

## ARCHITECTS



Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr.

**ROCK & SOUL  
DUET COUPLE  
MARILYN MCCOO &  
BILLY DAVIS JR.  
TO HEADLINE THE  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION'S  
CROZIER GALA!**

The legendary husband-and-wife team of Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. have entertained America since they first met as members of the enormously successful group – the Original 5th Dimension. Their duo venture, "It Takes Two" is a musical celebration of the great rock and soul duets from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Superb choreography, lavish costumes and a stellar ensemble of musicians, singers and dancers create a high energy evening of unforgettable music.

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## BUILDERS



Catholic school students draws favorite hero –  
Mother Teresa

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION CELEBRATES  
HEROES IN THE  
COMMUNITY BY  
HOSTING FIRST ANNUAL  
GRANTS RECEPTION!**

As part of its on-going commitment to good stewardship, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) hosted the first annual Grants Reception on October 5th. In previous years, CCF had simply mailed grant checks; this year, however, the Foundation wanted to personally recognize its recipients for their work by handing out checks at the reception. CCF Grants Program awards totaled \$416,000 which was given out to worthy Catholic schools, parishes and agencies.

The theme for the reception was "Celebrating Heroes in our

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## ARTISANS



2006 Catholic Community Foundation  
Board Retreat

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GATHERS FOR  
2006 LEADERSHIP  
RETREAT IN FLAGSTAFF**

The CCF Board of Directors met in Flagstaff August 18th-20th for the 2006 Leadership Retreat entitled Living Our Catholic Faith Today. The weekend was filled with opportunities to share, listen and pray together away from the usual distractions of demanding secular work and schedules so as to develop a clearer vision for the Foundation's future. CCF Chairman, Andy Groseta opened the retreat by saying, "I am well aware of the support and dedication the board has demonstrated to CCF. I couldn't be more thrilled with the group of volunteers we have in place!"

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## CROZIER KICKOFF MASS & BREAKFAST STARTS PLANNING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT!



*Susie Cole and Bishop Olmsted before Crozier Kickoff Mass*

The Crozier Committee had its Kick-Off Mass and Breakfast on Friday September 1st at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. "The Kick-off officially marks the beginning of the dinner planning," said Susie Cole, "though plans have been underway for months." Cole also announced her successor Colleen Will who will serve as 2008 chair.

Bishop Olmsted celebrated Mass for the Crozier Committee and shared a beautiful homily following the Gospel reading (Mt. 25:1-13) about the Bridegroom that arrives at midnight.

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Susie Cole, 2007 Catholic Community Foundation Crozier Gala chairwoman, says she chose this couple because, "they give an incredible performance and are known for connecting with their audiences. This Gala is the perfect venue for an act such as theirs."

The 2007 Catholic Community Foundation Crozier Gala will be held at the Camelback Inn, Scottsdale on Saturday April 21st, 2007. Reservations for the event can be made by calling the Foundation at 602-354-2400; on-line reservations will be available shortly on the Foundation's web site at [www.ccfphx.org](http://www.ccfphx.org).

## AT MIDNIGHT, CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM COMES! AN EXCERPT FROM BISHOP OLMSTED'S HOMILY AT THE CROZIER KICKOFF MASS

**"AT MIDNIGHT, THERE WAS A CRY, 'BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM!' COME OUT TO MEET HIM."  
(MT. 25:6)**

When my elderly friend found out that she had inoperable brain cancer, it was midnight in her life.

When my Uncle Herb died after 60+ years of marriage, it was midnight for his wife, my Aunt Edna.

When Sandra's husband filed for divorce 3 months after she found out she was pregnant with their 4th child, it was midnight in her life.

When Helen suffered her 3rd miscarriage, after years of praying for another child, it was midnight in her life.

When you or I fall into serious sin, turning away from God, it is midnight in our lives.

When 1.3 million unborn children are legally killed by abortion each year in our country, it is midnight in America.

When the elderly or disabled are considered a burden rather than a blessing, it is midnight in our culture.

When same-sex unions are made equal to marriage forcing kids to have no father or no mother, it is midnight for those children.

From time to time, it is midnight in our personal lives, in our family life, in our life as a nation. That's the bad news.

BUT notice, in the parable Jesus tells, what cry goes up at midnight:

"Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet Him." (Mt.25:6)

**Christ comes: This is the mystery of love!** The Bridegroom of the Church comes for His Bride. The King of glory and Light of light comes "to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death." He takes the initiative. He seeks us out. He draws near to broken-hearted. He comes not for the righteous, but for sinners.

