARNOLD**

**Founder and CEO of Portable, Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP) Inc. Tucson  
 Arizona United States of America**

**TRAVEL DAYS**

	<b>TRAVEL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Arrive in Dar es Salaam and travel to Morogoro	18.12.23
2	Travel from Morogoro to Arusha	27.12.23
3	Travel from Arusha to Dar es Salaam	31.12.23
4	Travel from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar	1.1.24
5	Travel from Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam	4. 1. 24
6	Travel from Dar es Salaam to the States	6. 1. 24
	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Inauguration of maternity ward	19.12.23
2	Sokoine University and SUGECO	20.12.23
3	Jordan University College, Management, Staff and Students	21.12.23
4	Muslim University	22.12.23
5	Kinole, to visit Chief Kingalu	23.12.23
6	Lukonde Community and meeting with trained youth	24.12.23
7	Rest	25.12.23
8	SUME Primary school and Newland community	26.12.23
9	Travel to Arusha	27.12.23
10	Ngorongoro Crater	28.12.23
11	Mount Meru Waterfalls	29.12.23
12	See Arusha town and rest	30.12.23
13	Travel to Dar es Salaam	31.12.23
14	Travel to Zanzibar	1.1.24
15	Zanzibar town and Universities	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2024
16	Travel to Dar es Salaam	4.1.24
17	Nafasi Art Space Dar es Salaam	5.1.24

**SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TARGET GROUP</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Agrarian Economy and Rural Development	Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro	Students and Staff, College of Humanities and Social Sciences	20.12.23
2	Sustainable Organic Farming: Practices in USA	SUGECO Tanzania	SUGECO Staff	20.12.23
3	Microfinance, Microbusiness and Community social and economic development	Jordan University College, Morogoro	Departments of Accountancy, Economics, Business Administration, Sociology and Community Development	21.12.23
4	Communication, Technology, Information and Development	Muslim University of Morogoro	Students and staff, Department of Mass Communication	22.12.23



## *Hanging out with the Maasai Tribe*



## *Various interactions with the Maasai Tribe*







*Youth construction worker recognition ceremony*

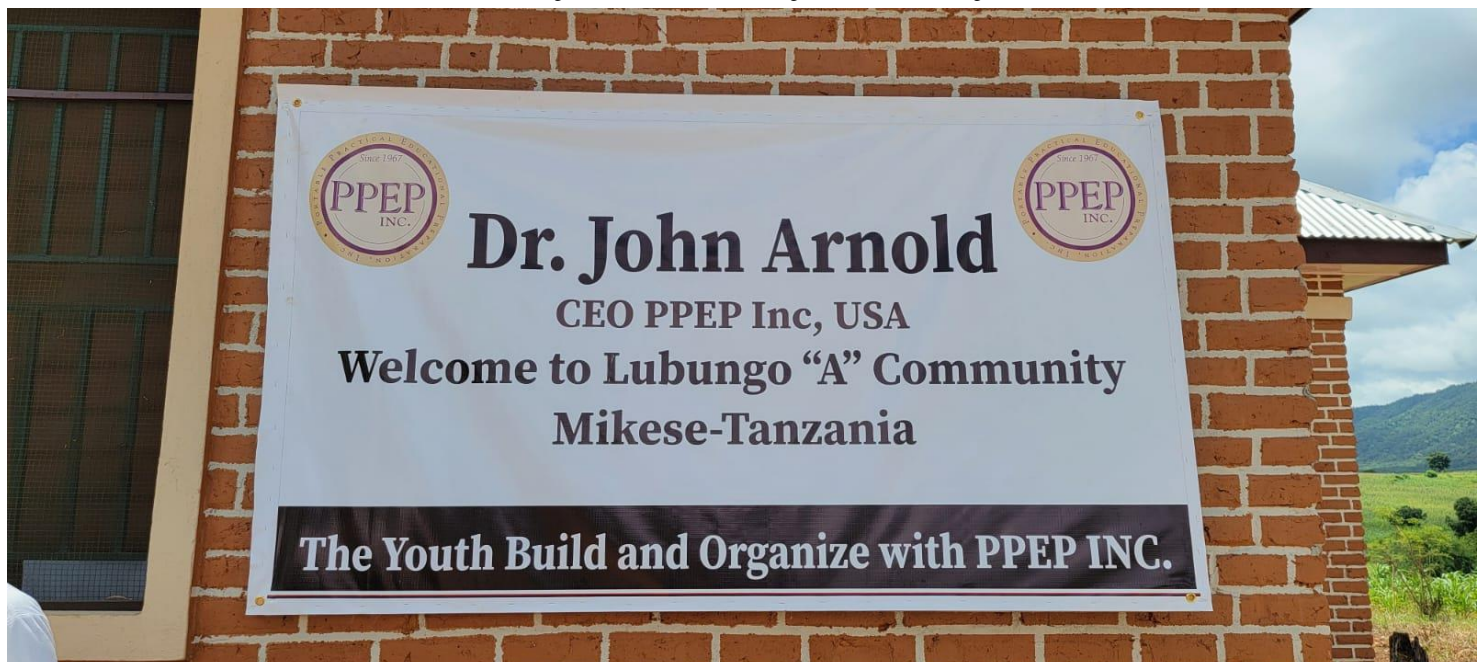




*The Lubungo Youth Construction Team that built the Maternity Clinic*



*Maternity ward built by the local youth.*





*Maternity ward interior*



*Lubungo  
community  
leaders*

*Student leaders  
from Zanzibar  
Agricultural  
University*





*Assorted Photos different African venues on the trip*



*Single womens fashion design project - Ho, Ghana*



*Zanzibar University Student Health care product project*



*Dr. Arnold contemplating  
Tanzanian tree house*



*PPEP Rural Elementary School feeding project - Morogoro, Tanzania*







*Awards*

*&*

*Recognitions*



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
**KATIE HOBBS**

# Commendation

**WHEREAS**, Portable Practical Education Preparation, PPEP, was founded 56 years ago in 1967 by Dr. John David Arnold. As a charitable, nonprofit corporation, whose mission is to improve the quality of rural life in Southern Arizona, including these Arizona communities of Tucson, Amado, Patagonia, Benson, Arivaca, Marana, Casa Grande, Ajo, Nogales, Sasabe, Globe, Douglas, Sierra Vista, San Luis, Somerton, Yuma, and Avondale; and

**WHEREAS**, "The Journey of La Tortuga," the converted 1957 Chevrolet school bus named "La Tortuga" the Tortoise, 56 years ago traveled through Southern Arizona, providing the farmworkers with basic education and English classes; and

**WHEREAS**, PPEP is committed to providing various services in the areas of economics, microbusiness, education, charter schools, health, housing, behavioral health, employment, job training, humanitarianism, special services to the intellectually developmentally disabled individuals, and farmworkers and their families in Arizona, Mexico, and Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout 56 years of services, PPEP has touched and enriched the lives of thousands, developed many programs, and established field offices and school campuses throughout Arizona, having graduated over 6,000 students in the past 33 years; and

**WHEREAS**, PPEP is dedicated to another 56 years of service to those individuals and families that benefit from the services and programs offered, with the motto of "Si Se Pudo/Podra".

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize PPEP, Inc., its Board of Directors, dedicated staff, and Dr. John David Arnold in its 56th anniversary of "The Journey of La Tortuga" in this State and offer best wishes for continued success.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

**ATTEST:**

SECRETARY OF STATE





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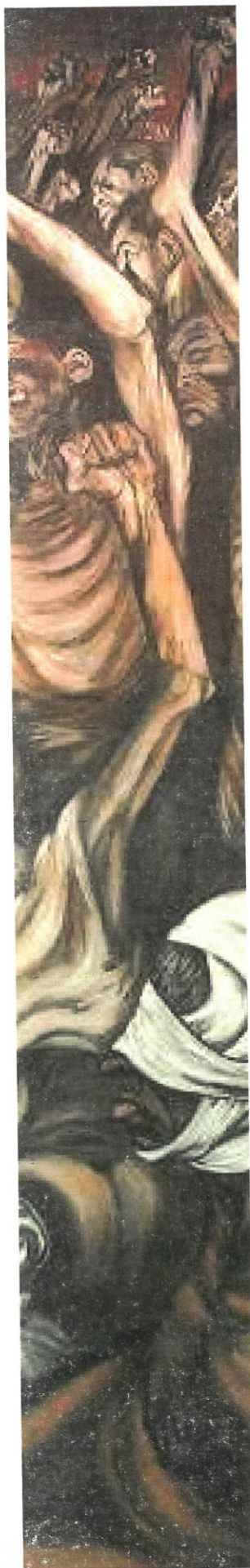
**Dr. John Arnold**  
**PPEP**

In Appreciation for your  
Sponsorship of the

**Veterans Tribute Luncheon**

November 5th, 2023





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## JOHN DAVID ARNOLD

como **GANADOR** del **Premio Universitario de Derechos Humanos** en el ámbito de **ACTIVISMO**.

**“Piensa y Trabaja”**

**“2023, año del fomento a la formación integral con una red de centros y sistemas multitemáticos**

Guadalajara, Jalisco, México.  
08 de diciembre del 2023.

  
DR. DANTE JAIME HARO REYES  
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*Dr. Arnold's Human Rights Award*





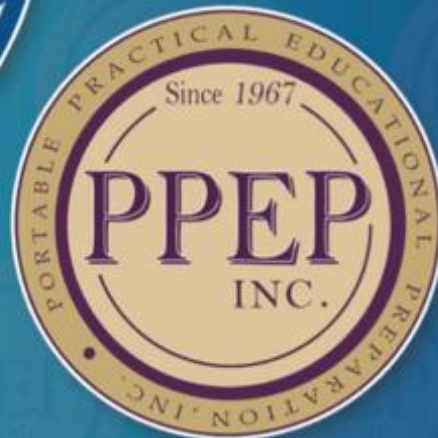
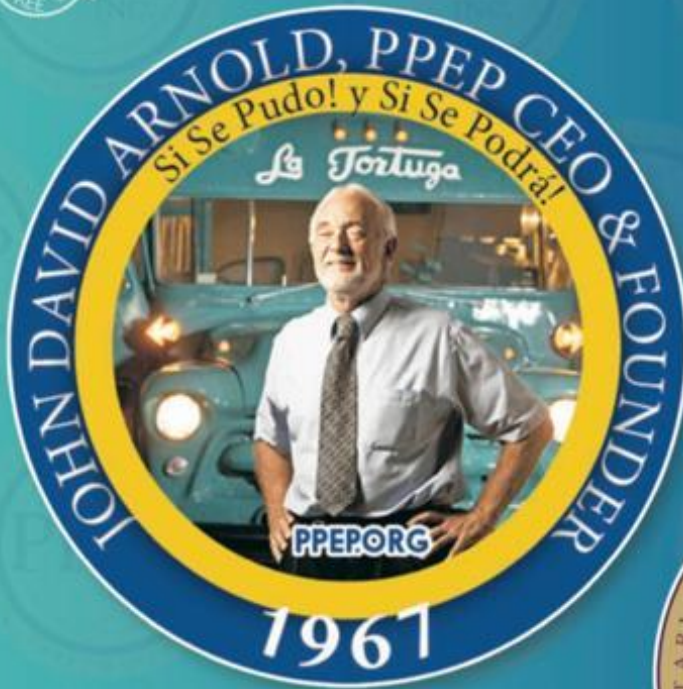




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# PPEP



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## PORTABLE, PRACTICAL EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION, INC.

**E**n 1967, cuando el Dr. John David Arnold trabaja como maestro en Head Start realizó una propuesta a la fundación TCEO para adquirir un camión escolar Chevrolet verde de 48 pasajeros por la cantidad de \$19,000.00 dólares, con el fin de fundar una escuela móvil para los braceros en los campos agrícolas del condado de Pima en el Sur de Arizona. La propuesta fue aceptada y así fue como nació PPEP y su camión conocido como "La Tortuga", en el que el Dr. Arnold fue maestro, chofer, e incluso mecánico de la escuela móvil. Desde entonces PPEP se ha expandido a México y mundialmente, ayudando a millones. [www.ppep.org](http://www.ppep.org).

Estos servicios se iniciaron por las necesidades mismas de la población rural.



Primer encuentro con Cesar Chavez, La Paz California 1979

**asequibles**, con los que las familias construyen su propia vivienda con asesoría y supervisión directa del programa. Esta iniciativa también otorga entrenamiento incluso a campesinos y jóvenes para construir sus propias casas.

En PPEP, también contamos con el programa **PSMA** (PMHDC Southwest Medical Aid) que recolecta equipo y suministros médicos para donarlos a comunidades necesitadas del Sur de Arizona y todo México.

Formamos el **CPC** que es un programa de educación y prevención contra uso de opioides y drogas en adultos y la juventud.

En 1985, iniciamos **PMHDC**: un programa de préstamos y asesoría a microempresarios, con préstamos de hasta \$350,000 dólares. Este programa fue premiado por el entonces presidente Bill Clinton. Al mismo tiempo fuimos reconocidos como el primer CDFI (banco para desarrollo de comunidades desfavorecidas) y desde entonces hemos ayudado a cientos de micro y pequeñas empresas con asistencia técnica y préstamos.

Reciente iniciamos el **Programa de Prevención de Tráfico Humano**, ayudando a personas cautivas víctimas de alguna forma de esclavitud moderna por parte de empresas.



Huespedes de Honor 56 aniversario, Famosas Hermanas Murguía

Otro programa es **PPEP Tec High School**: una preparatoria gratuita que ofrece horarios flexibles y educación personalizada. Actualmente, contamos con seis distintas ubicaciones: Tucson, Casa Grande, Somerton, San Luis, Sierra Vista y Douglas.



Estudiantes aprendiendo computación en PPEP ECI en Ghana

Desde el principio hemos mantenido clases para adultos en comunidades rurales con las que pueden obtener sus diplomas para ir al colegio o conseguir mejores empleos.

Desde 1967, hemos fomentado el desarrollo de servicios para campesinos y zonas rurales.

PPEP también brinda ayuda con **programas de viviendas**







Durante años, PPEP ha iniciado varias organizaciones para ayudar a comunidades rurales, poblaciones vulnerables. Inclusive con LULAC, AIFC para campesinos, ASRHN para comunidades rurales, RMHI para construcción de viviendas, varias escuelas charter en California, Idaho y Arizona, estableciendo escuelas virtuales como AZVA e Insight.



PPEP ha expandido servicios internacionales en México, Honduras y África. Hemos realizado muchos proyectos de construcción como escuelas, renovaciones de cementerios, edificios históricos y restauración de bombas de agua en Ghana, Liberia y Camerún. Los dos proyectos más recientes, son el centro juvenil en Amado Arizona y un campus nuevo de PPEP Tec H.S. en San Luis, Arizona.

En los últimos años, hemos recibido 10 reconocimientos por nuestra labor, recibimos por parte del Congreso y Senado

del gobierno de los EUA, por el congresista Raúl Grijalva, los Senadores John Mc Cain y Mike Enzi. También, recibimos por parte del Congreso y la Cámara de diputados en la Ciudad de México, un reconocimiento por nuestros 56 años de servicio comunitario y humanitario.

En el mismo sentido, el Gobierno del Estado de Sonora ha reconocido a PPEP por la ayuda a 52 de sus municipios, por el apoyo de equipos y suministros médicos, vehículos y otras iniciativas económicas. Incluso, la Universidad Estatal de Sonora (UES) también nos ha agradecido por nuestro trabajo en las comunidades indígenas Mayo, Yaqui, Juaquillo, Apache, Hopi, Tohono O'otam, Las mujeres Triqui del poblado Miguel Alemán, en Sonora y en Chiapas, quienes se beneficiaron de donativos para apoyar sus empresas de bordado de ropa.

"En PPEP somos un equipo, no somos individuales, por lo que hemos logrado. En 1978, cuando estaba con Cesar Chávez establecimos un sistema de ayuda y servicios sociales para la UFW aprendimos el valor del dicho **¡Sí se puede!... si se pudo!... y si se podrá!**" (Doctor John David Arnold).

