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*Family Matters*

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## **VETERAN FAMILIES EXPERIENCE SUCCESS WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

A soldier at heart, Timothy exemplifies the trait of personal courage. He put love of his country first by serving proudly in the United States Army, including completing two tours in Iraq, for five years before sustaining injuries. He was honorably discharged as a result and now struggles with cognitive function. A year ago, without a job, homeless, and with two young boys to take care of, Timothy came to Save the Family for help. Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program provides veteran families with short-term rental assistance, eviction prevention, supportive services, and referrals to many veteran serving organizations.

Once at Save the Family, SSVF staff helped Timothy with temporary housing while assisting him in getting connected with the local office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to enroll in their HUD-VASH supportive housing program. The family was provided with warm clothes for the winter and donations secured through our Holiday Sponsorship Program helped them with a Thanksgiving basket. The family was also sponsored for Christmas. After a short time, his family was accepted into the HUD-VASH program and they eventually moved to permanent housing.

Timothy continues to stay in touch and always mentions how thankful he is for the outpouring of support and resources he and his sons received with they were here. He says that even though this was one of the most difficult and stressful situations for his family, the support he received enabled him to protect his children and save key moments in his son's lives from the trauma of homelessness. With your continued investment, we can keep helping veteran families like Timothy's. Now, instead of looking to the future with worry about how he will get through another night of homelessness with his sons, he looks to the future with anticipation about all the new wonderful memories he and his sons will create together.



### **Mission Statement:**

Save the Family equips families to address poverty, overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency

# FIESTA BOWL CHARITIES SUPPORTS SUMMER PROGRAM



As a valued partner of Save the Family, Fiesta Bowl Charities will support our YEA (Youth Enrichment and Achievement) program this summer. Their grant will help us provide summertime educational and extracurricular activities for 160 homeless and impoverished children! Research shows that students who participate in out-of-school time activities achieve better grades, have lower rates of truancy, attain higher levels of achievement in college, and feel more attached to their school. Teens who don't participate in out-of-school time activities are a whopping 5x more likely to be "D" students than teens who do participate. The program incorporates lesson plans and activities that help increase the kids' protective factors, thereby working to reduce the likelihood of substance abuse, grade failure, school dropout, violence, teen pregnancy, and future homelessness. Fiesta Bowl Charities began supporting Save the Family in 2006, and we are so grateful for their commitment to our families and children. Together, we are helping children beat the odds, succeed in school, and end cycles of homelessness and poverty.

## FROM THE DESK OF JACKI TAYLOR, CEO



Dear Family,

I recently read that Arizona now has the 5th highest poverty rate in the U.S. when living costs are included in poverty statistics. Our state also ranks at the bottom (48th) in terms of the availability of affordable housing. Just a year ago, our community reported that more than 50 families were slipping into homelessness every week. Sometimes the hard data is simply backing up what we have witnessed first-hand, or what we have been hearing from family and friends, and while this is truly disheartening information, we must continue to endure. We must continue to find a way to work within these boundaries while we carry on efforts to implement change. This way of working under present circumstances while also looking to the future has been central to our work at Save the Family.

As we enter our 30th year helping vulnerable families with children, we remain intensely focused on ensuring families can stabilize, heal and thrive. In this issue, we honor the efforts of our families and our supporters because 30 years would not have been possible without inspiration from those we serve or without the generosity and dedication of our many supporters, like YOU. I hope you enjoy reading just a bit of why I am so proud of our work here at Save the Family, and why I am so grateful to you. Thank you.

With deepest gratitude,

Jacki Taylor, CEO



# A SEASON OF GIVING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

The results are in and the supporters of Save the Family's Holiday Sponsorship program made another outstanding holiday season possible for families in need. The outpouring thoughtfulness and generosity provided more than 350 families with baskets of delicious nutritious food items to make a complete Thanksgiving meal, and nearly 400 families were left speechless as a result of the flood of wondrous Christmas gifts. The coming together of the community, including churches, businesses large and small, families, and individuals brought not only immense joy to our families transitioning out of homelessness, but also brought them HOPE: Hope for a bright future surrounded by a community that truly cares. A Save the Family client told us: "To all those at Save the Family and others who so generously made the holidays extra warm and wonderful this year! The gift baskets and kindness of all the things you blessed me with came at a very much needed and extra appreciated time of need, especially as I was so ill and homebound. I am so grateful to STF and those donations. You are wonderful and have no idea how much it touched my heart! Thanks!" We are truly grateful to everyone who supported this tradition and made the season truly joyous for hundreds of families!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



You are cordially invited to celebrate the families who have successfully completed the **Save the Family** program and share in their achievements

### Family Success Night

Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:30 p.m.

Tony & Ann Merritt Community Conference Center  
125 E. University Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201

Please contact our Development Department if interested in attending or learning more:  
[development@savethefamily.org](mailto:development@savethefamily.org) or  
480.898.0228 ext. 214

## It's time for our 2018 Back to School Bash!



Save the Family needs your support as our families head back to school!

**Our 11th annual Back to School Bash will be held on Saturday, July 21st**

All of the school-aged children in our program will receive a backpack and school supplies, through the generous donations of community partners like YOU!

Help us to bring a smile to every child's face as they prepare for the new school year!

If you're interested in donating or hosting a donation drive, please contact our Development Department: [development@savethefamily.org](mailto:development@savethefamily.org) or 480.898.0228 ext. 214

**Please contact us ASAP as opportunities are limited!**



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## MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP SAVE FAMILIES



Invest in a family's future and help them realize their potential.

Homeless families have dreams. Parents want to be good moms and dads. Kids want to excel in school. Save the Family can give these families the tools they need to find a new path forward. In addition to regular annual giving, please consider also making a tax credit gift to Save the Family.

- A charitable contribution made before April 15th will help your community and directly benefit you.
- Receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit (\$400 maximum for individuals, \$800 for married couples).
- This contribution may offset your Arizona income tax obligation and is in addition to school and foster tax credits.

### Act Now!

- Donate online at [www.savethefamily.org](http://www.savethefamily.org)
- Mail a check to Save the Family  
*(Please indicate the tax credit on your check.)*
- Pay by phone by calling  
480.898.0228 ext. 205 *(Credit card only)*

***If you have already made your year-end donation, thank you!  
We appreciate your support!***

For more information, please visit  
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