

PIPER TRUST
Encore Prizes
for Exceptional Organizations



Encore talent at work in our communities—helping foster children, assisting the homebound, providing free healthcare. Featured above: Mesa United Way, Neighbors Who Care, and Mission of Mercy—awardees of the 2012 Piper Trust Encore Prizes for Exceptional Organizations.

Piper Trust Encore Prizes for Exceptional Organizations recognize nonprofits and public agencies that are pioneering new ways of engaging adults, age 50+, in solving problems, meeting important social needs, and improving life for people and communities.

Piper Trust recognizes up to three organizations with prizes of \$5,000 each. In cases of exceptional achievement, one of the three organizations may receive a \$50,000 Encore Enhancement Prize to help expand its use of encore talent.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be nonprofits or public agencies in Maricopa County offering strong encore career opportunities. Nonprofits are required to have operated for a minimum of three years.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JUNE 11, 2014**
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Catherine Amiot, Executive Director | Mission of Mercy

MISSION OF MERCY

\$5,000 Piper Trust Encore Prize, 2012

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Mission of Mercy operates six mobile medical clinics in Maricopa County and treats 15,000 uninsured patients every year, thanks to more than 350 mostly retired doctors, nurses, and other professionals who haven't retired their compassion.

"They are the best of the best," says Catherine Amiot, executive director of Mission of Mercy. "Our unpaid encore workers are highly educated and have had satisfying careers; they're solution-focused and able to handle problems quickly. Their passion to serve others is what drives them—it is at the heart of what they are doing. This is their finest hour," Amiot says.

The nonprofit is 100 percent privately funded and provides free primary healthcare and prescription medications to the uninsured and working poor—those who work two or three jobs and still can't afford insurance.

Through the skills and talent of encore worker, Dianne Aguilar, Mission of Mercy launched Community Connections, a program that directly connects patients with health, education, and social service resources. Aguilar applied her 30 years of experience working in the professional sports industry to developing new solutions for the nonprofit.

www.amissionofmercy.org



Eric Ehst, Executive Director | Neighbors Who Care

NEIGHBORS WHO CARE

\$5,000 Piper Trust Encore Prize, 2012

Neighbors Who Care found an ideal use for encore workers—helping others in the encore phases of their lives. Almost 500 encore workers help fellow residents in Sun Lakes and south Chandler remain independent. With such a large encore pool to draw from, services for the homebound include: Medicare advising, balancing a checkbook, home repairs, driving, and meal delivery.

Encore workers are valued and compensated with an annual brunch, business discounts, access to free defensive driving classes, and other special opportunities.

"The reward of helping friends and neighbors is the real compensation. Our encore workers and the people they serve are close in age and share many common experiences—this is a bond that provides a great comfort level for all and an ability to truly empathize," says Eric Ehst, executive director. "The result is superior service that helps our clients overcome feelings of loneliness, fear, and insecurity—while giving our encore workers a strong sense of purpose."

Neighbors Who Care has five employees, all in their encore careers. The office manager was an accountant, and Ehst was an aerospace engineer. This small but mighty team, along with their encore worker colleagues, is highly effective and manages to serve about 600 people every year.

www.neighborswhocare.com



Dan Wollam, CEO | Mesa United Way

MESA UNITED WAY

\$5,000 Piper Trust Encore Prize, 2012

Mesa United Way calls its encore workers "the richly experienced." The nonprofit has actively sought the skills and wisdom of encore workers since 2009 for a variety of leadership roles. Programs that serve foster children, help seniors prepare taxes, and aid disadvantaged women re-entering the workforce are just some of the areas where encore workers have applied their experience. Many are compensated with stipends.

Encore workers include a former retail store owner who started Helen's Hope Chest which provides clothing and school supplies to foster children; a certified mental health counselor who helps women develop life plans; and an IT professional who started the Mesa Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The number of workers fluctuates throughout the year, reaching a high of 100 during tax preparation season.

"Remember when you thought you could change the world? These encore workers know they still can—that's what resonates with them as they transition from their careers. Our encore workers provide services that Mesa United Way could not afford to hire. They are so dedicated that we truly see them as permanent members of our team," says Dan Wollam, president and CEO of Mesa United Way.

www.mesaunitedway.org

ABOUT VIRGINIA G. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

A private independent foundation, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust honors Virginia Galvin Piper's philanthropic commitment to changing lives and strengthening community in Maricopa County (Arizona). By investing in nonprofits and encouraging strategic planning for the future, Piper Trust strives to make Maricopa County a stronger, more nurturing and vibrant community. Since it began awarding grants in 2000, Piper Trust has invested more than \$322 million in local nonprofits and programs. Piper Trust grantmaking areas are healthcare and medical research, children, older adults, arts and culture, education, and religious organizations.