Para más detalles consulta [www.ppep.org](http://www.ppep.org) entra al sitio has click en la bandera de México y España.



PPEP's 50th Documentary



Diabetes Prevention



Rural Institute Website



Greetings from Little Joe

#### PORTABLE, PRACTICAL EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION, INC.

In 1967, while working for the Head Start Program, Dr. Arnold wrote his first PPEP, Inc. grant proposal submitted to the Tucson War on Poverty Program, which was an initial funding for \$19,000, from which he bought a 48 passenger 1957 Chevrolet school bus known as *la Tortuga* (the tortoise). Dr. Arnold was the driver, mechanic and school teacher imparting practical educational teachings to help the Bracero farmworkers. His work has expanded abroad supporting many disadvantaged communities. [www.ppep.org](http://www.ppep.org)

Since 1967, PPEP has advanced services for rural areas and farmworkers, in response to our community needs at home and abroad.

In 1985, we started **PMHDC**, a small business development program that provides loans up to 350,000 dollars. This program was awarded by the White House by President Bill Clinton and was certified as the first Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). To date, this program has provided loans and assistance to hundreds of small and microbusiness.

Another initiative is **PPEP Tec High School**, a very unique school with personalized education and flexible hours for free. There are six different locations in Arizona: Tucson, Casa Grande, Somerton, San Luis, Sierra Vista, and Douglas.

PPEP provides **pass-through funds to farmworker grass roots affordable housing programs**. This initiative allows the recipients (including farmworkers and young people) to build their house under direct assistance and supervision.

**PMHDC Southwest Medical Aid (PSMA)** is also a PPEP's initiative. A nonprofit organization dedicated to collect medical equipment and medical supplies to be distributed free of charge to low-income communities in Southern Arizona and Mexico.

Recently, PPEP also initiated a **Human Trafficking Prevention Program**, providing support for people suffering modern slavery by companies.

From the beginning, PPEP has offered classes for rural communities' adults looking for a better job or trying to be accepted to a college.

For years, PPEP has funded several organizations to support rural communities with vulnerable populations, including: LULAC, AIFC for farmworkers, ASRHN for rural communities, RMHI for housing construction, several school charters in California, Idaho and Arizona with virtual schools and AZVA and Insight. Most recently a collaboration with **"Fundación Honoris Causa"** who appointed him as national VP for the USA.

Moreover, PPEP has expanded international services in Mexico, Honduras and Africa, with construction and renovation projects for schools, cemeteries, historic buildings and even water pumps in Ghana, Liberia and Cameroon. The two most recent projects are the Amado Youth Center and a new PPEP Tec H.S. Campus location in San Luis, Arizona.

Over the past years, we have been presented with ten awards for our initiatives by the Congress and Senate: by Congressman Raúl Grijalva, by Senator John McCain and Senator Mike Enzi. Also, PPEP has been awarded by the Mexican Government, by the Chamber of Deputies and the Congress for PPEP's 56 years providing community services and humanitarian aid. In 2016 Dr. Arnold received the prestigious **"Ohtli"** award by SRE of Mexico.

Moreover, the Government of Sonora has also recognized PPEP for providing humanitarian support including 52 Sonoran Municipalities with medical and equipment supplies. Also vehicles and other economic development initiatives through our charitable programs for over 45 years. In connection with these initiatives, the University of Sonora UES has recognized our support for indigenous communities: Mayo, Yaqui, Juaquillo, Apache, Hopi, Tohono O'otam, Triqui women in Miguel Alemán, Sonora and Chamulas in Chiapas.

Dr. Arnold says that PPEP is the result of years of hard work and collaboration from the entire team.

"En 1978, when I was with Cesar Chávez, we started a support system and social services program for UFW. We learned the valuable meaning of the saying: Yes we can! Yes, we did! And, yes, we will do it!" (Dr. John David Arnold).

For more information please visit: [www.ppep.org](http://www.ppep.org)



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PPEP & AFFILIATES ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

# 56TH

## ANNIVERSARY BUS STOP

of La Tortuga &

Dr. John David Arnold

**OCTOBER  
23RD  
AT  
7:00 PM**

**FEATURING:**

Awards

Hall of Fame Inductees :

Jesse Lopez

Charlene Fernandez

Special Recognition:

Ms. Universe MX/USA - Melody Murguía

Special Guests

Music - Yoselin Murguía

Maestro David Dominguez

Girl Scouts of Southern AZ

Princess Mamba of Cameroon -

Guest Speaker - Jorge Maldonado

**802 E. 46th St. // Tucson, AZ 85713 : RSVP Required, Dinner provided**

RSVP @ [dnoriega@ppep.org](mailto:dnoriega@ppep.org)





# A Cook-off Like No Other!



**All-day Music Festival, Classic Car And Motorcycle Show, Chili  
Cooks From Across Southern Arizona, And A Holiday Vendor Fair**

**9 am – 3 pm Saturday | November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**~ CHILI TASTING: 10:30 AM — 12:30 PM ~**

**THE AMADO TERRITORY**

**I-19 & Exit 48 | 3001 East Frontage Road | Amado, Arizona 85645**

Proceeds Support The Amado  
Youth Center Building Fund



**Visit [AmadoChiliCookoff.org](http://AmadoChiliCookoff.org)**



## Information:

Tony Bruno, Event Coordinator **(520) 255-4067** | Ed Dunin-Wasowicz, Event Chair **(520) 403-0414**

Amy Bass, Event Director, Fiscal Agent Representative **(520) 205-4780**

The Amado Chili Cook-off, a project of the Amado Community Alliance of PPEP, Inc., is supported by Pima County Attractions & Tourism. Sponsorships, donations, and proceeds will directly support the Amado Youth Center Building Fund.

**SPONSORSHIPS AND OTHER DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**





2023

# *Reino de los Niños* **ANGEL TREE**

Our annual Angel Tree is back, and we want YOU to be part of the magic.

Let's make this holiday season unforgettable! Names at 802 lobby, pick up today & help share in the joy of giving.

*Please turn in gifts no later than:*

THURSDAY

14  
DEC

BY 5:00 PM



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# HOLIDAY POTLUCK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER  
20TH  
12 PM - 2 PM

FOOD  
GAMES  
PRIZES  
MUSIC

SCAN QR TO  
RSVP & ADD  
A DISH



UGLIEST SWEATER  
WINS A PRIZE

UGLY  
SWEATER  
CONTEST





En San Luis, Az. celebramos  
**45 Años de Servicio  
 Comunitario Educativo**

**56<sup>th</sup>  
 ANNIVERSARY**

Since 1967  
**PPEP  
 INC.**

**JOHN DAVID ARNOLD, PPEP CEO & FOUNDER**  
*¡Si Se Pudo! y ¡Si Se Podrá!*  
*Le Tortuga*  
**PPEPORG**  
 1967

**CREANDO OPORTUNIDADES  
 PARA LOS JOVENES!**

**PORTABLE, PRACTICAL EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION, INC.**

Dr. John Arnold fundador de PPEP, muestra las nuevas instalaciones de la High School a padres de familia, maestros, alumnos e invitados especiales en la comunidad de San Luis Arizona el pasado 29 de Noviembre de 2023

**Feliz Navidad y  
 Próspero Año Nuevo 2024**





# GRAND OPENING

You are cordially invited to help us cut the ribbon at  
our new PPEP TEC High School-Cesar Chavez Campus.

**Wednesday January 31, 2024**

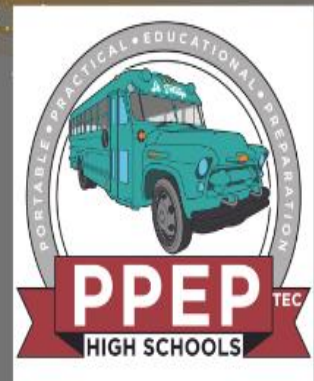
**11:00 AM**

**Lunch & Entertainment**



Our New Location

**850 N. San Luis Plaza Dr.  
San Luis, Arizona 85349**



R.S.V.P. by 1/26/2024

**Linda Garcia**

**[lgarcia@ppep.org](mailto:lgarcia@ppep.org)**



**PPEP & Affiliates**  
**Board Meeting**  
*Microlending & Small  
 Business Development*

**January 29th, 2024**  
**7:00PM**

**RSVP**  
**[dnoriega@ppep.org](mailto:dnoriega@ppep.org)**



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Zeke Gebrekidane**



**Special Award**  
**Verlon Jose**



**HOF Inductee**  
**Randy Heiss**



**Guest Speaker**  
**Melody Murguia**



**Special Performance**  
**Yoselin Murguia**



**Microbusiness**  
**Testimonials**



# *PSMA Photo Album*



## 2023 PSMA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



## PSMA New Box Truck







*Abundant PSMA Drop-off's & Pick-up's*



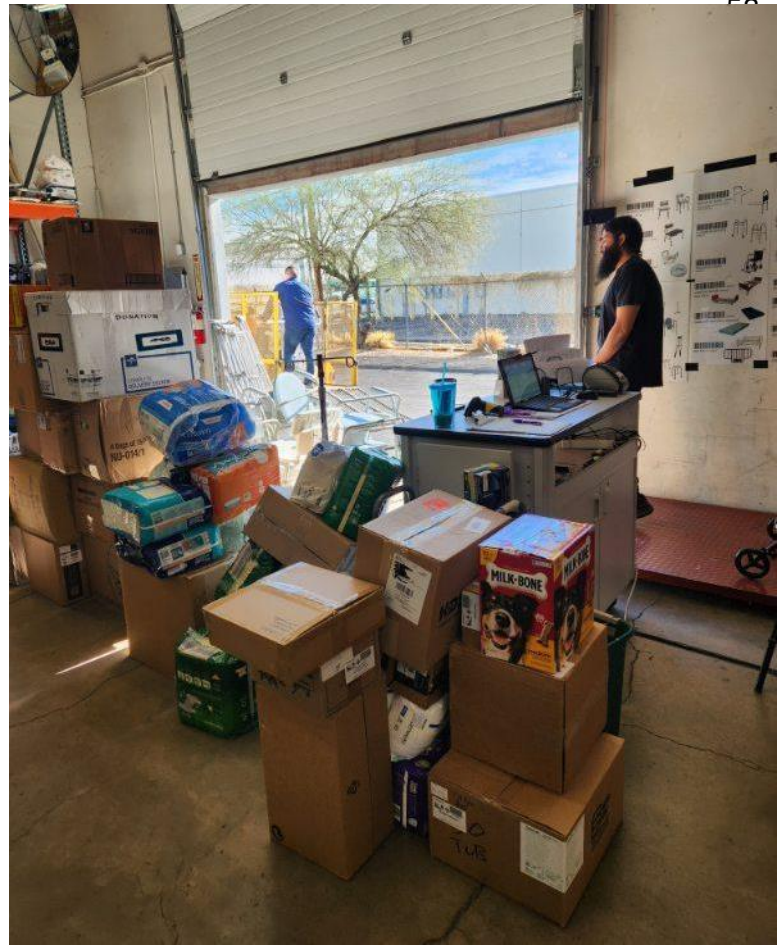




*Sahuaripa, Sonora medical equipment pick-up*



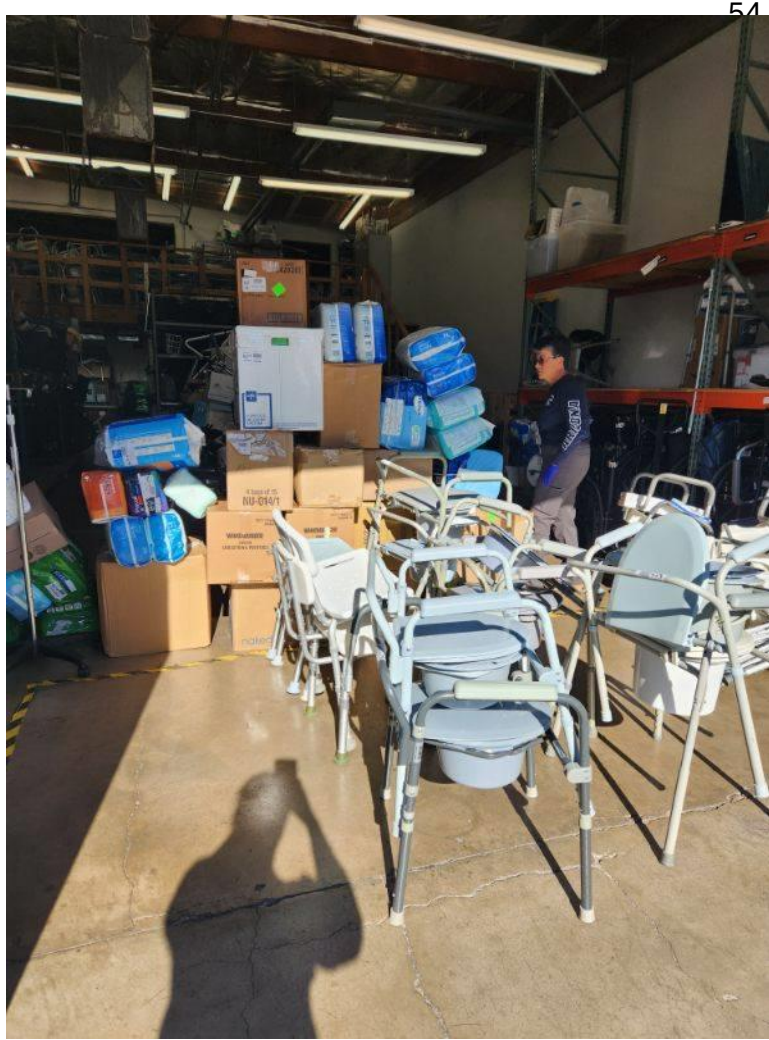
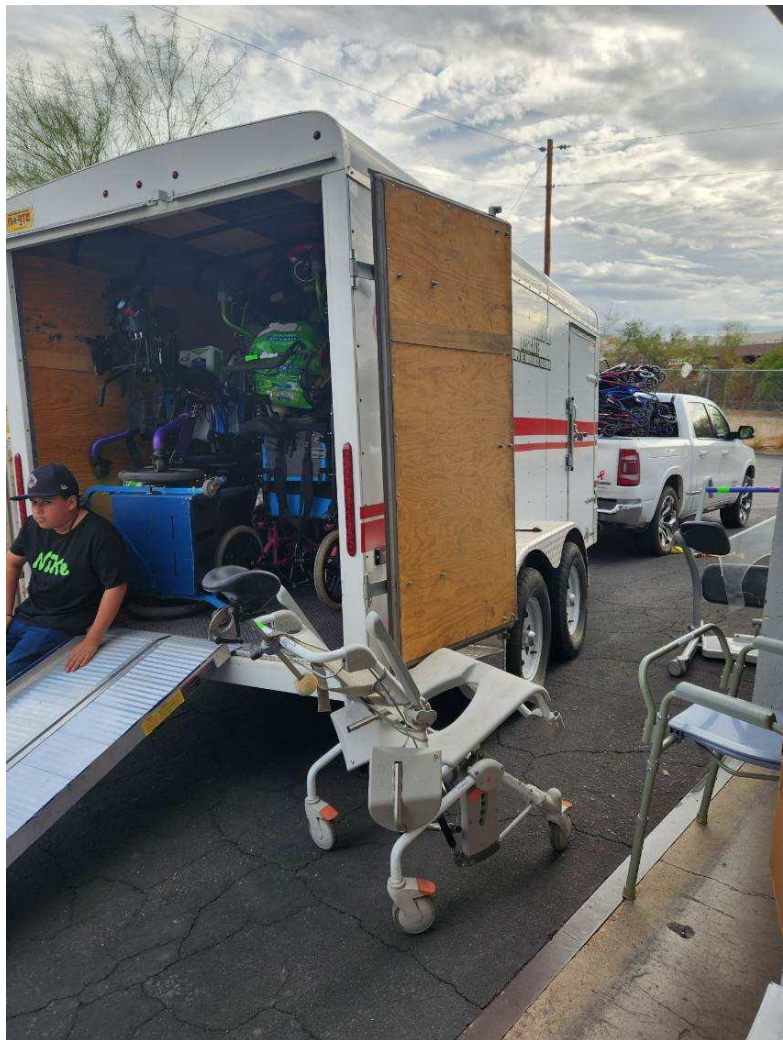




*The ins and outs of a day in the PSMA Distribution center*







*PPEP provides medical equipment to over 52 clinics in Sonora, MX*



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## **Property Department Quarterly Report**

**October 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023**

### **AMADO YOUTH CENTER**

Grand Opening Celebration was October 24, 2023  
Installed backflow cages to prevent theft.  
We have completed 7 service requests this quarter.

