

the *Thunderbirds & FBR Open* helping thousands

The FBR Open is known for many things. Great golf, huge crowds and spectacular weather always come to mind. But when the last putt drops and the winner is crowned, that doesn't mean it's over. Actually, it's just the beginning.

Because after the tournament concludes, that's when the host Thunderbirds get to partake in their favorite part – passing out the millions of dollars raised during the tournament to hundreds of Valley charities.

Last year, The Thunderbirds and the 2006 FBR Open raised a PGA TOUR record \$6.8 million. At the time, the \$6.8 million in charitable donations represented the largest amount ever

raised more than \$17.15 million for Arizona charities. In its history, the FBR Open has raised more than \$43 million for charities in Arizona.

“We are extremely proud to be a part of a tournament with such a rich history of charitable giving,” offered Eric Billings, Chairman and CEO of FBR. “Being the number one charity event on the PGA TOUR is both recognition of the tremendous support of the greater Phoenix community and a testament to the dedication of our host partners, The Thunderbirds.”

That \$6.8 million record was surpassed later in the year by the 2006 Valero Texas Open, but it still does not

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raised by a PGA TOUR event, and was nearly \$1 million more than was raised during the tournament in 2005.

“Since announcing our partnership with FBR three years ago, our main goal has been to be the number-one ranked tournament in charitable giving on the PGA TOUR,” said Thunderbirds Big Chief Mike Haenel. “On behalf of all Thunderbirds, we are very grateful to our title sponsor FBR and for the support of our golf fans, sponsors, volunteers and the professional golfers that play in our event.”

Since October 2003, when Friedman Billings Ramsey Group, Inc. became the title sponsor of the event, The Thunderbirds and the FBR Open have

take away from the fact that the FBR Open generated millions of dollars for many Valley charities.

Each year, The Thunderbirds, along with their charitable giving arms Thunderbirds Charities and the Thunderbirds Foundation, sift through hundreds of proposals from charities and must decide which ones will become part of that year's charitable giving program. This year, more than 100 charities were chosen to receive funds from Thunderbirds Charities and the Thunderbird Foundation.

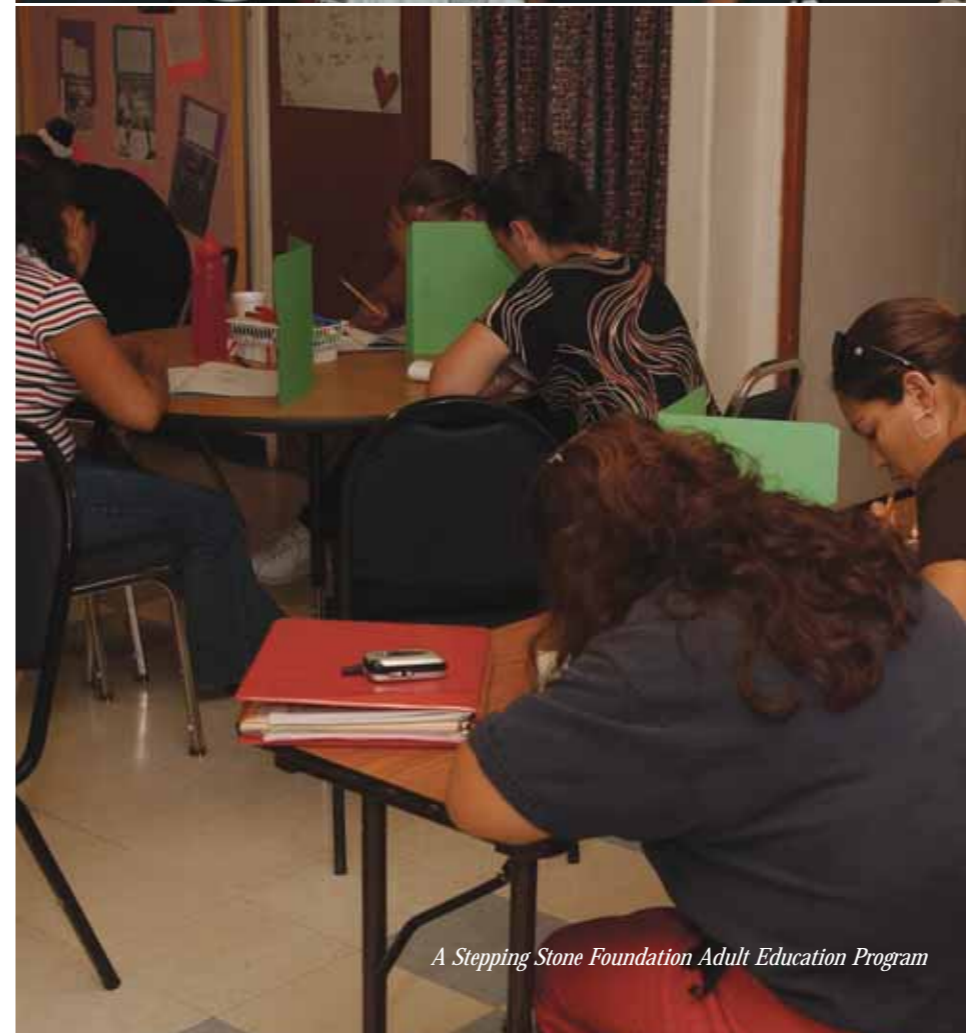
The following are just a few of the charities that received funds raised from the 2006 FBR Open and what that money went towards.



