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## **Arizona Grantmakers Forum Names Four New Board Members**

PHOENIX, AZ (12/31/09) – Arizona Grantmakers Forum (AGF) has elected four new Board members to serve on the board:

### **Jack Jewett, President & CEO, The Flinn Foundation**

Jack became the President & CEO of the Flinn Foundation in June of 2009, where he currently oversees all grant programs and operations of the foundation. For over forty years, Jack has been involved in the private, public and nonprofit sectors of Arizona and has devoted much of his time to participating on councils and committees focused on education, health care and workforce policy. He was also president of the Arizona Board of Regents and served five terms in the Arizona House of Representatives.

### **Karen Fisch, Manager, Community Outreach, Salt River Project**

Karen is the manager of Salt River Project's Community Outreach Group. She's been with SRP for more than twenty-seven years, during which time she has honed her skills in every aspect of community relations. Karen's current responsibilities include the development, implementation and evaluation of SRP's strategic community involvement programs. She oversees corporate contributions and community sponsorships, employee volunteerism, K-12 education programs, safety awareness and the Speakers Bureau. Under her leadership, SRP has developed one of the premier employee volunteer programs in the nation, with approximately 4,200 employees logging more than 700,000 volunteer hours annually.

### **Barbara Ryan, Vice President, Helios Education Foundation**

Barbara is Helios Education Foundation's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. As COO, she provides strategic direction to the Foundation, overseeing internal operations in addition to fostering external community and stakeholder relations. Prior to joining Helios, Ms. Ryan served six years with Southwest Student Services Corporation, first as vice president and then as senior vice president and general counsel. Her responsibilities included managing all legal compliance matters for Southwest and its Arizona and Florida affiliates as well as the legal development of Helios Education Foundation following the sale of Southwest.

### **Gene D'Adamo, Vice President of Community Relations, The Arizona Republic**

Gene is responsible for administering corporate and foundation contributions, managing community relations and outreach programs and overseeing the employee volunteer program at *The Arizona Republic*. Through his dedication, *The Arizona Republic* has become one of Arizona's premiere corporate philanthropic givers. Gene played a large part in the passage of The Child Abuse Prevention License Plate Program by testifying at the state legislature and working with *The Arizona Republic's* news and editorial departments to create public awareness and support.

### **About Arizona Grantmakers Forum**

AGF is a regional association that provides educational resources, research and networking opportunities for grantmakers in Arizona. Member organizations make financial grants to non-profit organizations throughout the state and represent the interests of private foundations, trusts, endowed community foundations, corporations, government agencies and individuals with organized charitable gift programs. AGF's mission is to increase, enhance, and improve philanthropy in Arizona, with the vision that the state's expanding philanthropic community, working collaboratively, invests their resources wisely to make a profound positive difference for Arizona's communities. Learn more about Arizona Grantmakers Forum and our member organizations at [www.azgrantmakers.org](http://www.azgrantmakers.org).

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