#### April 2020



## **Support Our Charities**

TMC continues to serve our community in these difficult times. TMC's immediate needs include:

- Unopened boxes of shoe covers
- N95 masks (construction and health grade)
- General-purpose vinyl gloves
- Surgical masks
- UV cleaning equipment (please contact us at (520) 324-3116 for information)
- Gift cards for items such as coffee/baked goods (\$5 maximum)
- Food or service discounts for TMC staff during this period of time
- Meals for clinical units throughout the hospital (serving about 40-50 people per unit). Please call (520) 324-2296.

For more information on TMC's immediate needs and how to deliver donations, please visit <u>COVID-19 Giving page</u>.

TMC has also posted a page for COVID-19 health and hospital info.

Also see the recent article on how TMC has geared up for COVID-19:<u>Tucson Medical Center prepares</u> for expected surge of coronavirus patients



Literacy is not just about reading. It's about transforming the trajectory of someone's life, impacting earning potential and engaging in the community. Literacy Connects works to see our community where

every child graduates from high school, crime and poverty rates are low, a skilled workforce is fostering a thriving economy, and the arts and culture environment is second to none. <u>Ways to help</u>



Parent Aid is dedicated to preventing child abuse by strengthening families and our community. Their goal is to see that all children are raised in homes and knowing they are loved, cherished and cared for, by caregivers who can rely on and contribute to a community that appreciates and supports them. Ways to help



<u>YOTO</u> is a dropout prevention agency that works to eliminate these barriers to education and empower Arizona's homeless to stay in school. For over 30 years, YOTO has supported high school graduation of this unique demographic by providing

financial assistance, basic human needs, and one-on-one guidance. Ways to help

## **Centurions in Action**









John Lewis, Sean Murray, and the <u>Commerce Bank of Arizona</u> team have been doing a tremendous job helping fellow Centurions, our community's small businesses, and our community at-large in this challenging time.

The Centurions organization itself is a customer of Commerce Bank and greatly appreciates all of the support and outstanding service. Thanks John, Sean and team!



Stepping up in a major way to help our local healthcare workers and first-responders is Donny Cathey and his team at Cathey's Sewing & Vacuum.

They've been producing protective face masks--by the thousands--and are assembling <u>mask kits</u> for the local sewing community to take home and make masks for medical professionals, first responders, and law enforcement for use due to the shortage of personal protection equipment.

The nonprofit group <u>Mending Souls</u>, originally formed during a Cathey's Sewing & Vacuum class, is helping to supply the materials and directions for those wanting to volunteer to produce masks.



Cathey's SEWING & VACUUM Your Dirt is our Business... Sew is your Sewing!



Centurions' Rookie Jason Robinson, and his 13 year old son Avery, are working to make life a little better for our local health care workers.

Putting their 3D printers to work, they're producing "ear savers" to make wearing a face mask more tolerable for long stretches of time.

They were recently highlighted on <u>KOLD</u> <u>News</u> and also <u>KVOI's Tipping Point</u> <u>show</u> (starts at 26 mins. in).

This is also an excellent homeschooling opportunity for Avery, combining computer design, manufacturing, funding, distribution, public speaking, and philanthropy.

If you're wondering, an ear saver is a flexible strap to which the elastic bands of a face mask are attached, instead of rubbing the back of your ears raw.

The father-son duo has produced more than 1,600 so far at about 10-15 an hour, and are supplying hospitals and medical facilities throughout Pima County, Phoenix, and beyond have have orders for thousands more.

If you would like some ear savers for yourself and family, please contact Jason at: **jasontrobinson@financialguide.com**.

Here's a few ways you can help support Jason's and Avery's ear saver project benefiting our local health care providers:

- <u>Amazon Wish List for Supplies</u>
- GoFundMe

Access to the use of 3D printers

# **Helpful Info & Diversions**

Jack Harris provided a few videos that you might find helpful in getting through the COVID-19 challenges (Thanks Jack!):

When the COVID-19 Pandemic Leaves Us Feeling Helpless

Protecting Your Family During the COVID-19 Pandemic (60 minutes)

And.... this for your entertainment Warning - it's NOT family or workplace appropriate!



Did you join the <u>Centurions Facebook group</u>? If so, you're enjoying a tour of all of our past Events! If not, join up today!

Mike Furrier is curating an "Event-a-Day" feature, showcasing posters, photos, stories and memories of all of our past Events, leading up to this weekend for the 'Event That Almost Was and Will Be Better Than Ever Next Year!"

To join the private Members-only Facebook group, please visit <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/549409778595409/</u> or ask the admins to add you: Don Ledbetter, Mike Furrier, Mike Schmidt or Chris Hanson.

## Announcements

## New Member Nominations Now Open! Due Date: June 19

We are in need of high quality nominees for Membership for 2021. If you'd like to nominate someone who is a leader, dedicated to fundraising, has excellent character, and would be a great fit as a Centurion--please complete the nomination form you recently received or contact Dave Couture (<u>dcouture@tep.com</u>) and/or Chris Hanson (<u>chris.hanson@thecenturions.com</u>).

The form is also posted online in our Member portal.

## Membership Category Change Requests Now Open Due Date: June 19

Active Members may now request to change their category to Active-Life, Life, Active-Senior, or Senior. Please let Dave Couture (<u>dcouture@tep.com</u>) and/or Chris Hanson (<u>chris.hanson@thecenturions.com</u>) know if you are interested.

# Do you have any announcements, opportunities, or resources that you'd like to tell the Membership about?

Just send your information to Chris Hanson at <u>Chris.Hanson@TheCenturions.com</u> to have it posted here in the newsletter.

## **Upcoming Membership Events**

#### April Membership Meeting Canceled

2020 Event Postponed to May 1, 2021

**Steak Fry** 

Postponed, stay tuned for updates

Centurions Family Picnic Postponement pending

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