fbr open and thunderbirds raise a record \$6.8 million for arizona charities in 2006



A Stepping Stone Foundation Preschool Program



A Stepping Stone Foundation Adult Education Program

/ A Stepping Stone Foundation /

Received money to help fund a free, high-quality preschool program for four-year-olds, as well as adult education for their parents. This program is offered to kids that are at-risk of school failure due to illiteracy and poverty factors.

/ Childsplay /

Received funds to support the 2006-07 school touring program, which brings current topic plays to hundreds of Arizona schools. For many kids, this will be their only exposure to live performances.

/ Teach For America /

Received money to provide the funding for 10 additional teachers to be hired at impoverished inner city and rural schools.



Arizona Childrens Association

ACCEL School

/ The Phoenix Rescue Mission /

Received money to fund the preschool at the new Changing Lives Center for Women and Children.

/ Fresh Start Women's Foundation /

Received a donation for its domestic violence and emergency shelter program.

/ The East Valley YMCA /

Received a donation to help fund the Youth Sports Center for Excellence at the new YMCA that is to be built on the AT Still University Campus, which will benefit approximately 300,000 families.

/ Homeward Bound /

Received funding for its children's program services.



Special Olympian at the Summer Games



Desert Voices Learning Center

/ Florence Crittendon /

Received a donation to help renovate their thrift shop, which has been operating for more than 30 years. The Thrift shop helps fund the Florence Crittendon organization, and also allows for on-the-job training for the young women that Florence Crittendon is working with.

/ Mission of Mercy /

Received funds for a mobile medical van, which is an actual doctor's office on wheels for the elderly and impoverished. This funding allows for 5,000 additional doctors visits and increased clinic days.

/ Maricopa Community College Foundation /

Received a donation for scholarships to aid and educate at-risk young men.

/ Special Olympics /

Was given a donation to help fund their Special Olympics Summer Games held in Arizona.

/ Ronald McDonald House /

Was given a grant to help fund a new facility that will accommodate 800 additional families each year.

/ The Sojourner Center /

Received money to help fund the new Transitional Housing Campus, which will serve 30 new families.

/ St. Vincent de Paul /

Received a donation to purchase a 24-foot refrigerated truck that will be used to pick up donated food and deliver meals. This funding allows St. Vincent de Paul to increase its distribution of 600,000 food boxes and meals per year to the thousands of needy folks throughout Arizona.

/ New Life Center /

Received money to expand its domestic violence shelter, which will serve 24 new families.

/ The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale /

Was given a donation to build a new Technology Center and fund the Immersion Presents Program at the new Vestar branch at Desert Ridge.



Thunderbirds Big Chief Mike Haenel presents a 24-foot refrigerated truck to St. Vincent de Paul's Steve Jenkins and Steve Zabilski

/ The Foundation for Senior Living /

Received a grant to purchase a new van for the South Mountain Center so the many seniors and young adults with disabilities can be transported safely and securely.

/ Children's Museum of Phoenix /

Received funding that will be put towards building a new Children's Museum.

As you can see, the FBR Open is more than just one "fun-filled" week in the sun. The proceeds raised from the tournament help needy Arizonans all year long. And, while the 2006 FBR Open raised a record \$6.8 million for charity, don't expect the host Thunderbirds to rest on their laurels. They've set the bar even higher for 2007, and look to surpass the \$7 million mark in charitable giving.