



POLICE OFFICER INITIATED SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

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Angels on Patrol Participates in Statewide AZGivesDay2020

Goal: Broaden support for police officer-initiated service requests for families in crisis

(Phoenix, AZ) [Angles on Patrol](#) is one of the more than 700 nonprofit organizations expected to participate in [Arizona Gives Day](#), an online fundraising initiative on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Presented by [FirstBank](#), Arizona Gives Day will bring together Arizonans from across the state to raise awareness and financial support for nonprofit organizations statewide.

It could not come at a more critical time.

"The COVID-19 emergency is expected to result in even more people needing our services, and our goal is to increase support levels to our police officers who remain on the front line 24/7 throughout this pandemic," said Executive Director Melinda Cadena. "Arizona Gives Day is also a tremendous opportunity to increase awareness of our unique mission—to provide police officer-initiated support to members of our community who are in immediate crisis."

All donations made to Angels on Patrol during the AZ Gives campaign will automatically be matched, in essence doubling the donor's gift. A local foundation has provided up to \$1,500 in matching funds for every dollar raised by Angels on Patrol during the #AZGivesDay campaign.

The local nonprofit community is already reporting significant losses in critical funding due to the cancellation of fundraising events and decreased staff/volunteer capacity amid recent COVID-19 health concerns. A [Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund](#) has also been established, and can start to bridge this gap by collecting critical funds that



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otherwise would not be possible through in-person events and planned programming right now. All dollars raised for the Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund will be distributed evenly among all Arizona Gives participating organizations.

“Since the inaugural event in 2013, Arizona Gives Day has raised more than \$17 million for Arizona nonprofits. Arizonans continue to show their commitment and support to nonprofits through their giving,” said Jennifer Purcell, Vice President of Community Engagement of the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits.

The Arizona Gives Day encourages early giving, and continues through Arizona Gives Day, April 7. Participating organizations will have the chance to win a portion of a \$184,500 prize pool including most dollars raised and power hours to name a few.

To support Angels on Patrol go to <https://www.azgives.org/angelsonpatrol> and donate or create your own personal fundraising page. All Arizona Gives Day donations will go directly to supporting families and individuals in crisis as identified by police officers.

About Arizona Gives Day

Arizona Gives Day is a 24-hour online fundraiser aimed at bringing together communities across the state, to raise awareness and financial support for a variety of nonprofit organizations throughout Arizona. Arizona Gives Day is hosted by the [Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits](#) and [Arizona Grantmakers](#) and presented by [FirstBank](#). Arizona Gives Day is on April 7, 2020. For more information, visit www.azgives.org.

About Angels on Patrol

[Angels on Patrol](#) was founded in 2009 by Phoenix Police Lt. Jacqui MacConnell after rescuing three children in one of the most horrific abuse cases she had ever experienced in her career as a police officer.

Since then, more than 17,000 lives have been touched by Angels on Patrol, with approximately 2,300 people helped each year in cities across the Valley and Maricopa County.



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In addition to crisis support, Angels on Patrol also provides youth enrichment and connects community members with ongoing services to assist them as they get back on their feet.

Angels on Patrol now serves 13 law enforcement agencies in Arizona including police departments in the cities of [Avondale](#), [Buckeye](#), [Glendale](#), [Goodyear](#), [Mesa](#), [Paradise Valley](#), [Peoria](#), [Phoenix](#), [Tempe](#), [Scottsdale](#), [Surprise](#), and the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) and [Maricopa County Sheriff's Office](#).

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