### **ARIVACA ORGANIC GARDENS**

We have completed 0 service requests this quarter.

### **ARIVACA ACTION CENTER**

We have completed 0 service requests this quarter.

### **AVONDALE – DYSART BUSINESS CENTER**

Replaced the roof – removed & replaced the solar panels.





Crack seal, sealcoat and restriped the parking lot.  
Removed old flooring and replaced with vinyl planking in Suites 4-5  
Air conditioning unit was installed in Suite 4-5.  
We have completed **0** service requests this quarter.

**AVONDALE – IDD**

Removed carpeting and replaced with vinyl planking in Suite 1  
We have completed 1 service request this quarter.

**CASA GRANDE:**

**PPEP Integrated Care Office**

We have completed **2** service requests this quarter.

**Casa Grande Group Homes:**

**Cordova –**

We have completed 2 service requests for this quarter.

**Kadota –**

We have completed **0** service requests this quarter.

**Ramos -**

We have completed 3 service requests this quarter.

**Roosevelt –**

We have completed 2 service requests this quarter.

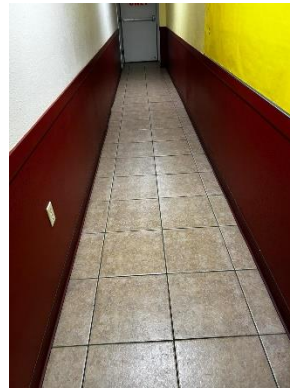
**Sunset –**

We have completed 0 service requests this quarter.

**ALICE S. PAUL LEARNING CENTER**

Winter floor cleaning pictures:





We have completed **10** service requests this quarter.

### **DOUGLAS - RAUL H. CASTRO LEARNING CENTER**

All floors were stripped and waxed during the Winter School Break  
We have completed **9** service requests this quarter.

### **GLOBE:**

Monterey – Rented to Called to Care

Paxton – Ready for sale or rent.

McKinney Building – Up for sale or rent.



## **SAN LUIS**

### **Cèsar Chavez Learning Center**

Moved operations from the old Cesar Chavez Learning Center to the new Cesar Chavez Learning Center location.

IT operations were also moved to the new location.

### **Western Yuma DOL**

We have completed 4 service requests this quarter.

### **Hector Sanchez Building – 683 Main St.**

Purchased new building in San Luis for multiple PPEP Programs.

Cleaned up the property with the assistance of six temporary contracted workers, working for three days and 4-5 40' roll offs for trash.





### **San Luis Plaza Apartments**

268 New units + Retail space on 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

Mixed development housing (Market rate & affordable housing)

100 One bedroom, 78 two bedroom and 90 three-bedroom apartments ranging in size from 575 to 1,050 square feet.

Eleven of these units are reserved for veterans.

6 stories above grade, 76,798 square feet of new construction

1 clubhouse/Social Club, 1 story above grade, 2,000 square feet of new construction, 3.16 acres.

Steel podium garage. First floor retail space.

Funding sources: HUD 221 (D) (4)

40 years fixed and fully amortizing.

Max LTC 87%

Construction build time is a minimum of 24 months.

### **SIERRA VISTA - COLIN L. POWELL LEARNING CENTER**

All floors were stripped and waxed during the Winter School Break

We have completed **10** service requests this quarter.

### **SOMERTON**

#### **Placita Delores Huerta Center**

New Patio Roofing





Air conditioning unit was installed in Suite #4.  
 An alarm system was installed in Suite #11.  
 We have **100%** occupancy.  
 We have completed **9** service requests this quarter.

### **Jose Yepez Learning Center**

Installing new alarm system  
 All floors were stripped and waxed during the Winter School Break

We have completed **4** service requests this quarter.

### **TUCSON**

#### **Celestino Fernandez Learning Center**

The backflow units were stolen – new cages have been installed to prevent future theft.  
 Installed new patio furniture.  
 Repaired the air ducts.  
 All floors were stripped and waxed during the Winter School Break

We have completed **19** service requests this quarter.

#### **Victor Solero Center - IDD Building**

Upgraded the lights to LED.  
 We have completed **2** service requests this quarter.

### **Tucson Group Homes**

#### **Calle Castile –**

Shingles were replaced.  
 Painted the exterior of the backyard shed.  
 Resurfaced the bathroom shower and shower walls.  
 Painted the mailbox and installed new numbers.  
 We have completed **12** service requests this quarter.

#### **Eli –**

We have completed **4** service requests this quarter.



**Las Casitas –**

Replaced kitchen exhaust fan filter.  
 Touched up paint on the rear door.  
 Repaired dining room table and chairs.  
 We have completed **14** service requests this quarter.

**Lloyd Rich –**

Repaired and repainted the wood at the entrance of the home.  
 We have completed **5** service requests this quarter.

**Olsen –**

Currently vacant.

**Our Place –**

Painted backsplash and kitchen.  
 Cleaned all laminate throughout the home.  
 We have completed **14** service requests this quarter.

**Robin –**

We have completed **13** service requests this quarter.

**Rosewood –**

Repaired windows.  
 We have completed **22** service requests this quarter.

**Serenity –**

We have completed 5 service requests this quarter.

**PPEP Integrated Care – Gilberto Mungaray Service Center**

Palm Tree trimming was completed on property.  
 We have completed **14** service requests this quarter.  
 Removal of debris and tree trimming from hotel building across the street to discourage transient behavior.

**William and Gertha Brown Buildings**

Installed new monitoring system.  
 Moved DOL/SCBG Staff from Ajo Suites to Gertha Brown Offices.  
 The water heater in the William Brown Office was replaced due to flooding, also repaired drywall and ceiling tiles. Reran the waterline for the cooler in the lobby.  
 We have completed **23** service requests this quarter.

**Maintenance Shop**



We have completed 2 service requests this quarter.

### **CPC on Ajo Way**

We have completed 1 service request this quarter.

### **Ocotillo Place Apartments, Benson, AZ**

The goal is to build a new market rate apartment community. We are still looking for seed money to start this project.

### **El Memorial de Don Frew Apartments II, Marana, AZ**

The goal is to build a new market rate apartment community. We are still looking for seed money to start this project.

### **Vehicles**

Purchased new vehicle for Alice Paul Learning Center – 2021 Ford Transit

Donated three vehicles to Hermosillo Fire Department

209 – 2006 Ford Bus

221 – 2007 Ford Bus

240 – 2009 Ford Bus

### **WEX – Circle K – Rebates**

IDD Program - \$ 81.10

PPEP, DOL, Charter & CPC - \$ 60.36

### **Property Staff**

Monthly Transportation Training Classes for IDD

New Maintenance Staff – Jaden Long





**PMHDC - Annual REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**EL MEMORIAL DE DON FREW APTS, MARANA**



**Property Occupancy:**

- The property currently has 1 vacancy that is being prepped for a 1-bedroom unit to be occupied February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The current waitlist shows 56 applicants on the 1-bedroom list, 36 applicants on the 2-bedroom list, and 18 applicants on the 3-bedroom list.

**Property Updates:**

- Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) changes coming from HUD in the way we process paperwork that will become effective January 1, 2024. HUD has now released different implementation deadlines. All policies and plans must be updated by 3/31/2024. More training will be attended by staff as they finalize changes. HOTMA is now to be fully implemented by 1/1/2025. All forms and policies still need to be customized to our properties. Software services (Yardi) will need to be able to accommodate these changes as they take place. This will all require a lot of attention prior to the end of the year to meet various deadlines.

**GENERAL:**

Will be busy obtaining bids for property updates including parking lot resurfacing, exterior paint, office/laundry room flooring, office furniture, flooring for several units, updated kitchen



cabinetry/counters for several units, etc. This will all be included in a request from reserves to cover the cost.

We have been receiving applications and interviewing for a new property manager.

We are preparing to send out a wait list update request to all current applicants.

The website is being updated and should be ready soon.





## **PMHDC HOUSING PROGRAM – YUMA**

18 Rented  
 2 Vacant - Del Prado 116, Elena Dr.  
 2 Rehab – Organ Pipe, Limon Pl.  
 5 Pending Rehab

Newly rehab home – Elena Dr.

The property was rented and after tenants moved out there was extensive damage.



Improvements were:

- New interior doors
- Ceramic tile throughout the home
- Painted kitchen cabinets
- New appliances
- New water heater
- Paint interior of the home

LIVING ROOM



KITCHEN



MASTER BEDROOM





## **PPEP Quarterly Report**

**October 23 – December 23**

### **Human Services**

The Human Services department provides emergency services and long-term case management programs. These services include rental assistance, mortgage assistance, move in assistance, and employment related assistance. The funding for the services is from Pima County and DES. For Rental Assistance / Mortgage Assistance PPEP has prevented eviction for a total of 37 families with a total of \$24,869.42 for an average of \$1,184.24 per family. Utility Assistance has provided services to 14 families for a total of \$5,252.68. We have also provided Employment Related Assistance to 2 participants for fingerprinting services to obtain employment in the total of \$149.140.

The LIHEAP program for October – December there were 106 actual participants that were served, with a billing amount of \$73,128.55 and a total of \$92,303.10 paid on behalf of the participants by Department of Economic Security. The total paid is more than the total billed due to Department of Economic Security paying in advance for some utilities so the participants have a credit.

The Human Services program continues to have about 300 calls per month regarding services. All services that we cannot provide are referred to other programs. Human Services staff does not leave any individual with no other resource available.



**NFJP & HEP Q2**

# REPORT

**OCT - DEC 2023**

The latest updates and information for our NFJP & HEP programs for the second fiscal quarter of 2023.

Prepared January 2024







# NFJP REPORT

## NFJP OVERVIEW

In October 2023, we were well through the 1 quarter of the new grant and beginning our 2nd quarter of the 2023-2024 program year. This quarter began with several changes in the staffing with Vanessa Cota leaving the organization, leaving the Regional Coordinator position open for the Pima/Santa Cruz, Pinal and Cochise Counties and Rosemary Estrada leaving as the Workforce Development Specialist for Pinal County. In addition, we still had a vacancy in Santa Cruz County. At the end of September, we were able to hire in-house for the Regional Coordinator Position, and Christine Nelson came on board, transferring from the Human Services Department. Christine came with a considerable amount of knowledge, as she was also part of the NFJP reporting team and learning program compliance. In November, we were able to also hire Raquel Baez to replace Rosemary, and in December, we hired Leticia Zepeda for Santa Cruz County. In Yuma County, we lost Kenia Loaiza in December, and will be interviewing sometime in January to replace her position as a WDS and needing to still fill the position in Maricopa County. We held our quarterly meeting in Yuma with the focus on program improvement and streamlining processes to increase productivity.

## NFJP Data Report

We have kicked off Q2 with rolling out the **Polaris Nonechka** project throughout the counties. We have strategically put forth outreach, recruitment, and marketing ideas to increase visibility and knowledge of workers rights with the purpose of agriculture workers completing surveys. We have given out **158 water bottles, 3 flyers, 1 gift card, and 3 towels** but have talked to in-depth **172 farmers and outreached to over 1500 farmworkers** at events such as Dia Del Campesinos.

Currently we are on pace for new enrollments into the program with **47 total enrollments** in Q2. We had **7 in Cochise County, 3 in Mohave County, 2 in Pinal County, and 35 in Yuma**. We have successfully **placed 32 participants** in job; **1 in Cochise, 1 in Santa Cruz, and 30 in Yuma**.





# HEP REPORT



**PPEP-HEP 2023 graduation**

## HEP DATA REPORT

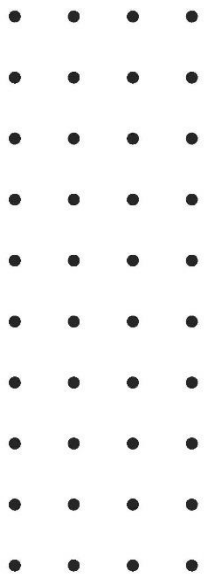
For HEP, in Q2, we have enrolled 25 new participants into our GED program bringing our current overall enrolled participants to 104.

In Q2, we have been able to claim 4 placements with an overall report of 6 placements, with 3 currently pending.

In October 2023, Krystal has been tasked to oversee and manage the HEP program with the focus on reaching program expectations and goals. I know for the HEP program we received our “Summary Report for Quality Improvement Feedback Survey” and are working with our program evaluators to look at different segments of the HEP program for continuous improvement. The required annual report was completed and submitted, and we are currently at capacity. In the coming months, we will begin to plan for the upcoming graduation ceremony this summer.



Our current waitlist for our GED program is about 6-9 months out, minimum. We have hit our enrollment goals. We are diligently streamlining the program to increase our program success rate for attaining their GED and getting job placements, going to college, and/or training programs. We have planned, organized, and promoted new resume building workshops expected to start the end of January with the hope to increase additional workshops for success.





## **Arivaca Community Garden Quarterly Report October – January 2024**



During the winter months of 2023, The Arivaca Community Garden continued to grow nutrient dense organic vegetables, embrace sustainable practices, and focus on maintaining soil health.

Despite the colder temperatures, we're successfully cultivating a large selection of winter hardy vegetables, showcasing our commitment to year-round vegetable production.





In our small greenhouse we are growing snow peas, radishes, turnips, and some garlic. In our middle greenhouse we're growing carrots, kale, and spinach. And in our large greenhouse we are growing even more spinach, kale, carrots, radishes, and turnips as well as beets, cabbage, broccoli, and several lettuce varieties.



We also use this time of the year to build compost and soil fertility. In our fields we've established a cover crop of cold-hardy legumes and grasses. By growing this blend of cover crops during winter, we're able to replenish nutrients and keep the soil biology alive and happy. Our emphasis on composting, cover crops and crop rotations enhance our soil fertility and resilience, ensuring a solid foundation for next year's crops.





Attending farmers markets continues to connect us directly with consumers, fostering a solid sense of community. Right now, you can find us at our local farmers market in Arivaca, and the Wednesday market in Green Valley. These markets also give us the chance to share knowledge about organic farming practices, sustainability, and the importance of supporting local agriculture.

Come join us at the Arivaca Community Garden for a tour and see what we've got growing. We hope to see you soon!

A special thanks to Kari Hogan, John Arnold, and the entire PPEP team for your continued support.

Report produced by,  
Nikolas McCarthy, Agricultural Program Manager





### **IDD (Intellectual Developmental Disabilities)**

This report encompasses the activities of the IDD program from October to December 2023. It includes completed projects, those that are pending, and updates on their statuses. At present, all IDD programs are functioning with minimal restrictions, delivering essential services to the distinct population we serve. All Day Programs, Group Service Employment, Habilitative, and Transportation services are in operation.

### **Minimum Wage and Cost of Living Increase:**

As of January 01, 2024, the minimum wage in Arizona has risen from \$13.85 to \$14.35, marking a 3.61% increase. In response, PPEP IDD has adjusted its starting pay rates to \$15.00 per hour for DSP Non-Drivers and \$16.00 per hour for DSP Drivers. This adjustment will help PPEP maintain competitiveness with similar agencies. Furthermore, existing IDD employees who already earn above the minimum wage were granted a cost-of-living increase of 7.14% on their base pay, effective December 23, 2023.

