

A Special Day for some Special People

Guests of the Coyotes Ice Ensemble and the Alltel Ice Den delighted in their experience this past Saturday, January 6. Amanda, from Special Olympics, commented that her birthday wish had come true. Amanda turned 16 on Friday. When asked what she had wished for she said "to skate with a figure skating champion".

The Executive Director of Family Promise wrote: "Thank you so much for inviting us to the event on Saturday. Everyone had an absolutely wonderful time! Our children received so much attention, everyone was very kind and supportive to all our families. Thank you for the clothes someone brought as a donation, and for the contact for hair cuts for our families. This event seems to be one that is continuing to give well beyond the Saturday fun day!"

Groups attending:

Special Olympics AZ – Figure Skaters

Special Olympics is an unprecedented global movement which, through quality sports training and competition, improves the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and, in turn, the lives of everyone they touch. Please visit www.soaz.org for more information.

Family Promise of AZ

Family Promise of Arizona is one of 116 Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) programs throughout the country meeting the needs of homeless families by providing meals, a homelike setting, emotional support and a full range of social, economic, and educational services.

Please visit www.gpihn.org for more information.

Chrysalis - Scottsdale

Over twenty years ago, a woman opened up her home as a safe house for both women and children who had been victimized by domestic violence. Within three years, funding was received to expand these services into a 24-hour crisis shelter. The shelter was appropriately named Chrysalis – defined as the growth that creates an independent being. Chrysalis offers transitional housing for up to 24 months, outpatient counseling, and community education and prevention programs. Please visit www.chrysalis-shelter.org for more information.

Autumn House – Prehab of AZ

Prehab of Arizona, Inc. is a not for profit agency that was incorporated in 1971 and offers 18 different programs in response to family and individuals in need. Through domestic violence, homeless, and youth programs they accomplish their mission of Helping Families...Changing Lives. Autumn House is one of two 24-hour emergency shelters and transitional housing programs for victims of domestic violence.

Services include: a crisis hotline, safe housing, meals, case management, childcare, domestic violence counseling, substance abuse counseling, parenting education, and life-skills classes. Please visit www.prehab.org for more information.