

# Centurions Sentinel

A Newsletter of The New Centurions 501(c)(7)

**VOTE TODAY for The Centurions...**  
***For the 'Best Charity Event' in Tucson!***



**We've been nominated as a finalist again this year for *The Best Charity Event* in Tucson!**

Your vote is need to capture the #1 spot as THE Best Charity Event in town...

[Cast your vote today](#) - The final deadline is August 24. And while you're at it, look for all Centurions Members' businesses and cast your votes for them!

## **Our 2020 Charities at Work in This Time of COVID-19**

Bryan Hannley and Chris Hanson recently caught up with the leadership of our 2020 beneficiaries to see how they're weathering the current challenges and its affect on the youth they serve.

Adjusting to face these challenges, they've been innovative and largely moved to delivering their services online wherever possible. Fortunately, all are relatively financially stable and have not reduced staff or eliminated programs. One actually is hiring for new positions.

**But of greatest concern across each of our charities--and across our community--is that our most vulnerable at-risk children are falling through the cracks.** Losing in-person and on-site services, many children have dropped off the charities' radar. These largely 'unseen' children are subject to abuse, neglect, and worse.

Read on below, and follow the links to how you can help. And spread the word...



In moving their programs online, Parent Aid greatly increased the number of classes they are able to conduct and families reached. This comes at a cost, though, since they lose the in-person visits to evaluate home and child welfare situations.

In addition to ongoing financial support, their needs include affordable technical website and IT support. Moving all programs has created a strain on their

resources.

Please also mark you calendar for October 24 and support their annual Fall fundraising event--We Care 2020 - Roaring 20s--entirely online this year. Items also needed for their online auction.

[Support Parent Aid](#) and stay tuned for more details on their [October 24 "We Care 2020" event!](#)



Transitioning from a tradition of in-person programs focused around physical books and reading materials to online services takes an innovative and dedicated effort, along with additional resources. Literacy Connects has more than risen to the challenge.

[Read more here](#) about some of the ways that Literacy Connects is innovating and adapting to very different way of providing its services.

One pressing is to hire for two new key positions--and they would like our help in referring quality candidates for a [Tech/IT Manager](#) and for a [Marketing/Communications Manager](#).

[Learn more](#) and [help support Literacy Connects...](#)



*Message from Elizabeth Slater, YOTO's CEO:*

Due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, YOTO students have found themselves in need of even more

support than usual.

Since March, we have asked our YOTO family members to help us provide urgent financial assistance to YOTO students by donating to the [COVID-19 Emergency Fund](#). Both our staff and our students have been awed and inspired by the way our community has been stepping up to help! As one student recently shared: "Thank you for all the resources. YOTO always has my back!"

[Donate to YOTO's COVID-19 Emergency Fund...](#)

## Support TMC in Supporting Our Community

**Message from TMC President & CEO, Judy Rich:**

On the walls outside the historic Chapel at Tucson Medical Center, hang dozens of paper hearts. Each heart represents a person who battled COVID-19 at TMC and was discharged into the open arms of loved ones.



But there are also other individuals that are etched forever in the hearts of our care team...

## Thank You Craig Edwards!



**Craig Edwards** pulled a few strings with his brother, Chris, at [Tucson Appliance Company](#) and lined up a much-needed refrigerator for our

Centurions office.

The Ultras are now properly chilled and our office is now complete.

Thanks, Craig!



## Membership Committee Underway

**Dave Couture** is leading our Membership Committee in evaluating this year's new Member nominees. We have seven nominees up for four open spots.

The current 2020 Rookie Class to continue their Rookie duties through 2021, with the exception of Joke Night, along with the new Class that will start on October 1.

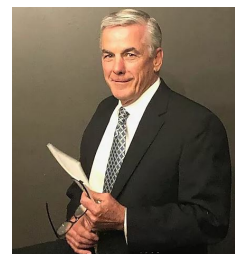
Thanks to those serving on the Membership Committee this year: Dave Couture (Chair), Ben Ladrido, Jim Tofel, Kevin Bedient, Mike Furrier, Sean Murray, Steve Vorholzer, and Travis Soll.

## Member News & Updates

### Mark Diebolt: Candidate for Pima County Attorney

Since election day is on August 4 and just around the corner, we're replaying our highlight of Mark Diebolt, Active New Centurions Member, who's running for County Attorney.

The County Attorney seat is open for the first time in over 20 years with the retirement of longtime incumbent Barbara LaWall.



**The primary election is on August 4.** Mark's key issues as outlined on his [website](#):

- Safer streets
- Reducing violence
- Supporting victims

For more information visit [markforcountyattorney.com](http://markforcountyattorney.com) or [here to get involved](#). Mark can also be reached directly at [mtdiebolt@gmail.com](mailto:mtdiebolt@gmail.com).

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### 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 [Chris.Hanson@TheCenturions.com](mailto:Chris.Hanson@TheCenturions.com) to have it posted here in the newsletter. Please also use our [private Facebook site](#) for announcements and staying in touch.

## Want to Stay Connected with Fellow Centurions?

Have you joined the [Centurions private Facebook group](#)?



It's a place to post announcements, share stories, sell your stuff, post items or services that you're looking for or are offering, etc.

If you're not yet in the FB group, you missed the opportunity for free office furniture, including quality office chairs, desk, leather chairs, and more...

To join the private Members-only Facebook group, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/549409778595409/> or ask the site's administrators to add you: Don Ledbetter, Mike Furrier, Mike Schmidt, or Chris Hanson.

## Upcoming Membership Events

Hang in there... We'll be able to gather together again before we know it!

While we're getting through this time of COVID-19 let's stay in touch through [our private Facebook site!](#)

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