### **Years of Service Stipends:**

PPEP IDD managed to set aside a percentage of its budget to acknowledge the commitment of employees who have served continuously for five or more years with a one-time stipend. This stipend was disbursed on December 15, 2023, to all eligible employees, with the amounts varying based on years of service and employment status (full-time or part-time). A total of fifty-two employees were recipients of this stipend, with incentives ranging from \$250 to \$2,200. PPEP IDD is optimistic about continuing this form of recognition towards the end of each year in the future.

### **Preventing Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation:**

IDD is committed to strengthening our workforce by providing further training in the prevention of abuse, neglect, and exploitation for the vulnerable population we serve. DDD has confirmed that they will continue to reimburse PPEP for any initial training or annual recertification until September 30, 2024. For each staff member and member trained by our certified trainer, PPEP will receive \$250. We intend to extend this training to not only direct service staff but also those who collaborate indirectly with our members.

### **Positive Behavior Training:**

On December 22, 2023, Arizona DES/DDD announced the initiation of Positive Behavior Support (PBS) training, set to begin on January 16, 2024. This training is designed to equip our Direct Support Professionals with the skills necessary to better serve our unique population. The PBS training adopts a person-centered approach, aiming to enhance the relationships between members and caregivers while reducing challenging behaviors and improving overall quality of life. The training provides DSPs with the knowledge, tools, and resources needed to help the process of behavior change.

The Division has agreed to fund Qualified Vendors to deliver this training to both staff and members once the agency has a certified trainer. PPEP IDD's Training Manager is scheduled to attend the train-the-trainer sessions on January 29th and 30th. As an incentive, the Division has agreed to provide \$400 per person trained.



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**Hiring Incentive:**

After careful consideration, PPEP IDD has made the decision to discontinue the \$1,000 hiring incentive for new employees. The incentive, implemented on August 1, 2022, has been successful in aiding staff recruitment and retention. Over the course of sixteen months, PPEP has paid a total of \$102,921.00 towards this initiative. The final total is expected to be around \$109,590.00. The final payment will be issued on or around March 28, 2024.

It is worth noting that the ARPA Grant has covered \$35,655.00 (32.53%) of the predicted final total. Prior to the implementation of the hiring incentive, the IDD staff vacancy rate stood at 13%. As of December 31, 2023, the staff vacancy rate has significantly decreased to just 2%. This reduction in vacancies demonstrates the effectiveness of the incentive in attracting and retaining qualified staff members.

**DDD Rate Increase:**

DDD issued the new rate book effective 01/01/2024. Please see table comparison for a breakdown of the increase or use the link below to view the DES/DDD revised rate book.

DTA Rates										
Rate-Book ↓	Staff/Mbr Ratio	01/23 Rate Urban	01/23 Rate Rural	01/24 Rate Urban	01/24 Rate Rural	Difference Urban	Difference Rural	% Urban	% Rural	
2 - 2.5	0.00	\$ 12.52	\$ 13.60	\$ 12.64	\$ 13.72	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	1%	1%	
4.51-6.5	4.51	\$ 9.44	\$ 10.24	\$ 9.52	\$ 10.32	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	1%	1%	
6.51+	6.51	\$ 8.04	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.08	\$ 8.64	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	0%	0%	
1:1	1.00	\$ 37.56	\$ 37.56	\$ 37.92	\$ 37.92	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.36	1%	1%	
1:2	2.00	\$ 18.80	\$ 18.80	\$ 19.04	\$ 19.04	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	1%	1%	
2:1	1.00	\$ 75.12	\$ 75.12	\$ 75.84	\$ 75.84	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.72	1%	1%	
GSE						TRA/TRE				
Rate-Book ↓	Staff/Mbr Ratio	01/23 Rate	01/24 Rate	Difference	% increase			01/23 Rate	01/24 Rate	Difference
2 - 2.5	0.00	\$ 26.44	\$ 26.60	\$ 0.16	1%	E	Ext. Rural	\$ 52.54	\$ 52.54	\$ -
2.51-3.5	2.51	\$ 17.60	\$ 17.72	\$ 0.12	1%	iR	Int. R	\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00	\$ -
3.51-4.5	3.51	\$ 13.88	\$ 13.96	\$ 0.08	1%	iU	Int. U	\$ 33.61	\$ 33.61	\$ -
4.51-5.5	4.51	\$ 11.68	\$ 11.72	\$ 0.04	0%	R	Rural	\$ 25.17	\$ 25.17	\$ -
						U	Urban	\$ 14.57	\$ 14.57	\$ -
HAB Monthly Increase 30 day month										
Site Name	Site Code	Range	# of Members	Daily Rate per member 2023	Daily Total 2023	Daily Rate per member 2024	Daily Total 2024	Daily rate per member 2023 vs 2024	Daily Total 2023 vs 2024	% increase
Castile	FM	20	3	\$ 582.05	\$ 1,746.15	\$ 590.85	\$ 1,772.55	\$ 8.80	\$ 26.40	2%
Cordova	SE	12	3	\$ 370.40	\$ 1,111.20	\$ 376.00	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 5.60	\$ 16.80	2%
Eli	FU	20	4	\$ 436.54	\$ 1,746.16	\$ 443.15	\$ 1,772.60	\$ 6.61	\$ 26.44	2%
Kadota	SF	14	4	\$ 317.48	\$ 1,269.92	\$ 322.31	\$ 1,289.24	\$ 4.83	\$ 19.32	2%
Las Casitas	FL	20	4	\$ 436.54	\$ 1,746.16	\$ 443.15	\$ 1,772.60	\$ 6.61	\$ 26.44	2%
Lloyd Rich	FA	27	5	\$ 460.35	\$ 2,301.75	\$ 467.31	\$ 2,336.55	\$ 6.96	\$ 34.80	2%
Our Place	FF	12	3	\$ 370.40	\$ 1,111.20	\$ 376.00	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 5.60	\$ 16.80	2%
Ramos	SS	5	2	\$ 248.60	\$ 497.20	\$ 252.50	\$ 505.00	\$ 3.90	\$ 7.80	2%
Robin	FV	12	3	\$ 370.40	\$ 1,111.20	\$ 376.00	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 5.60	\$ 16.80	2%
Roosevelt	BE	12	3	\$ 370.40	\$ 1,111.20	\$ 376.00	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 5.60	\$ 16.80	2%
Rosewood	FR	19	4	\$ 416.70	\$ 1,666.80	\$ 423.00	\$ 1,692.00	\$ 6.30	\$ 25.20	2%
Serenity	FW	19	2	\$ 745.80	\$ 1,491.60	\$ 757.50	\$ 1,515.00	\$ 11.70	\$ 23.40	2%
Sunset	SK	12	4	\$ 277.80	\$ 1,111.20	\$ 282.01	\$ 1,128.04	\$ 4.21	\$ 16.84	2%

[https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/Rate\\_Book\\_010124.pdf?time=1704328766381](https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/Rate_Book_010124.pdf?time=1704328766381)





**State monitoring:**

The in-home monitoring conducted by the Arizona DES/DDD Program Monitoring Unit has resumed after being paused due to COVID-19. Starting in March 2023, the monitoring audits were completed for all PPEP licensed facilities and three of our day programs. The overall agency score achieved was 93.87%, indicating a high level of compliance. The grading system used for these audits ranges from full compliance (90-100%) to non-compliance (0-74%).

**Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Parties 2023:**

Please find attached photos from our Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parties in 2023. Once again, all IDD DTA's gathered at the Victor Soltero Building in Tucson to celebrate Halloween and Christmas. More than 75 IDD members joined us for the event, where they enjoyed a gift exchange and took part in various activities. As part of the entertainment, the Victor Soltero DTA members delighted everyone with their Christmas caroling performance. Parents, guardians, and natural support to the members we served were invited to the events and some participated.

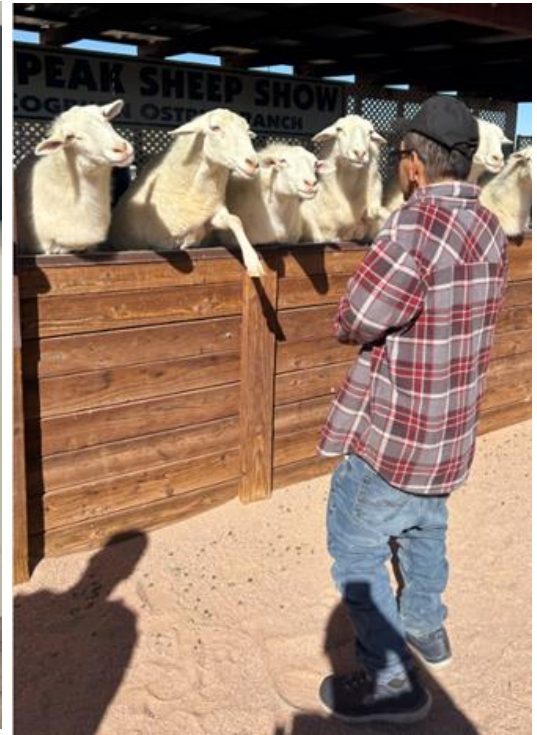
**Goals:**

We plan to continue to expand our services and grow our workforce while promoting community integration. To streamline our operations, IDD will continue implementing iCare as our electronic health records system. Additionally, we are actively exploring opportunities to expand our ERP services in Tucson and introduce services in Casa Grande and Avondale. In our pursuit of providing comprehensive care, we are also considering potential new buildings in District East for day treatment and training. These exciting changes reflect IDD's commitment to advancing PPEP's mission and dedication to serving underserved and un-served individuals in both rural and urban communities while coming together for a better you!

Great day at the Martin Auto car museum! We got to meet Bumblebee!



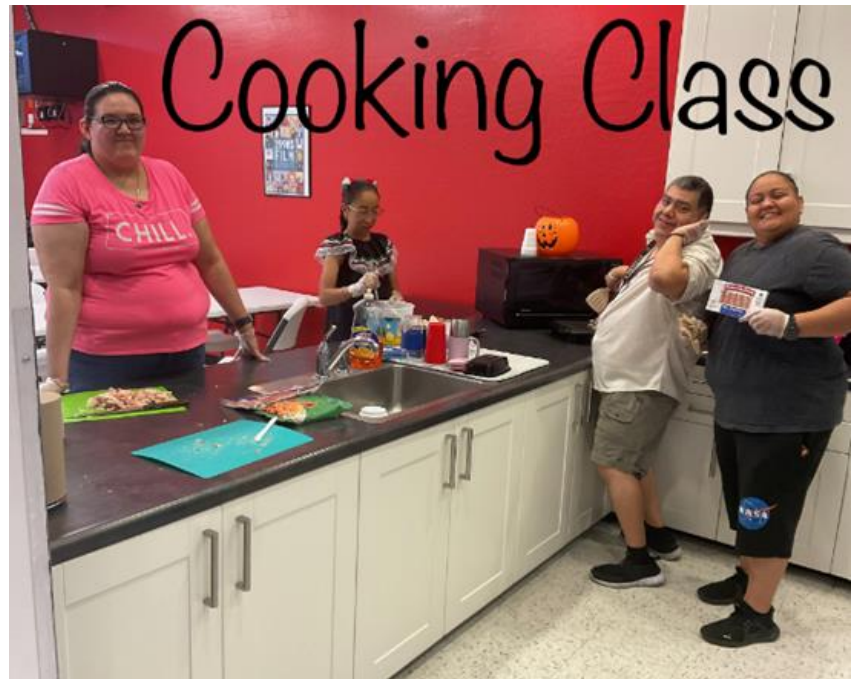




The first class (of many) to participate in our electronic testing for training. @SHARON MIGUEL  
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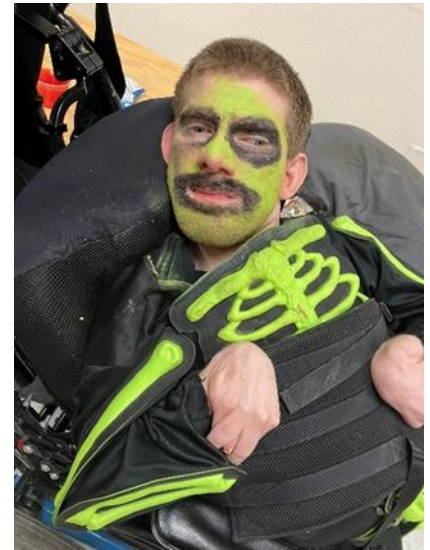
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*Ugly sweater day at Avondale DTA*









# *PPEP TEC High School Quarterly Report Winter 2024*



## A Busy First Semester for Raul Castro Learning Center

### Politics



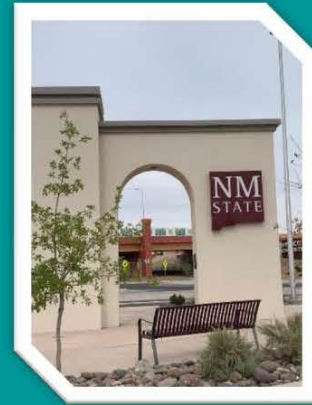
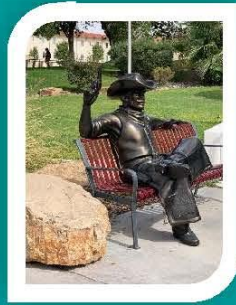
Exploring civic engagement at its best! 🏛️

Our bright minds from the Raul H. Castro Learning Center recently delved into the heart of local governance during a visit to our city hall. They interacted with government officials and staff, gaining valuable insights into the workings of our local government. Questions were asked, and ideas were shared.

Here's to empowering our students with knowledge that shapes their future! 🧑🏫 🧑🏻 🌍



## Education



Part of the Graduation Coach Grant is to ensure that students visit several colleges and universities to help them not only familiarize themselves with the schools themselves but particularly see themselves walking across the quad to their next class, studying in the library, and just hanging out with friends. Over the fall the students spent time at Arizona State University and New Mexico State University

## Culture



The LULAC Youth Council and Craft Club participated in Douglas' Dia de Los Muertos Festival. This was also a fundraising opportunity for both clubs as well as celebrating their cultural with each other and their fellow neighbors.



## Cesar Chavez Learning Center- The Same & Big Changes

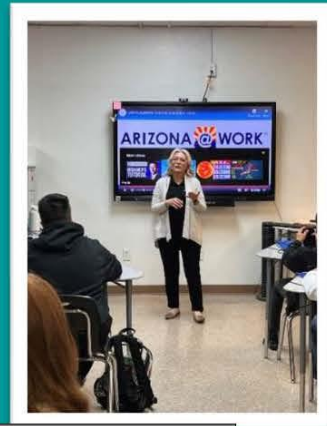
### Guitar Club!!

Before we address the obvious, the Cesar Chavez Learning Center did what it has always done. They put the student's future front and center. To that end here are a few activities that were held.



### Job Readiness Program Presentations

#### Arizona at Work Program



#### Dental X-Ray Technician Program





## Friends-Giving & Open House

As the community was watching the construction of the new Cesar Chavez Learning Center Campus, the anticipation was too much to bear, especially because of the delay in opening. As a team, the staff and students requested the use of the school's MPR (multi-purpose) room to hold their annual Friends-Giving event. This usually takes place during the day when the school staff cooks and serves lunch to the students.

Instead, they requested a dinner and also invited parents, family, and community members to break bread and take a tour of the school. Dr. Arnold also attended the event and invited dignitaries from San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico to tour the campus.





## Events at the Celestino Fernandez Learning Center



### Red Ribbon Week

RED RIBBON WEEK is Celebrated Annually October 23-31.

Red Ribbon Week highlights the importance of living a drug-free life. It presents an opportunity for parents, educators, and communities to reinforce the drug-free messages they share with their children throughout the year. During Red Ribbon Week, youth and adults around the nation pledge to increase their knowledge by learning more about the destructive effects of drug abuse, including prescription drug misuse, and renew their commitment to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.



