

Nonprofit receives boost from building trades to help Arizona families

A Phoenix nonprofit agency that helps laborers with foreclosure interventions and youth job training expects to help 1,200 families next year.



Labor's Community Service Agency received a big boost to its budget from the Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council, which recently raised \$49,000 during its 15th annual charity golf tournament at the Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale.

Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council President Buzz Murphy says it is an honor to help Arizona families while at the same time having a bit of fun on the course.

“We would not be able to do anything without the generous support of our friends who work with the building trades craft,” says Murphy.

The agency, founded in 1974, also provides affordable housing for low-income families and individuals, home repairs for low-income homeowners, transitional housing for homeless families and a transportation program for families recovering from homelessness.

LCSA's Jake Sedillo says that since becoming executive director in 2012, he's been blessed to witness the self-validation clients feel after accomplishing goals they didn't think were possible.

“The pride of a client driving away in their car or the relief of a homeowner who avoided foreclosure makes me grateful for the support that makes it all possible,” says Sedillo.

Since the charity golf tournament began, the Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council has raised more than \$344,000, with 2013 generating the largest annual contribution.



Benefactors include labor unions, investment firms and construction companies. The trades council is made up of 18 trade unions in Arizona.

More information

<http://www.azbuildingtrades.org/> and <http://lcsaphx.org/>, a 501(c)(3) organization.