Pope Benedict writes: "being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person." (Deus Caritas Est, §1)

The EVENT we encounter is the Cross.

**"THE CROSS IS LOVE IN ITS MOST  
RADICAL FORM . . . IT IS FROM THERE THAT  
OUR DEFINITION OF LOVE MUST BEGIN."**

**(DEUS CARITAS EST, §12)**

On the Cross, Jesus came to be with us in our darkest hour, in the reality of death, in the consequences of sin. But who dies on the Cross? DEATH died. Jesus conquered its power. His history shines forth in the Resurrection. "Dying he destroyed our death. Rising He restored our Life."

**Let us be people, then, of hope! And of love!** Let us never doubt that, "at midnight, Christ the Bridegroom comes!"

# BUILDERS

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Community.” Grant recipients were recognized for the work they do throughout the community. Major donors were also invited and celebrated as heroes for the critical support they provide the Foundation.

“This grant program could not exist without each of them,” said Cindy Ketcherside, Grants Committee chairman. “Today’s awards were made possible thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, both living and deceased, who have entrusted the Foundation to meet many of the needs of the community.”

This reception is the first of its kind in the Diocese of Phoenix. Over three hundred Diocesan school children participated by sending in drawings of what they thought a hero was. Through its Grants Program, CCF offers grants for Catholic Schools, Christian Formation and Communications Programs.



*Sr. Ignacia Carillo and Fr. John Herman accept award and check for St. John Vianney School*

## 2006-2007 GRANTS RECIPIENTS

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Bourgade Catholic High School  
 Brophy College Preparatory  
 Christ the King Elementary School  
 Most Holy Trinity Elementary and Preschool  
 Notre Dame College Preparatory High School  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School, Glendale  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School, Scottsdale  
 Pope John XXIII School  
 Queen of Peace School  
 Sacred Heart Elementary School  
 Seton Catholic High School  
 Ss. Simon & Jude Elementary School  
 St. Agnes Elementary School  
 St. Anne's Little Flower Catholic Montessori  
 St. Catherine of Siena School  
 St. Daniel the Prophet School  
 St. Francis Xavier School  
 St. Gregory School  
 St. Jerome School  
 St. John Bosco Interparish School  
 St. John Vianney School  
 St. Joseph's Montessori of the Verde Valley  
 St. Louis the King School  
 St. Mary-Basha Catholic School  
 St. Mary's Catholic High School  
 St. Mary's Catholic School  
 St. Matthew School  
 St. Peter Mission School  
 St. Theresa School  
 St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School  
 St. Vincent de Paul School  
 Superintendent's Discretionary Fund  
 Xavier College Preparatory

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Bioethics Defense Fund  
 Church of the Resurrection  
 Holy Trinity Newman Center  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
 John Paul II Resource Center  
 Kino Institute - Diocese of Phoenix  
 Most Holy Trinity Parish  
 Office of Family Catechesis - Diocese of Phoenix  
 Phoenix Natural Family Planning Center  
 Santa Teresita Parish  
 Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral  
 St. Agnes Parish  
 St. Anthony Parish  
 St. Gregory's Church  
 St. Henry Parish  
 St. John Vianney Parish, Sedona  
 St. Mark Parish  
 St. Mary Magdalene Parish

### COMMUNICATION

Life Teen  
 Public Information Office - Diocese of Phoenix  
 Public Information Office - Diocese of Phoenix  
 Radio Family Rosary, Inc  
 Virtue Media

### WORK FOR THE POOR

Catholic Charities: Cocinino County  
 Catholic Charities: Mohave County  
 Catholic Charities: Yavapai County  
 Flagstaff Family Food Center  
 Maggie's Place  
 Missionaries of Charity  
 Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen  
 St Joseph the Worker

## REMEMBERING HURRICANE KATRINA: TWO YOUNG BOYS ARE STRENGTHENED BY THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM

Following the Hurricane Katrina many stories of faith emerged shining small, but bright lights amidst the darkness of suffering. This is Darden and Christopher's story:

Stephanie Diethelm had always loved the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), a hands-on religious formation program for 3-12 year olds that uses age appropriate materials in a specially prepared environment to nurture a child's relationship with God. "I always trusted," said Diethelm, "that CGS made a profound impact on my own children, but this belief was truly confirmed following Hurricane Katrina."