Thank you to Jessica Valadez from The Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County and a partnership with the Air National Guard which brought agents from the DEA to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. This is a program that supports youth to say NO To Drugs!

The agents gave a presentation on the effects of drugs including caffeine and sugar and what our bodies do when we need chemicals to function daily. They also shared a short film created by a young adult addressing the tragedy of Fentanyl deaths in youth.

Agents did a show-and-tell of equipment that they use in the field and asked some of our students to try it on. As part of Red Ribbon Week, students were asked to pledge to be drug-free!



## Holiday Celebrations at The Jose Yopez Learning Center

Every year the students, staff, and parents come together to ensure that the Holiday Season is one to remember. Every year the school participates in the Holiday Light Parade in Somerton Arizona. Like years past, this season's float did not disappoint!

Their theme was Mario Bros. They always amaze us with their ingenuity and creativity. Every structure that they have built has been made of cardboard boxes, paint, embellishments like glitter, and string lights. Trophies are given to first, second, and third place.







## In Memoriam

The Alice Paul Learning Center students and staff suffered a great loss at the beginning of 2024 by the passing of their Lead Teacher, Mr. Keith Greer.

Mr. Greer has a long history with PPEP TEC High School first hired as a consultant to help the schools create their mission and vision statements to help PPEP TEC High School move forward in a world of direct instruction.

Years later, Mr. Greer returned to be the Lead Teacher of the Alice Paul Learning Center. He served that mission for a few years mentoring the students and staff to succeed in a new learning model created by the current Superintendent Wayne Tucker.

Mr. Greer left PPEP TEC High School to pursue his dream of ministry and semi-retire. Word got around that Mr. Greer was a free agent, so education came calling again but this time from the Gila Bend School District. He assisted their program showing great growth and achievement in the students, staff, and programs.

As luck would have it, our Superintendent ran into Mr. Greer last year and during their conversation Mr. Greer offered his services to PPEP TEC. Mr. Tucker jumped at the chance to ask Mr. Greer to fill the then vacant seat open at his previous school, The Alice Paul Learning Center.

Mr. Greer jumped in as he always did, enthusiastic, and full of drive to improve the school. He was working very closely with the staff and students pushing them to be the best versions of themselves. He was also on a mission to grow the school in such a way that they too would get a new campus like the one at the Cesar Chavez Learning Center! We will greatly miss Mr. Greer and his zest for taking every challenge that presented itself to him as an opportunity to make the world a better place.



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**CONNECTING TO YOUR COMMUNITY**

A workshop series is hosted by the PEACOC subcommittee of the Community Prevention Coalition, PPEP Inc.

**STRESS MANAGEMENT & POWER OF PARENTS**

JANUARY 31, 2024  
5:30-7PM

Zoom  
Meeting ID: 817 0482 1951  
Passcode: 218217



Learn various methods to identify, recognize, and manage physical and emotional stress, and gain coping strategies to support a healthier life. Attendees will learn how to achieve balance, set boundaries, seek support, share core values, and self-regulate through mindfulness.



Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Power of Parents Program emphasizes that communication is key. Parents are a youth's best resource when it comes to making healthy choices. This program helps parents use the power they have to keep their kids safe through ongoing, critical conversations with their children about alcohol and other drugs. We work with not only parents but grandparents, caregivers and school staff who raise and/or care for teens. This evidence-based program, when used with college-aged students, showed a 30% reduction in drinking compared to students whose parents did not use the program materials.



This program and the Community Prevention Coalition are funded in part by the SAMHSA Partnership for Success grant through PPEP, Inc. For more information, please contact Kate Meyer at [kate@ppeg.org](mailto:kate@ppeg.org).



**Parent Education and Communities of Concern (PEACOC)**

The CPC PEACOC subcommittee has planned our next sessions in the series of workshops this winter called Connecting To Your Community. A number of the PEACOC partnering organizations have stepped forward to be a part of this work. If you have a presentation you would like to have be part of this series please reach out to Kate Meyer: [kmeyer@ppeg.org](mailto:kmeyer@ppeg.org). PEACOC is looking for more topics to cover in the coming months of running virtual parent education events.

**\*Next PEACOC meeting is February 13 at 10:00AM via ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 856 1306 3451; Passcode: 521466

**Parents Commission Grant (PCG)**

December was an eventful month filled with great collaborations for PCG. To start off the month, on 12/1/23, PCG had the opportunity to participate and be a community partner at the Teen Maze held at Sabino Canyon High School, hosted by AZYP. On 12/15, 23, AZYP provided a second opportunity to be a part of Teen Maze at Cienega High School. At each school, over 250 students were engaged and spoken to about substance use prevention and provided with education material on the topic. PCG continues to facilitate Botvin Lifeskills at PPEP Tec High School and one of the topics this month was on alcohol. PCG invited Agent A. Zacarias from the AZ Dept of Liquor to present on the topic to the students. The students were very engaged and enjoyed the presentation. On 12/30/23, PCG and BFP tabled at the RAAVOLUTION event held at the Arizona Bowl. One of the BFP youth and his parents (Parent ambassadors) attended the event and represented the organization by holding the BeFreePima flag on the football field after the first quarter. The family was grateful for the opportunity and took pride in being in support of BeFreePima and the Parents Commission Grant.



**BeFreePima Youth Coalition**

For December youth discussed marijuana and learned about the effects of marijuana on the body. During the discussion, the youth talked about the dangers of using marijuana and the potential consequences of using marijuana and being caught. The ending session activity was youth were given vocabulary words from the handout and had to correctly spell the word while the other youth talked loudly and were distracted. The purpose of the activity was to simulate the difficulties of trying to function under the influence. BFP held a holiday party to see youth off for the break in which youth received a gift card and holiday-related goodies gift to celebrate their participation within the group. During the holiday break youth and families participated in the Arizona Bowl in which they had the opportunity to represent BeFreePima and hold the organization flag while they paraded across the field after the first quarter of the game.



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**Media Marketing and Outreach Support Subcommittee (MMOSS)**

The CPC MMOSS worked with the CPC youth coalition Be-FreePima on making a “Youth & Narcan” video that will be posted to Instagram and YouTube as peer-to-peer prevention education. This video informs youth on where to get Narcan, why it’s important to have, and what it is for. The youth did a professional shoot with Avai Media and their video has been posted to Facebook and sent out to the coalition. [Please click this link to see this great PSA!](#)

**\*Next MMOSS meeting is January 11 at 9:00AM via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 895 9848 3870; Passcode: 982623



**Underage Drinking Prevention Collaborative (UDPC)**

The UDPC is working with the Tucson Police Dept. on strategies to prevent impaired driving crashes. TPD has agreed to put up holiday DUI deployments to be on the look out for impaired drivers, especially in hot spot areas that have had increased DUIs around the holidays. The group is hopeful that this strategy will also be deployed during other holiday weekends throughout the year. After the data comes back from these 2023 deployments, TPD will evaluate the value of the strategy for future use. Many thanks to Lt. Lauren Pettey, UDPC Chair, for moving this strategy forward.

**\*Next UDPC meeting is January 9 at 9:00AM**

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**The Environment, Health & You**  
Impacts On Youth Substance Misuse Prevention

**2024 Annual Cultural Humility Roundtable and Conference**

**Diverse Voices in Prevention (DVIP)**

DVIP’s “The Environment, Health and You” Roundtable is coming up on January 25th, 2024 at Pima Community College Downtown Campus and will feature a keynote speaker, a panel of area experts, and dialogue circles. This year’s panelists include Mallorie Ovah, Clyde Miller, Shauna Anderson, Erin Russ, Christopher Chapman, and Tony Mosley, with a blessing by Miguel Flores, MC Beth Braun and keynote speaker Andres Ruiz!!

Please register today! Spaces are going fast!! [dvip.pimacpc.org](http://dvip.pimacpc.org)

**\*Next DVIP meeting is January 4 at 12:30PM via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 870 4099 7313; Passcode: 307947

**Medicine Abuse Prevention Initiative Collaborative (MAPIC)**

The CPC is partnering with COSIT, CMS, HOPE, TPD and Pima County Justice Services to hold another fentanyl awareness event on February 4th. This event will feature the film Dead on Arrival and have a panel of speakers from prevention, lived experience, parents of overdose victims, treatment, law enforcement, and harm reduction. Please join us at 5pm at the Greater Faith World Church International!!! (508 E Ft Lowell)

**\*Next MAPIC meeting is January 15 at 1:30PM via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 929 3326 6733; Passcode: 931146

**dead on arrival**

**& Community Forum**  
**A Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Workshop**

**Indie Short Fest 2021**

This event will include a panel of local experts in prevention, intervention, treatment, and harm reduction. Community Q&A to follow brief introductions of panelists.

**FEB 4**

**5PM - 7:30PM**

**Greater Faith World Church International**  
508 E Fort Lowell Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85705

Free snacks, locking boxes and Narcan!

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**Tucson Metro Partnership For Success (PFS)**



The CPC partnered with the Pima County Health Department, TUSD and BeFreePima on a fentanyl and Narcan awareness Facebook Live event on Zoom recently. PCHD gave a very informative educational session on the subject and then the CPC coordinated a Q&A session between BeFreePima youth and PCHD representatives. The Youth had really great questions regarding the cost of Narcan, what the ingredients are, and where people can get Narcan for free. This session went really well and we plan to conduct another one this winter in the second semester of school. Please keep your eyes open for more information promoting this event in the coming months!

**State Opioid Response and Substance Use Block Grants for CPC and STOPIt Coalitions (SACLAZ SOR and SUBG)**

The CPC partnered with the AZ National Guard CDTF and gave the SOR presentation of “A Killer Among Us” at multiple Sabino High School health classes to educate students on the dangers of fentanyl. They also delivered SOR information flyers to the Sabino High School student nurse to distribute in the front office of the school.

The STOPIt Coalition participated in SOR and SUBG Workgroups to create new presentations on alcohol and marijuana. Both presentations are youth-focused and interactive and will be available soon to present at schools and organizations.

Please contact Karen for information on SOR and SUBG presentations on opioids, fentanyl, Narcan, meth, marijuana, and vaping, and informational material on those topics. [kmcgarrity@ppep.org](mailto:kmcgarrity@ppep.org)



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**Prevention is *HIRING!*** <https://www.ppephiring.com/jobs.asp>







## PSMA Annual Report 2023

### Introduction

A lot happened at PSMA in CY2023. Some staff members departed, new staff members were hired, donations and orders were up, new partnerships were established, and so much more. In addition, over **132,000 lbs. – 66 tons** – of medical equipment and supplies were donated. PSMA also received **\$1,025,200** in grants throughout the year.

### Staff

#### Departing:

**MICAH CHETRIT**, our program development coordinator (& grant writer), left in March.

**JANE BUCK**, our office supervisor, left in April to pursue her career and schooling in physical therapy.

**KYLE “JULIAN” DIAZ**, our distribution center supervisor, left in May.

**IRIZ YAZNO**, our director, retired on August 1.

**SANDRA TORRES**, our office supervisor, left in October.

#### Arriving:

**DARYL MALLETT** was hired as program development coordinator (& grant writer) in March.

**KIANA VALENZUELA** was hired as our office supervisor in April, then became the distribution center supervisor, replacing Julian.

**MARGARET FELIX** was hired as our office supervisor in July and was promoted to director to replace Iriz on August 1.

**SANDRA TORRES** was hired as our office supervisor in July but departed in early October.

**JESUS DUARTE** was hired as a part-time distribution center assistant in November.

**DAVID BARCELO** was hired as our office supervisor in November, replacing Sandra.

	New Employees	Lost Employees
January		
February		
March	Daryl Mallett	Micah Chetrit
April	Kiana Valenzuela	Jane Buck
May		Kyle “Julian” Diaz
June		
July	Margaret Felix Sandra Torres	
August		Iriz Yazno
September		
October		Sandra Torres
November	Jesus Duarte David Barcelo	
December		
TOTAL	6	5



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Daryl Mallett



David Barcelo



Iriz Yazno



Jane Buck



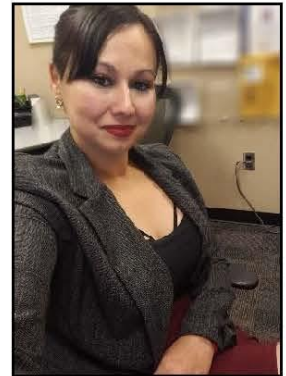
Jesus Duarte



Kiana Valenzuela



Kyle "Julian" Diaz



Margaret Felix



Micah Chetrit



Sandra Torres

## Volunteers

By the end of the year, there were a total of **18** active volunteers. This included two AmeriCorps Youth members. PSMA was truly fortunate in that both requested to extend their stay for an additional nine (9) months. **GAVINA** departed in August 2023 and **ELIJAH** in December 2023. All volunteers contributed a total of **2,088** volunteer hours in 2023.

	# Volunteers	New/Returning Volunteers	Lost Volunteers	Total Vol. Hours
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January	25 <sup>1</sup>	1	1	364
February	27 <sup>1</sup>	1	3	349.5
March	27 <sup>1</sup>	0		483
April	28 <sup>1</sup>	7	6	141.5
May				165
June				150
July	19 <sup>2,3</sup>	Abraham Camacho Pasha Johnson Paul Duarte Rosanna Sarmiento		223
August	14 <sup>2,3</sup>		Abraham Camacho Melissa Hutchison Pasha Johnson Paul Duarte Rosanna Sarmiento	209.5
September	16 <sup>2,3</sup>	Chris Torres Damon Suttle	Gavina Howard	224.5
October	18 <sup>2,3</sup>	Jim Martin	Elijah Dulmaine Gina Waselewski Larry Bahill Pete Adamcin	182.5
November	20 <sup>2,3</sup>	Dan Olsen Deb Olsen Elijah Dulmaine Elvira Burruel Gail Thieman Gina Waselewski Larry Bahill Pete Adamcin	Chris Torres	219.5
December	18 <sup>2,3</sup>	Diego Navarrette	Damon Suttle Elijah Dulmaine Gina Waselewski	168
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,088</b>

1 Total number of volunteers on the roster.

2 Total number of volunteers who worked during the month.

3 Includes Mark David and Allison Gengler, former PSMA staff/volunteers, who are not on the roster, but still come in from time to time to volunteer.



Former PSMA office supervisor Allison Gengler volunteering in the office.



One of our fantastic neighbors helping us unload and move pallets with their forklift.



The indomitable Larry Bahill, one of our volunteers, doing pick-ups around town.





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### New Program Agreements

New partnerships established:

<u>2023</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Domestic:	10	77
International:	17	59

Program Name (USA)	Date of Program Agreement	Program Name (International)	Fecha de firma de convenio
Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona (JFCS)	1/3/2023	DIF Rayon	1/13/2023
Owin's Friends of Southern Arizona (OWFR)	1/13/2023	Club de Leones Obregón Cajeme	2/2/2023
International Medicine and Community Services (IMCS)	2/9/2023	Centro Medical San Vicente I.A.P. (CMSV)	2/3/2023
Intermountain Centers for Human Development	3/28/2023	DIF Hermosillo	2/15/2023
International Community Center (ICC)	4/5/2023	DIF Bacanora	2/22/2023
C.A.P. Way Ministries	7/12/2023	DIF Navojoa	3/21/2023
Southern Arizona Aids Foundation (SAAF)	8/4/2023	DIF Linares	6/15/2023
United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Arizona (UCPSA)	8/17/2023	Asilo de Ancianos Franciscanos I.A.P.	7/18/2023
Tucson Church of Christ (TCOC)	8/18/2023	Aliados por Alamos A.C.	8/3/2023
Differently Abled Entertainment (DAE)	9/25/2023	Club Rotario Hermosillo Pitic	8/9/2023
		Municipio de Nacozari de García Sonora	8/28/2023
		Fundación Internacional para la Salud Ernesto Rubio y Dr. H.H. Reckewag A.C. (FISERHR)	9/13/2023
		Rocky Point Medical Clinics	9/25/2023
		DIF Benjamín Hill	9/25/2023
		Unión Ganadera Regional de Sonora	9/25/2023
		C.A.E. Maria del Carmen Monteverde (CDMCM)	11/27/2023
		Comisión Estatal para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Comunidades Indígenas (CEPI)	11/29/2023



Warehouse Supervisor Kiana Valenzuela writing a contract with the founders of Maria del Carmen Monteverde, in Sonora, Mexico.



Comisión Nacional para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas es uno de nuestros nuevos socios.



Warehouse Supervisor Kiana Valenzuela speaking about PSMA at the quarterly TC-3 meeting.



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### Donations Received In

Major donors included: 3000 CLUB, ARIA HOSPICE COMFORT CARE, DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS TUCSON CHAPTER 4, FRIENDS IN DEED, GOODWILL, GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION, IN JOY THRIFT STORE, MEDASSURE OF TUCSON, NORTHWEST HOSPITAL, PEPPY'S HOSPICE, PURPLE ELEPHANT, SOUTHERN ARIZONA ADAPTIVE SPORTS, SUN CITY RETIREMENT HOME, UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST and WE CARE TUCSON and WINGS FOR WOMEN, among others.

Month	Received # lbs.	Scrap # lbs.
Jan	2,386	576
Feb	3,282	274
Mar	5,090	714
Apr	3,389	229
May	6,800	500
Jun	6,346	647
Jul	2,815	879
Aug	5,477	1,401.7
Sep	5,768	1,577
Oct	2,908	558
Nov	3,840	417
Dec	5,314	1,119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53.415</b>	<b>8.892</b>
<b>AVG.</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>741</b>



*Picking up a trailerful of donations from Goodwill.*



*Nico and the guys from Gospel Rescue Mission dropping off a truckload of supplies and equipment.*



*The Diaper Bank delivering an entire truckload of diapers.*





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### Order Requests

In 2023, there was an average of **164** monthly order requests submitted by partner agencies. Out of that number, an average of **129** orders were filled per month.

2023	# Orders Rec'd <sup>1</sup>	# Orders Filled <sup>2</sup>	# Orders Cancelled	# Intl Donations <sup>6</sup>	# Domestic Donations <sup>6</sup>	# Internal Donations <sup>4</sup>	# Community Donations <sup>5,6</sup>	Total # Items Donated	Total Weight (lbs)
Jan	174	153	29	4	170	3	6	978	13,417
Feb	135	142	33	6	136	4	4	1,530	20,439
Mar	158	143	37	3	140	8	2	557	9,543
Apr	191	135	20	10	120	4	1	1,002	12,335
May	170	134	25	7	120	4	4	620	9,067
Jun	179	109	21	3	97	4	5	1,248	13,625
Jul	184	157	27	1	133	13	10	471	6,669
Aug	192	158	34	4	154	7	9	869	10,037
Sep	179	138	41	2	136	3	9	912	16,827
Oct	113	86	27	2	84	4	3	303	3,323
Nov	167	119	57	5	102	1	2	947	13,289
Dec	129	86	43	1	85	3	2	313	4,031
Tot.	1,971	1,551	394	48	1,477	58	57	9,750	132,602
Avg	164	129	33	4	123	5	5	813	11,051

1 # Orders Received = # Orders Filled + # Orders Cancelled.

2 # Orders Filled = # International Donations + # Domestic Donations + # Internal Donations + # Community Donations.

3 There have been instances when requests were made via a verbal request and the orders were not reflected in the system. This caused the discrepancy in the number of Orders Filled and the number of Orders Cancelled. The orders may have been prepared and/or cancelled the following month.

4 Internal Donations are donations made to and on behalf of PPEP, PMHDC, PSMA staff, volunteers and PPEP staff through PPEP or PMHDC as the partner.

5 Community Donations are donations given to people who do not have an order request or a referral agency to submit the request. On occasion, we have come across people who are passing through and only need one single item, making it unnecessary for them to establish a program agreement.

6 International, Domestic and Community Donations counts were not included in our data until July 2022.





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*Jesus, Elijah, Elvira and Kiana helping load a trailer of equipment and supplies for Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa.*



*The PSMA staff staging an outgoing order in the warehouse.*



*Daryl with Claudia Borbon Covarrubias, loading the trailers and trucks bound for clinics in Sonora.*

### International Orders

In 2023, PSMA distributed **132,602 lbs.** (over **66 tons**) of medical equipment in total, **53,890 lbs.** (over **26.9 tons**) of which was donated to more than<sup>1</sup> **27** different Mexican municipalities, organizations or agencies. The chart below reflects the international recipients of medical equipment and supplies.

Donation Date	Name of Agency	City, County, Country	Lbs. Equipment Donated
1/6/2023	Centro de Salud de Rural Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	11
1/17/2023	Centro de Salud de Rural Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	2,909
1/20/2023	DIF Rayon	Rayon, Sonora, MEX	1,471
1/26/2023	Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa	Sahuaripa, Sonora, MEX	846
2/1/2023	DIF Gomez Palacio Durango	Gomez Palacio, Durango, MEX	9,525
2/1/2023	DIF Rayon	Rayon, Sonora, MEX	833
2/2/2023	Ayuntamiento de Santa Ana	Santa Ana, Sonora, MEX	2,327
2/13/2023	Ayuntamiento de Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	31
2/15/2023	Club Deportivo Bahia de Kino	Bahia de Kino, Sonora, MEX	59
2/22/2023	Municipio de Atil	Atil, Sonora, MEX	30
3/8/2023	Municipio de Saric	Saric, Sonora, MEX	224
3/10/2023	Centro de Salud Rural Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	47
3/15/2023	Fundacion Movimiento Ras Lap	Hermosillo, Sonora, MEX	2,062
3/23/2023	Club Deportivo Bahia de Kino	Bahia de Kino, Sonora, MEX	186
3/30/2023	DIF Navojoa	Navojoa, Sonora, MEX	359

<sup>1</sup> It is "more than," as Union Ganadera Regional de Sonora and several others deliver to multiple entities; DIF Navojoa sometimes picks up for their neighboring DIFs, etc.





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4/19/2023	DIF Navojoa	Navojoa, Sonora, MEX	619
4/26/2023	Ayuntamiento de Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	31
4/28/2023	Ayuntamiento de Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	64
5/4/2023	Municipio de Saric	Saric, Sonora, MEX	31
5/3/2023	DIF San Ignacio Rio Muerto	San Ignacio Rio Muerto, Sonora, MEX	567
5/16/2023	Centro Medico San Vincente	Obregon, Sonora, MEX	3,069
5/16/2023	Club Rotario Obregon Sur	Obregon, Sonora, MEX	1,801
5/17/2023	DIF Navajoa	Navajoa, Sonora, MEX	393
5/19/2023	DIF Navojoa	Navojoa, Sonora, MEX	41
5/24/2023	PPEP Sonora	Sonora, MEX	407
5/25/2023	Municipio de Saric	Saric, Sonora, MEX	71
6/4/2023	DIF Saric Sonora	Saric, Sonora, MEX	31
6/13/2023	Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa	Sahuaripa, Sonora, MEX	1,259
7/19/2023	DIF Rayon	Rayon, Sonora, MEX	2,193
8/2/2023	Club de Leones Obregon	Cajeme, Sonora, MEX	996
8/3/2023	Aliados por Alamos	Alamos, Sonora, MEX	503
8/9/2023	Asilo de Ancianos Franciscanos	Nogales, Sonora, MEX	325
8/30/2023	Procuraduria de Defensa del Adulto Major	Hermosillo, Sonora, MEX	2,963
9/20/2023	Club Rotario Obregon Sur	Obregon, Sonora, MEX	4
9/23/2023	Union Ganadera Regional de Sonora & PPEP Sonora	Nogales Sonora, MEX	8,303
10/19/2023	DIF Saric	Saric, Sonora, MEX	69
10/24/2023	PPEP Sonora	Sonora, MEX	432
11/9/2023	DIF Cajeme	Cajeme, Sonora, MEX	331
11/14/2023	Centro de Salud Rural Carbo	Carbo, Sonora, MEX	516
11/16/2023	DIF Navojoa	Navojoa, Sonora, MEX	5,537
11/28/2023	Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa	Sahuaripa, Sonora, MEX	1,693
12/20/2023	Club Rotario Obregon Sur	Obregon, Sonora, MEX	721
TOTAL			53,890





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*This photograph captures the joy of a client being helped by PSMA and our international partners.*



*Kiana, Daryl and Elijah with Luz Argel Gaxiola Vega, DIF Navajo director and her staff.*



*One of PSMA's partners posting their appreciation for deliveries of supplies to a clinic in Sonora, Mexico.*

## Metrics

Metric	Total	Metric	Total	Metric	Total
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE</b>	<b>6,414</b>	<b>Apache</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>Asian/Pacific Isl.</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>0-17</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>Cochise</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Biracial/Multiracial</b>	<b>3,133</b>
<b>18-34</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Coconino</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Black/African Am.</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>35-44</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>Gila</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Latino/Hispanic</b>	<b>2,135</b>
<b>45-54</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>Graham</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Native Am./Ind.</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>55-64</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>Greenlee</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Other/Unknown</b>	<b>383</b>
<b>Seniors (65+)</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>La Paz</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>White/Caucasian</b>	<b>459</b>
<b>Mixed Ages</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>Maricopa</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Refugee/Asylum</b>	<b>1,611</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>Mohave</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>883</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>Navajo</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>1,923</b>
<b>Both/Other/Unk.</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>Pima</b>	<b>2797</b>	<b>Bilingual</b>	<b>2,629</b>
<b>Homeless</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>Pinal</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>Trilingual</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Veteran</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>39</b>		
<b>Disabled</b>	<b>4,013</b>	<b>Yavapai</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>Uninsured</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>Yuma</b>	<b>2</b>		
		<b>Other/Unknown</b>	<b>2,834</b>		





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### Vandalism and the Homeless

We have had several instances of vandalism at the 720 building. The homeless camp out between our CONEX boxes and the building, leaving trash, clothing, donuts, feces, needles, used condoms and more strewn along the ground. A fire has been started there as well, scorching our building. There are several places where graffiti has been sprayed on the CONEX boxes and our building. Suite 718, next door to us, had a break-in attempt at their front door.



We have gone around and met all our neighbors in 720 and 740, as well as neighboring businesses and keep an eye on each other and each other's property. We have had to call the police several times for a passed-out man behind 720, abandoned/lived-in buildings and the homeless camp behind us (currently gone). The cannabis growing facility in the old post office behind 720 are looking in to hiring armed guard services for nighttime. We asked for, and Facilities acquired for us, a lock mechanism for our water spigot out front.



### Notable Events

**January:** Zion City Care Center donated two sonogram machines, which were donated to the Municipalities of Santa Anna and Sahuaripa in Sonora, Mexico.

- 1/6/23 Pueblo Springs Rehab donates isolation gowns to PSMA.
- 1/6/23 Julian continues to do pick-ups at In Joy thrift stores, Peppi's House, etc.
- 1/17/23 DIF Carbo picks up almost 3,000 lbs. of equipment and supplies.
- 1/19/23 Jane and Julian pick up hand sanitizer donation from the Diaper Bank.
- 1/20/23 DIF Rayon picks up 1,113 lbs. of equipment and supplies.
- 1/26/23 Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa picks up almost 1,000 lb. of equipment and supplies.





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**February:** St. Mark's Catholic Church in Oro Valley selected PSMA for their yearly medical equipment donation mission project. PSMA received wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs and other valuable supplies.

- 2/1/23 DIF Gomez Palacio Durango picks up almost 10,000 lbs. of equipment and supplies.
- 2/6/23 David Dore, Robert Ramirez, Yan Xu and Ricardo Castro from PCC visit.
- 2/9/23 Cesar Torres from Bay Equipity, Ruben Noriega from Polar Monkey Thermos, Oscar G and Claudia Sanchez from Hydration Therapy & Weight Loss Center visit.
- 2/10/23 Maintenance picks up from Patagonia.
- 2/13-14/23 Board trip to Hermosillo, Mexico to visit Imuris Orphanage, Benjamin Hill train migrant center, Magdalena murals, Miguel Aleman (Triqui Tribe), and Universidad Estatal Sonora where Dr. Arnold was awarded the "Berrendo Socialmente Solidario" trophy in honor of his outstanding community service.
- 2/22/23 Big donation from Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports (SAAS) of durable medical equipment and wheelchairs and launch of agreement with a Goodwill store.
- 2/23/23 Volunteers Larry & Carol Bahill picked up from Friends in Deed.
- 2/24/23 New AmeriCorps Blake joins PMSA team.
- Gavina and Elijah highlighted as AmeriCorps "success stories".
- Pam Boyer PMHDC Board Member drops off 10 pallets which were filled with boxes of hospital equipment and then donated back to our partner, The 3000 Club.
- Iriz joins PMHDC Board on trip to Hermosillo, MEX.
- Talk w/ Dimitri about taking in volunteers from IDD.
- 2/27/23 Dimetri Gudino from PPEP IDD visit.

**March:** Micah Chetrit departs. Claire, Diana and Quavie visit from International Community Center. Kylie and Jessica from Pinal Hispanic Council come for a tour with Dr. Arnold.

- 3/13/23 Ray from The 3000 Club dropped off eight (8) hospital beds.
  - 3/15/23 Ras Lap picks up 2,062 lbs. of equipment and supplies.
  - 3/15/23 Jane attended the Tucson Collaborative Community Care (TC-3) meeting at the Tucson Firehouse. PSMA was recognized as being a valued partner of the TC3 program and PSMA continues to develop connections with community organizations across the city.
  - 3/16/23 **Departing Team Member:** Micah Chetrit's last day.
  - 3/30/23 DIF Navojia picks up 359 lbs. of equipment and supplies.
  - Larry picks up supplies from Friends In Deed, in Green Valley and from Northwest Hospital. With his and Maintenance's help, PSMA has been able to keep up with the increased demand for supplies.
  - 3/23/23 Supplies were picked up from the Tucson and Amado areas. One of the stops included our partner organization, Universal Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, who generously donated a hospital bed to PSMA.
  - 3/30/23 Medical equipment was picked up from across Tucson and Green Valley areas. Equipment – such as commodes, wheelchairs, and toilet seat risers – was donated from Friends Indeed.
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- Jane created and ordered new brochures that reflect programmatic updates such as QR codes, updated maps, and donation information.
- Jane updated the website homepage to include a graphics summarizing PSMA's impact over 2022 and recent photos.
- Jane created a centralized password list for the organization.
- Jane created and ordered signage for the front door of 720 E 46th Street. This sign is intended to help guide customers to the donation center at the back of the building when they come to pick up supplies. Signage to help contain customer traffic to the front of the distribution center so that clients do not wander into the storage or sorting areas was also installed.
- 3/30/23 Our volunteers picked up two truckloads of medical equipment from Goodwill at the Cherrybell location. This was the start of a new partnership where PSMA will be picking up their unsold medical equipment.