At the age of 2½, Diethelm's son Christopher met Darden. The boys went to St. James Montessori School in Jackson, Mississippi which used the CGS Program to catechize its young students. As they grew up, Christopher and Darden were best friends, often riding their bikes to each other's houses. They were both curious kids and would come to Diethelm asking about Jesus. "Questions help us grow in our faith," said Diethelm, "these children had the openness to ask questions and live in hope of the Resurrection." Darden and his family eventually moved to St. Louis, Mississippi, but the



*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd student uses drawing to express her faith*

boys remained very close. Last September, at the age of ten, Darden and his family were forced to relocate back to Jackson after their home was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Within two weeks of the move, Darden fell very sick with encephalitis and died on September 27, 2005.

On the night of Darden's death, a priest friend came to pray with the Diethelm family. Christopher, through his tears said he wished the Parousia would come now so that there would be no more sickness or death. Despite his grief, young Christopher spoke words of hope and faith. "This is the expression of children who are touched by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd," said Diethelm.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program continues to reach out to young people like Darden and Christopher explaining the faith in an age appropriate manner and preparing them for a lifelong relationship with Christ. If you would like more information about CGS, you can go to [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org) or call 708-524-1210. CGS also has a donor advised fund at the Catholic Community Foundation. If you would like to contribute, you can do so online at [www.ccfphx.org](http://www.ccfphx.org) or call 602-354-2400.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT “PAYS IT FORWARD” WITH NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR SETON HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN



Nalls, 2002 Christian Service Award recipient

When Chris Nalls received a Christian Service Award in April 2002, he felt honored by the trust the Catholic Community Foundation placed in him and was hopeful that he could one day empower someone else in the same way. Four years later, as a Senior at Seton High School, Nalls got his chance. “I was in Social Justice Class,” said Nalls, “and we watched the movie *Pay It Forward* about a 13 year old kid called

Trevor who devises a plan to help people do something that they can’t do themselves. Since they can’t pay him back, Trevor asks them to ‘pay it forward’ by helping someone else.”

Nalls and his friend Nat Sawyers were both inspired by the movie and building upon Nalls’ experience with the Foundation’s Christian Service Award Program, they decided to create a scholarship for incoming freshmen focusing on academics and community service. Nalls talked to Seton Development Director Paula Osterday and CCF’s past-president John Scola to learn what’s involved in creating a scholarship program. Then Nalls and Sawyers got to the hard work of raising funds. “The first place we solicited,” said Nalls, “was our parents who each had their own businesses. Once we had exhausted them, we decided we would get the whole class involved.” Nalls and Sawyers sent letters to their Senior class requesting \$10 a student. “There was

such a great response!” said Nalls, “We got \$30, \$50, \$100 donations from individuals we never expected.”

By the summer Nalls and Sawyers raised \$1,750 and awarded the first scholarship to Seton freshman Madison Freed this past August. “Chris Nalls exemplifies our foundress and patron, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,” said Osterday, “His strong sense of philanthropy led him to want to give back to the community that had given so much to him.” Nalls, who is now a freshmen at the University of Arizona, is excited to see where this scholarship will go. “We’ve put too much work into this, to just let it go,” said Nalls, “eventually we’d like to raise enough funds to turn this into an endowment at the Foundation.”

Nalls was able to attend Seton himself, in part due to a Christian Service Award which he received as an 8th grader at St. Mary Basha Catholic School. Christian Service Awards are available to all 8th grade students who attend either public or Catholic elementary school. The single criterion is service: Christ-centered behavior evidenced through voluntary service. Since 2001, 57 students have received awards totaling \$456,000. Recipients are awarded \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year for 4 years) for tuition to a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Phoenix. Students must be nominated by an adult who is aware of their service activity; once nominated, students are invited to apply. **To find out more about the CSA Program go to [www.ccfphx.org](http://www.ccfphx.org) or call 602-354-2400.**

### DID YOU KNOW

This year 95 students were nominated by their teachers, pastors and community leaders for the Christian Service Awards (CSA) Program. Originally created in 1998, the award was established with Fr. Poirier’s gift from his personal estate plan along with gifts given in his memory.

This year we have 13 awards to offer, but we could do so much more! If you’re interested in funding a Christian Service Award, please call Tom Thieken at 602-354-2401

This year’s program includes awards from the following contributors:

PHYLLIS ANDERSON

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## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECEIVES TOP AWARD FOR FOURTH TIME IN FIVE YEARS

The International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) recognized the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) for its “Total Foundation Effort” at the annual ICSC Conference in Boston. “In the industry, this is a big deal!” said Don Ruff, CCF Interim President and CEO. CCF has received the award for the past four out of five years and is considered by many as a model for Catholic foundations.