### April:

- 4/3/23 **New Team Member:** Daryl Mallett's first day on board.
- 4/12/23 Verlon Jose with Tohono O'odham picked up donations.
- 4/14/23 **Departing Team Member:** Jane Buck's last day with PSMA.
- 4/25/23 **New Team Member:** Kiana Valenzuela's first day on board.
- 4/26/23 **Dream Job Fair:** Informed the community of not only our mission and services but those of PPEP and PMHDC as well. The dream job fair that took place on April 26, 223 at the Kino Event Center, Iriz reports, was a success as far as spreading our mission and passion to help those in need. As we set up our booth for the morning, we were able to greet and network with the other companies set up around us. For example, we obtained information from Aria Hospice and have now begun to continuously collect donations from their facility.
- 4/27/23 **Departing Team Member:** Julian Diaz's last day with PSMA

### May:

- 5/3/23 San Ignacio picked up 623 lbs. of supplies and equipment.
  - 5/4/23 Diaper Bank donated a mountain of diapers and supplies that weighed more than 141 lbs.
  - 5/16/23 Club Rotario Obregon Sur and Centro Medico San Vincente I.A.P picked up their donation to take to Obregon, Sonora, which was a whopping weight of 2,690 lbs. total.
  - 5/17/23 In Joy, Peppi's Hospice, Friends indeed, Wings for Women all donated to PSMA.
  - 5/19/23 DIF Navajoa, Senator Shelley made a surprise visit to pick up donations.
  - 5/24/23 PSMA Volunteer meeting regarding sorting, coding and labeling. We donated to Dr. Juan Jose Ramirez Reyna, who is a surgeon from Hermosillo, Sonora.
  - 5/25/23 Municipio de Saric picked up donations plus incoming donations to PSMA from Peppi's Hospice and In Joy.
  - 5/26/23 Aria hospice donations to PSMA.
  - 5/30/23 Friends in Deed donations to PSMA.
  - 5/31/23 Goodwill Donations to PSMA.
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### June:

- 6/13/23 Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa picked up 1,259 pounds of supplies and equipment.

### July:

- 7/10/23 **New Team member:** Margaret Felix's first day on board.
- 7/19/23 DIF Rayon picks up 2,193 pounds of supplies and equipment.
- 7/25/23 New Team member: Sandra Torres' first day on board.
- 7/27/23 Cascades of Tucson dropped off donations.
- 7/27/23 Maintenance team picked up equipment from Sun City.
- 7/31/23 Farewell party for Iriz Yazno.
- 7/31/23 Contract for \$1 million grant with Yellow Submarine Trust signed.

### August: Staff begins manually washing equipment.

- 8/1/23 **Departing Team Member:** Iriz Yazno's last day with PSMA.
- 8/1/23 Peppi's Donation picked up by our volunteer Frances & administrative staff.
- 8/3/23 Gospel Rescue Mission donated.
- 8/7/23 Daryl Mallett was brought on full time and moved to office in 82/86.
- 8/8/23 Big Donation for isolation gowns from Phoenix.
- 8/14/23 Peppi's & In Joy donation was picked up by our volunteer Frances.
- 8/15/23 Friends indeed donations picked up by our volunteer Carol & Larry.
- 8/17/23 Donation from the Diaper Bank.
- 8/17/23 Donation from The Purple Elephant.
- 8/18/23 Donation from Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports.
- 8/21/23 Peppi's & In Joy donation was picked up by our volunteer Frances.
- 8/21/23 In Joy donation picked up by our volunteer Frances & administrative staff.
- 8/22/23 Premier Medical Group donated.
- 8/23/23 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church donated.
- 8/23/23 American Legend Open House at the VA attended.

**September:** Daryl applies for and receives Platinum Seal highest rating for PSMA from Candid / Guidestar, taking us through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels; begins increasing website SEO and social media presence. Begins updating website (including a brief history of PSMA) and all social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), YouTube, LinkedIn so far).

- 9/1/23 Picked up donations from In Joy.
  - 9/1/23 New volunteers – Christopher & Damon.
  - 9/6/23 Margaret, Daryl, Kiana and Sandra attend TC-3 meeting.
  - 9/6/23 Margaret, Daryl, Kiana and Sandra attend We Care Tucson open house.
  - 9/8/23 Picked up donations from Peppi's and In Joy.
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- 9/11/23 Mia at SAAS drops off donations.
- 9/15/23 Daryl, Elijah and Jorge attend El Grito at Tucson Music Hall. Daryl meets with Consul General Sr. Rafael Barcelo Durazo and staff.



- 9/19/23 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church drops off donations.
- 9/20-21/23 Daryl attends an online grant-writing seminar with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family GYOFF.
- 9/21/23 Daryl and Sandra attend SAVMA roundtable discussion at Habitat for Humanity's Tucson offices on volunteerism with Emily Litchfield, director of AmeriCorps at GYOFF.
- 9/21/23 Picked up donations from Northwest Hospital.
- 9/22/23 Maintenance team picked up equipment from Sun City.
- 9/22/23 \$200 grant from Costco.
- 9/22/23 Picked up donations from Peppi's and In Joy.
- 9/26/23 Gospel Rescue Mission donates.
- 9/26/23 Unión Ganadera Regional de Sonora Vero Diaz, Carmen Palacios & PPEP Sonora crew picked up a 54-foot truck's worth of supplies and equipment for groups like DIF Gómez Palacio, UNEME De Cirugia Ambulatoria, Fundación X Los Niños Con Cancer Movimiento RAS Iap, DIF Granados 221-224, Universidad de Betel, Club Rotario Obregón Sur, DIF Cajeme 221-224, Municipio Suaqui Grande and more!
- 9/27/23 Daryl meets with Rafael Barcelo Durazo, Dr. David Yetman & Dr. Alberto Borquez at Mexican Consulate.
- 9/28/23 TFD picks up order.
- 9/28/23 University of Arizona drops off donations.
- 9/29/23 Picked up donations from Peppi's and In Joy.
- 9/30/23 PSMA hosts booth at the PPEP Company Picnic.

**October:** Daryl begins updating & auditing partner agreements; continues discussions with H.S. Lopez Family Foundation trustees about grant application.

- 10/1/23 Sandra's last day.
- 10/1/23 Scully shows up for his annual stint of hanging around the warehouse.
- 10/2/23 Goodwill pick-up.
- 10/3/23 Wings for Women drop-off.
- 10/3/23 Melody Murguia visits PSMA.



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- 10/4/23 Daryl meets with his contacts at KGUN9 to talk about having PSMA as a featured nonprofit.
- 10/6/23 In Joy pick-up.
- 10/10/23 Daryl hosts program development manager from International Rescue Committee at PSMA.
- 10/10/23 Donated 54 wheelchairs to Tucson Meet Yourself.
- 10/12/23 Desert Skyline Universal Methodist Church Flea Market.
- 10/12/23 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church drop-off.
- 10/13/23 Peppi's pick-up.
- 10/13/23 Goodwill pick-up.
- 10/13/23 Daryl meets with distribution/donation partners St. Vincent de Paul & Differently Abled Entertainment DAE. PSMA co-sponsors fundraising event for DAE with StVdP, Habitat for Humanity and Bookman's.
- 10/14-15/23 Daryl mans Disabled Pride booth at Tucson Meet Yourself event and hands out flyers for and talks about PSMA.
- 10/19/23 DIF Saric pick-up.
- 10/23/23 Quarterly Board Meetings.
- 10/24/23 PPEP Sonora pick-up.
- 10/25/23 City of Tucson donates two pallets of face shields.
- 10/26/23 International Rescue Committee pick-up.
- 10/27/23 In Joy pick-up.
- 10/30/23 SAAS drop-off.

**November:** Jesus Duarte joins PSMA as our part-time warehouse worker, reporting to Kiana. David Barcelo joins PSMA as our office supervisor, reporting to Margaret.

- 11/2/23 Diaper Bank delivers five (5) pallets of diapers, pull-ups and underpads.
  - 11/3/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at In Joy.
  - 11/3/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Goodwill.
  - 11/3/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Friends in Deed.
  - 11/3-5/23 "The Curious Savage" stage play fundraiser opening weekend at partner Differently Abled Entertainment, co-sponsored by PSMA.
  - 11/6/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Peppi's House.
  - 11/7/23 Wings for Women delivers donations.
  - 11/7/23 DAV Chapter 4 delivers donations.
  - 11/7/23 DAV Chapter 4 honors Iriz with an award at their offices.
  - 11/7/23 Awarded Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) Yuma/San Luis Outreach Grant of \$1,000. Donated to PPEP for some of Kari's programs in San Luis.
  - 11/9/23 DIF Cajeme order pick-up.
  - 11/10-12/23 "The Curious Savage" stage play fundraiser closing weekend at partner Differently Abled Entertainment, co-sponsored by PSMA. Over \$2,000 was raised for our partner!
  - 11/16/23 Mrs. Luz Argel Gaxiola Vega, director of DIF Navojoa, comes with her team to pick up their order. They get to meet Dr. Arnold, who takes them on the tour of PPEP.
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*Dr. Arnold giving a tour to Luz Argel Gaxiola Vega, DIF Navojaa director and her staff members.*



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*Elijah, Jesus, Kiana, Daryl and David loading over 5,000 lbs. with Claudia Borbon & team from Navojaa.*

- 11/17/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Friends in Deed.
- 11/17/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Northwest Hospital.
- 11/27/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Goodwill.
- 11/28/23 Margaret, Daryl and David join the rest of PPEP in Nogales.



*Briana Felix greeting everyone on behalf of Dr. Arnold and PPEP.*



*PPEP, NFJP, PMHDC and PSMA booth(s), along with many of our partner organizations.*



*Program Development Coordinator Daryl Mallett being interviewed by local media.*

- 11/28/23 Ayuntamiento de Sahuaripa order pick-up.
- 11/30/23 First PSMA baby! Margaret gives birth to a son, Gerardo!



### December:

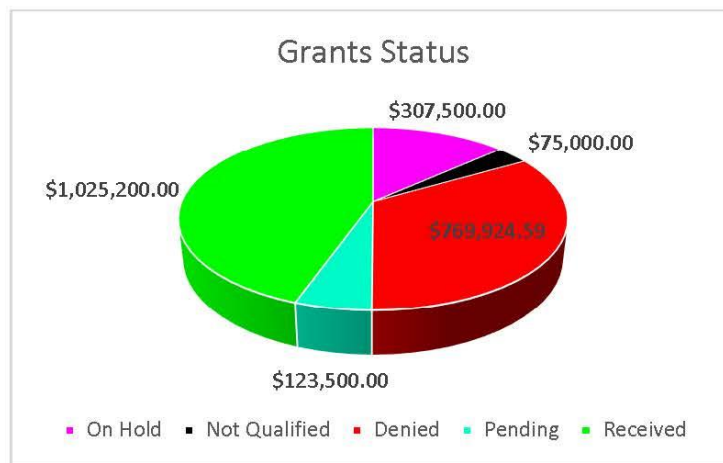
- 12/7/23 Pick up equipment/supplies at Peppi's House.
- 12/8/23 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



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- 12/25/23 PPEP @ Guaranteed Rate Bowl football game at Chase Field (Diamondbacks Stadium), courtesy of Fiesta Bowl Charities, to whom Daryl applied for a \$100,000 grant earlier in the year.
- 12/28/23 Awarded \$24,000 H.S. Lopez Family Foundation Grant for "expansion of warehouse capabilities".

### Grants



*CY2023 grants summary.*

Investigated	75	\$ 2,077,624.59
Received	4	\$ 1,025,200.00
Pending	5	\$ 123,500.00
On Deck	14	\$ 307,500.00
Declined	8	\$ 769,924.59
Not Qualified	16	\$ 75,000.00
Out of Cycle	17	Unknown
Researching	11	Unknown

*CY2023 grants summary.*

#### **Received:**

- |  |            |                            |
|--|------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Peter's Yellow Submarine Trust              | 8/1/2023   | \$1,000,000 over two years |
| 2. H.S. Lopez Family Foundation                | 12/28/2023 | \$24,000                   |
| 3. Arizona Community Foundation, Yuma/San Luis | 11/7/2023  | \$1,000 (donated to PPEP)  |
| 4. Costco Charitable Giving                    | 9/20/2023  | \$200                      |

#### Overview

We are in discussions still with Geico Philanthropic Foundation, Albertsons/Safeway Foundation, American Express Foundation and Arizona Community Foundation for grants applied-for in CY2023.





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On deck beginning in January are \$307,500 of grant proposals ready to roll to Women's Foundation, Community Food Bank, Lovell Foundation, Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, TC-3, Arizona Community Foundation and more.

For PMHDC, Daryl attended the Pima County grant writing forum and reached out to the Town of Marana for Community Development Building Grants for our properties in Pima County.

### Acquisitions

We have purchased a new pick-up truck and trailer, and a used box truck to assist us in pick-ups, as part of the capital improvements of our large grant. We also acquired a raft of warehouse safety equipment and computer equipment; Cox and Facilities have begun running lines for the Internet and new phones throughout the building. Facilities also put in a water cooler, saving money on purchasing bottled water.



## Program Development

### Program Development

PSMA is slowly reaching out to churches, thrift stores and other 501(c)(3) entities to build our partnerships, both on the donor and recipient sides.

We brought together partner St. Vincent de Paul Society, along with Habitat for Humanity, PSMA and Bookman's, to help partner Differently Abled Entertainment (DAE) put on a six-night stage play fundraiser for DAE. Daryl went so far and above the call of duty that he stepped in when one of DAE's actors fell ill and performed all six nights to help raise over \$2,000 for our partner organization.





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Through a series of phone calls, we brought Ventana Medical Systems – part of the Roche empire – on board as a donor partner. They are, in the next few months, donating over 1.3 million face masks to PSMA and Daryl is in discussions with them about funding, volunteers and more.

### Volunteers

Daryl has reached out to the University of Arizona, Carrington College and Pima Medical Institute and signed up to receive interns and/or volunteers. All employees and some of the volunteers continue to look for other volunteers. With the rejection of two grants this year, one from the Fiesta Bowl and the other from the Arizona Coyotes, came the offer to help in other ways, including “volunteer opportunities,” discounted or free tickets and more. Daryl is looking into this.

### Website<sup>2</sup>

<https://www.pmhdcpsma.org>

Daryl has spent many months interviewing PSMA founder Jan Izlar, former directors Iriz Yazno and Jose Ralls, Mark David, Allison Gengler, our volunteers and some of our long-time partners to add the rich history of PSMA to our website. Maintenance and updates are done regularly now. Daryl began efforts to improve our website content, SEO and social media presence in April 2023. Since that time (Apr. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023), we had:

#### Website Metrics from Google

Summary (Mar. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023)	
Google Site Visitors	12,283
Google Social Views (Yelp, Google BP, see below)	8,095
Yelp (Aug. 1 – Dec. 31)	9
Google Business Profile	8,086

#### Website Metrics from GoDaddy

Summary (Mar. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023)	
Business Profile Interactions	2,088
Calls from Website	430
Directions from Website	680
Clicks on Website	978
Views of Website	7,795
Google Search – Mobile	4,740
Google Search – Desktop	2,596
Google Maps – Mobile	377
Google Maps – Website	82
Searches Showing BP in Results	1,746

<sup>2</sup> More metrics are available upon request.





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Top 10 Searches in 2023	
southwest medical aid	403
free medical equipment tucson	396
pmhdc southwest medical aid	217
rental assistance tucson	217
needle exchange tucson	191
donate medical supplies tucson	175
psma tucson	151
used medical equipment tucson	144
medical equipment donations tucson	120
where to donate medical supplies near me	110

### Social & Business Media

PSMA is slowly expanding its footprint in the social media and business media spaces. We now have active accounts with Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter (X), Yelp, YouTube, Alignable and more. We try to make updates daily, or weekly at least, with photos, announcements and more, as well as connecting, following and liking the accounts of our donor partners and our recipient partners to build a greater online presence.

FACEBOOK  
INSTAGRAM  
LINKEDIN  
TWITTER  
YELP  
YOUTUBE

<https://www.facebook.com/pmhdcsma/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/southwestmedicalaid/>  
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 @PMHDCPSMA  
 @pmhdc-southwest-medical-aid-tucson  
 @PMHDCSouthwestMedicalAid

### Metrics from Facebook

Summary (Mar. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023)			
Discovery			
Post Reach	430		
Post Engagement	145		
New Page Likes	3		
New Page Followers	4		
Interactions			
Reactions	34		
Comments	2		
Shares	0		
Photo Views	94		
Link Clicks	1		
Audience			
Men	33.70%		
Women	66.30%		
Location			
USA	112	Tucson, AZ	48



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Mexico	107	Hermosillo, SON, MEX	14
Ecuador	1	Caborca, SON, MEX	12
Greece	1	Santa Ana, SON, MEX	10
Kenya	1	Saric, SON, MEX	9
Myanmar	1	Sonoyta, SON, MEX	7
Spain	1	Altar, SON, MEX	6
United Kingdom	1	Ciudad Obregon, SON, MEX	6
		Nogales, SON, MEX	5
		Phoenix, AZ	5



# PMHDC ASSISTING BUSINESSES TO EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITIES



Annual Report  
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



# Our Mission

## Mission Statement and Organizational Structure:

- PMHDC mission statement is two-fold:
- To provide loans and technical assistance to small businesses located in Arizona, especially underserved communities.
- To provide affordable housing to individuals of low-income families.