The theme of this year’s ICSC Conference was Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response. “This is a fitting theme,” said Ruff, “as CCF exists to help donors and the communities within the Diocese of Phoenix, respond to their call to stewardship.” CCF Director of Special Projects Heather Easterbrook and Director of Finance and Accounting Kelly Tompkins traveled to Boston and received the award on the behalf of the Foundation.

The primary goal of the ICSC is to promote Christian stewardship - a concept reborn in the early 1960s, as old as the Bible itself and with a potential of changing the way Catholics live - and give - in the world today. The Council was founded in 1962 through the patronage of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ritter and under the direction of The Reverend Paul F. Kaletta of the Archdiocese of St. Louis in Missouri. As head of the Archdiocese’s Expansion Fund, Father Kaletta saw the need for a Catholic theology and a philosophy of resource development which would lead to a sharing of information about financial problems in the Church. Cardinal Ritter invited various representatives around the country to share ideas about Church support.

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The Friday morning session was jumpstarted by Mike King and new board member Maureen Adams who provided a summary of the Best Practices Taskforce. The taskforce, which looked at how to turn CCF from a good Foundation into a great Foundation, had been in effect for nearly a year and came to a sunset at the retreat. That night, John and Edie Reyno graciously opened their home to the board for a time of fellowship and laughter. This was the second year the Reyno's have been so generous in sharing their hospitality; it is becoming quite a tradition!

Early the next morning, Bishop Olmsted spoke and provided a rare insight into the life of Pope Benedict XVI and his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*. Bishop Olmsted shared about the humility and love that formed Pope Benedict against the backdrop of Nazi Germany – the very opposite of love. Bishop Olmsted's words served as inspiration to a group of leaders whose task it is, through the Foundation, to show that "Love is Possible" (*Deus Caritas Est*, §39).

Bishop Olmsted's presentation was followed by Chuck Zech, an economics professor at the University of Villanova and author of the book "Why Catholics Don't Give and What Can Be Done About It." Through his studies, Zech presented several different theories on the decline in Catholic giving and suggested positive changes in how parishioners are approached that can encourage them to share of their time, talent and resources. After lunch, past CCF President John Scola provided an engaging talk entitled "Cooperating With Evil" which despite its devious name, was a group study session designed to provide a practical guide to resolving which groups CCF can ethically invest in or grant money to.

Mark Dolhopf, led the main sessions on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning designed to look at how the Foundation could make a difference in the community. Finally, the retreat's high point was on Saturday night when the board came together to celebrate the Eucharist at Nativity Chapel and to pray as leaders that they might always strive to be "instruments of the Holy Spirit, guiding the Foundation into this new year."

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

*"In working on CCF committees over the past 5 years, I have recognized the importance of providing a resource to the community that provides a vehicle to perpetuate the Catholic value system of the community. I believe that endowments provide this vehicle while, at the same time, satisfying an individual need to be good stewards of financial resources; they are gifts that keep on giving and giving for Catholic valued services." ~ John Sack*



### MAUREEN ADAMS

Maureen Adams founded MPA International, a wholesale importer of women's wearing apparel twenty-seven years ago. As CEO, she continues to help the company grow which involves extensive travel to South East Asia. Maureen has a strong background in business management, product development, statistical analysis and marketing. She is a guest lecturer at Arizona State University and the Phoenix University. Maureen is actively involved in the Diocese of Phoenix previously serving on the Board of Directors for Catholic Cemeteries and currently serving on both the Life Teen Board and the Seton High School Blue Ribbon Committee. Maureen and her husband Phil are parishioners at St. Timothy's Catholic Community.



### MARIA CHAVIRA, PH.D.

Maria Romo Chavira is currently a full time professor in the Psychology Department at Mesa Community College. She teaches research methods, statistics, developmental psychology, and adolescent development. Previously, Maria was the Assistant to the Associate Executive Director for Academic and Student Affairs at the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and also served previously at the University of Arizona where she developed a recruitment model and program for minority transfer students. She has significant experience working with high school counselors and students in trying to help minority students achieve a baccalaureate degree. Maria

earned a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Arizona. Maria and her husband Billy are parishioners at St. Timothy's Catholic Community.



### JOHN SACK, PH.D.

John Sack is actively involved in the community serving the Mt. Claret Center, the Cursillo Movement, St. Vincent de Paul, the Order of Malta and this summer expanding his activities at CCF by joining the Board. He is a retired senior executive from First Interstate Bank (now Wells Fargo) and previously lectured for 8 years at the Arizona State University College of Business. With thirty-two years experience in finance and industry John has extensive marketing and managerial expertise and a strong focus on strategic planning. John earned a Ph.D. in Management, Economics and Quantitative Systems from ASU and an MBA from the University of Toledo. John and his wife Kay are parishioners at St. Theresa's.



### MICHELLE STEVENS

Michelle Stevens has over 10 years of accounting experience, including 5 years in the audit practice of a Big 4 public accounting firm. Currently, Michelle is providing accounting consulting services. Formerly, she was the Director of Finance and Accounting for Catholic Community Foundation. Michelle earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Arizona State University. For three years, Michelle held a volunteer leadership position at Pope John XXIII Catholic School, chairing the School Earnings Committee, which identifies, promotes and maintains the fundraising programs for the Home and School Association. Michelle and her husband Andy are parishioners at Our Lady of Joy.

*"I accepted the call to come onto the Board because there was a good match between my skills and interests and the needs of the Board. Activity in this position allows me to apply my talents in service to the Lord and to the diocesan community." ~ Michelle Stevens*

# FIVE TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

If you are like most people, you do your major giving toward the end of the year. This probably occurs for several reasons. The closing of the tax season encourages itemizers to obtain income tax deductions; a barrage of earnest appeals by nonprofits increases awareness of financial need; and many are simply predisposed to end the year by making a charitable gift.

Here are five tips to help you make the most of your year-end giving.

1. **CALCULATE YOUR INCOME.** Try to get a handle on your tax liability for the year. Did your unearned income increase? Did you sell any appreciated assets? Will you owe more taxes? This alone may motivate you to increase your giving before December 31. In fact, you may even want to move some of your giving forward from next year to create a larger income tax deduction for yourself this year. Non-itemizers may especially find this “grouping of gifts” useful in order to take advantage of an itemized tax return every other year.

In any case, by the time you fill out your income tax return, it will be too late to make charitable gifts for the previous year. Take the time to do some planning while you still have opportunity to make a year-end gift.

2. **REVIEW YOUR STOCKS.** Look at the stocks you have held for more than a year. Which ones have appreciated the most? It may be prudent for you to make your year-end gift using one or more of these stocks. Here’s why: If you sold the stock, you would incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. However, if you give the stock and allow the Catholic Community Foundation to sell it, no one pays tax. And you get a charitable deduction for the full amount of the stock, just as you would if your gift was made with cash. And what’s more, if you can’t use all of the charitable income tax deduction resulting from the gift, you can carry it forward for up to an additional five years. Such gifts are deductible up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

3. **CONSIDER A LIFE-INCOME GIFT.** The Catholic Community Foundation offers a variety of life-income plans to fit your needs. You can make a gift now, obtain tax benefits and receive income for the rest of your life. Sound too good to be true? A few minutes of your time will convince you otherwise. We would be pleased to provide personalized illustrations and printed material to assist you and your advisors.
4. **DO YOUR GIVING EARLY.** This is especially true if you want to make a gift of noncash assets (stock, real estate, etc.). It also applies to life-income gifts (gift annuities or trust arrangements, etc.). Your professional advisors and the Catholic Community Foundation are usually busy as the year winds down. The sooner you can get your gift activity going, the better it will be for everyone concerned.
5. **TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR.** Before making any significant gift to the Catholic Community Foundation, or to any other nonprofit for that matter, you should have your CPA, attorney or other advisor help you understand the impact of your gift on your income tax return or estate. We at the Foundation want your giving to be not only generous and joyful, but also with maximum benefit to you.

A special, year-end gift during “The Season of Giving” can bring you added pleasure; especially knowing that your generosity has made a difference and will help the many parishes, schools, ministries and other charitable organizations that benefit from the work of the Foundation. And, of course, don’t forget those tax benefits related to charitable giving.

For more information on year-end giving, please call **Tom Thieken, director of planned giving for the Catholic Community Foundation at 602-354-2401** or by email at [tthieken@ccfphx.org](mailto:tthieken@ccfphx.org). Additional information is available at our website: [www.ccfphx.org](http://www.ccfphx.org).

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