# Organization Overview



- ❖ Headquarters located in Tucson, Arizona.
- ❖ Maintains second office in the border town of San Luis, AZ.
- ❖ PMHDC Housing was established in 1975.
- ❖ PMHDC Microbusiness was established in 1985.
- ❖ Both the Housing Department and the Microloan Department were consolidated into one entity (PMHDC) in 1987.
- ❖ Primary markets are predominately in the rural areas of Arizona including small market shares in Pima, Maricopa, Pinal, Cochise, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties of Arizona.
- ❖ A 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and an affiliate of PPEP, Inc.
- ❖ SBA Intermediary Lender.
- ❖ USDA Intermediary Lender.
- ❖ Department of Commerce Lender.
- ❖ Certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).
- ❖ A member of the Opportunity Finance Network (OFN).



## Board of Directors

Edgar Granillo -  
President

Enrique Serna -  
Vice President

Walt Pearson -  
Treasurer

Michael Johnson  
- Secretary

Akanni Oyegbola  
- Member at  
Large

Eric Sheldahl -  
Member at Large

John Torrez -  
Member at Large

## Loan Review Committee

- ❖ Edgar Granillo - Chairman
- ❖ Scott Nasca
- ❖ Walt Pearson
- ❖ Enrique Serna





# STAFF MEMBERS

John David  
Arnold, Ph.D. -  
Chief Executive  
Officer & Founder

Barbara Coronado  
- COO/Director of  
Finance

Pattie Mendoza-  
Microloan  
Program Director

Tamara Conley -  
Loan Officer

Robert Milianta -  
Loan Manager and  
Housing

Miguel Franco -  
Business  
Counselor - Pima

Jorge Lopez -  
Business  
Counselor - Yuma

# DEDICATED TO BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY WITH POSITIVE RESULTS:

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



\$30,009,128

Total Loans Since  
Inception



14

Total Loans  
Disbursed



50%

Loans to Women



\$467,000

Total Loaned

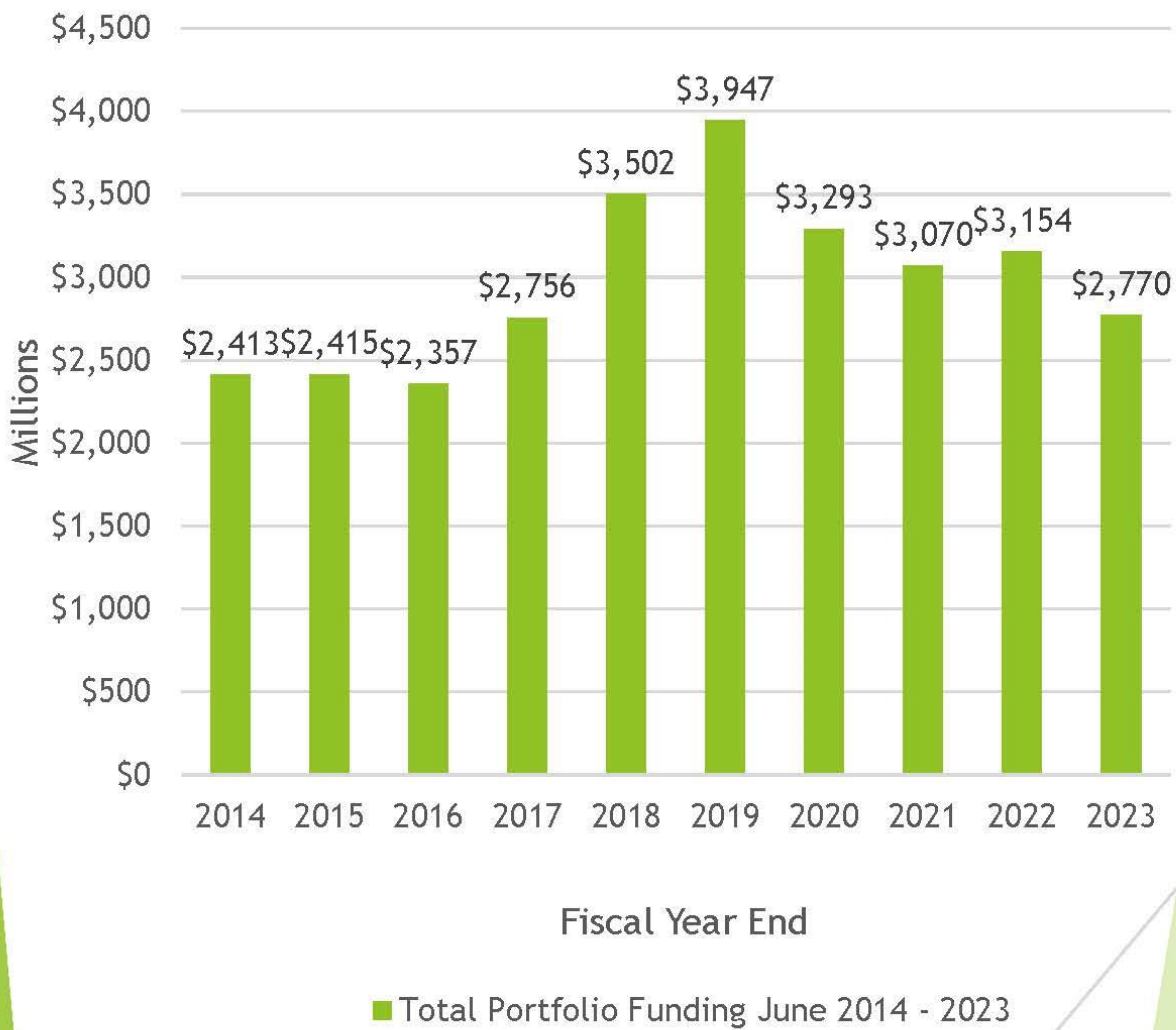


\$33 THOUSAND  
AVERAGE LOAN



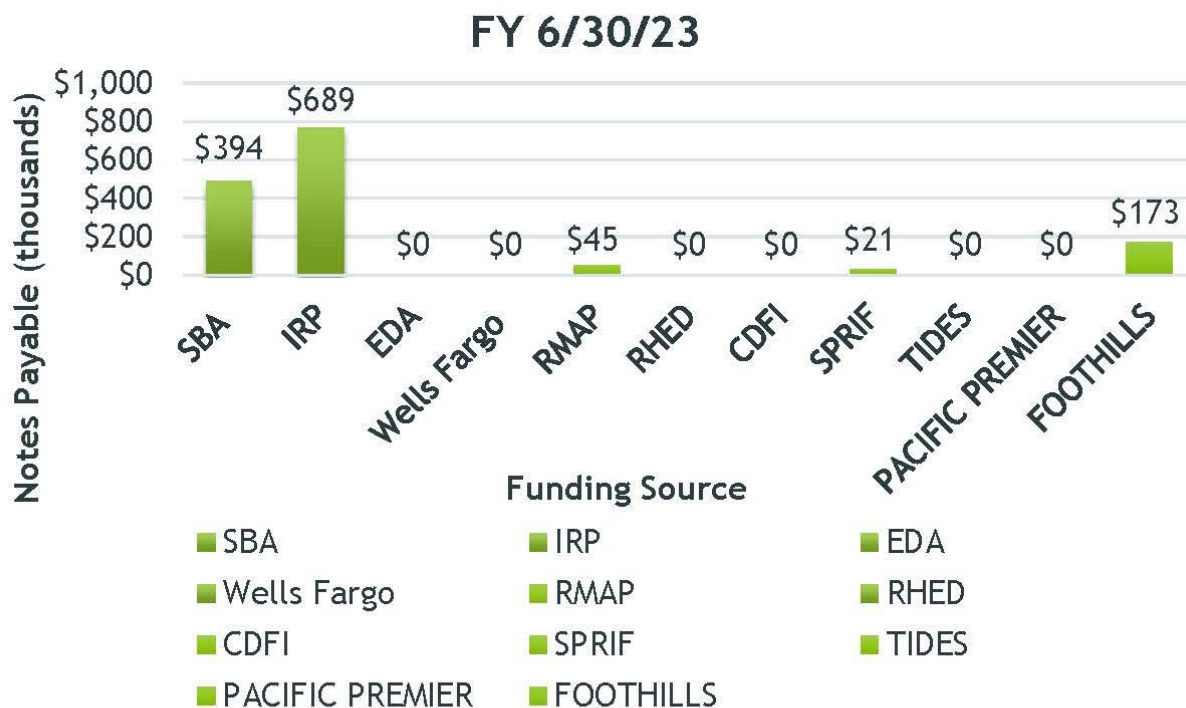
# Loan Activities :

Total Portfolio Funding June 2014-2023





## Notes Payable By Funding Source

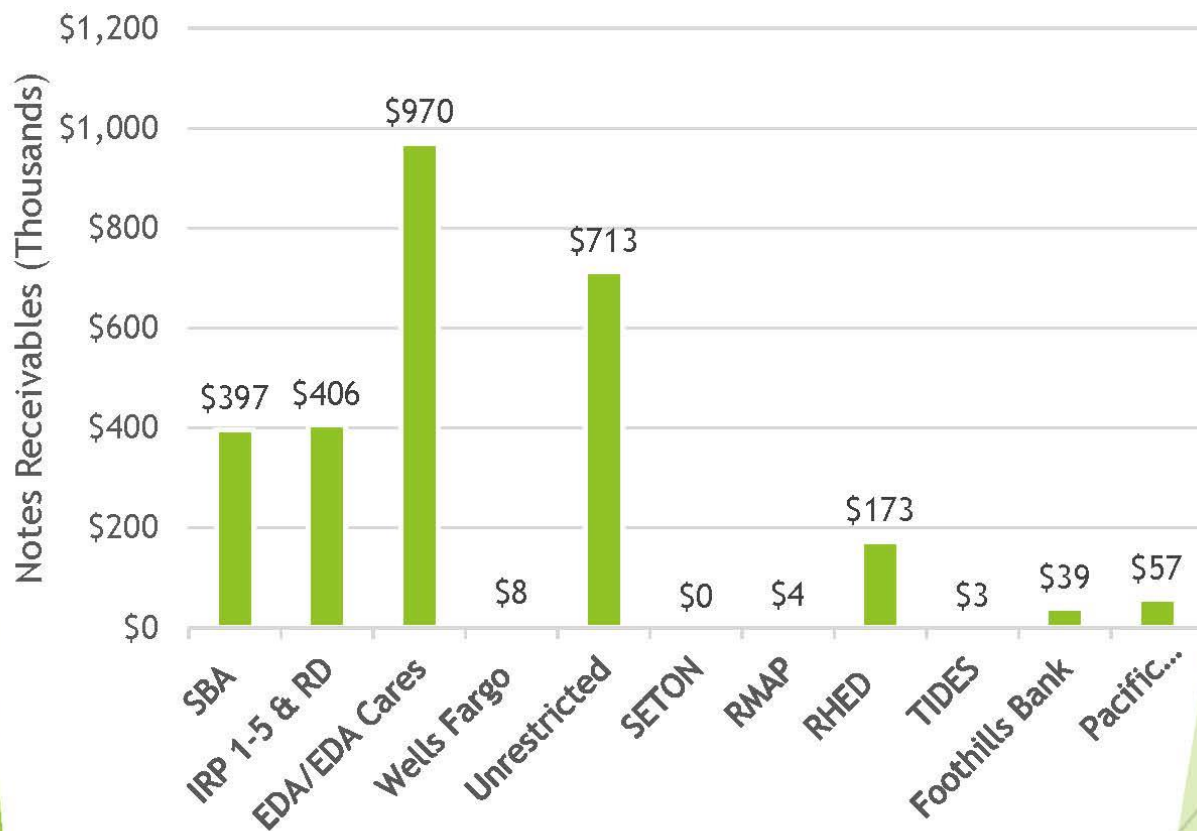






## Notes Receivables By Funding Source

**As of 6/30/23**



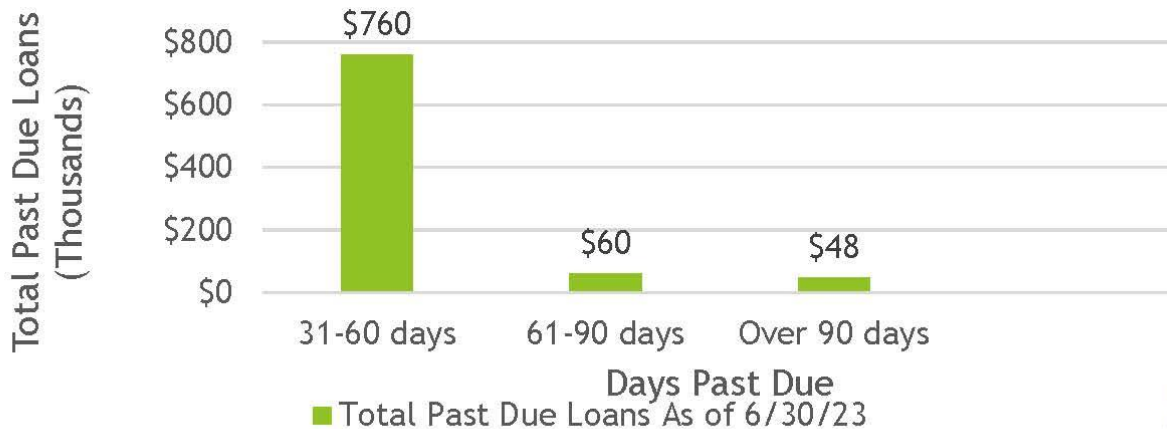


## ASSET QUALITY in thousands

Total portfolio of 54 loans. The past due amount reflects a 31% of total loans in the portfolio.

PMHDC is currently assisting clients with past due loans to create a payment plan and resolutions to alleviate past due loans.

### Total Past Due Loans as of 6/30/2023







**PMHDC | PPEP Microbusiness & Housing  
Development Corporation**  
*Protecting, Supporting and Encouraging Small  
Businesses*

## **PMHDC Annual T.A. Report**

**Statewide TA:** During this period, a breakdown of the total of  
**T.A. hours provided to** businesses visited and contacted,  
including delinquent borrowers, good standing businesses, pre-  
loan applicants, and Program Administrative hours. Hours  
provided by Fund:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Pre-TA</b>	<b>Post TA</b>	<b>Admin.</b>	<b>Total TA</b>
SBA	1211.25	1053.3	1095.25	3359.8
RMAP		206		206
EDA		675		675
EDA Cares		99.5		99.5
Other Funds		95.25		95.25
Admin.			1659	1659
<b>Total</b>	<b>1211.25</b>	<b>2129.05</b>	<b>2754.25</b>	<b>6095.55</b>

- Other Fund (T.A. hours provided to borrowers under other loan funds, such as banks, CDFI, and private)
- PMHDC plans to outreach and assist active businesses to participate in relief programs available.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Received SBA Technical Assistance Grant for FY 23-24
- Assisted 237 clients with business training and technical assistance
- Generated \$467,000 in loans from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

## PMHDC GOALS

- Increase loan portfolio by 10% for the period ending 6/30/24
- Update Loan Policies and Procedures
- Apply for supplemental loan funds and loan loss grants
- Delinquency rate under 10%



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