

# WMAZ Connection

December, 2010

## WMAZ Employees Give Back

### Phoenix Youth At Risk Get A Visit From Santa

The RMC and volunteers from around the Market Area teamed up for a holiday pizza party at Phoenix Youth at Risk in south Phoenix. This organization offers a safe environment and mentors to youth in the neighborhood who might otherwise turn to gangs or other criminal activity.

The RMC collected dozens of toys for Santa to hand out and many of the kids got their picture taken with him—a treat some had never done before.

Volunteers also helped the kids decorate holiday cards, and served pizza and other refreshments. Close to 200 children of all ages were on hand to enjoy the festivities.



### 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Charity Event Feeds Dozens of Families in Need

Nearly 200 WMAZ employees and their friends and families participated in the 3rd annual Thanksgiving Day volunteer charity event. We hosted 5 different homeless and domestic violence shelters this year, and served close to 700 Thanksgiving meals with turkey and all the fixin's!

Volunteers also set up several craft stations for the shelter residents. The families were thrilled to have their photos taken to put into frames that the kids decorated with the assistance of the WM volunteers.

All the food was purchased from Fry's, a customer and community partner, who did an excellent job of delivering hot food to all five locations in a very timely fashion.

The event was topped off with pumpkin pie and lots of smiles. A big round of applause for our wonderful WM volunteers!



The CASS team in Sunnyslope takes a break to pose for a pic!



The UMOM Watkins team sets up an assembly line to get the food ready!



The UMOM Watkins volunteers get ready for shelter residents to arrive.



Volunteers work the food table at the CASS family shelter in Sunnyslope.

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## WMAZ Welcomes the Holidays

### 2011 WM Phoenix Open

Our 1st year as the title sponsor of the WM Phoenix Open went off without a hitch. We shared our message of community involvement and sustainability with tens of thousands of golf attendees and millions of tv viewers world-wide—and what a show it was! We recycled 62% of the waste generated at the tournament—that's the same as saving more than 785,000 gallons of water! This year, we are focused on increasing recycling with our GreenOps recycling kiosks, solar powered compactors, and educational signage along the course. We are also in need of volunteers to act as Recycling Ambassadors and answer recycling questions. If you're interested, email [Mquillar@wm.com](mailto:Mquillar@wm.com).



### WM Sleigh Hauls Holiday Cheer at 10th Annual Payson Electric Light Parade

There was no garbage to be found in the back of the roll-off truck that carried a brightly lit WM sleigh down Payson's historic Main Street on December 4th. For the 10th straight year, the Payson team rallied to design a fantastic parade entry. WM was one of 42 entries in the parade, which ranged from llamas decorated in lights, to a kazoo and bedpan band. Crowds gathered to watch the parade to kick off the holiday season.



### Phoenix Spices up the Electric Light Parade

Employees in Phoenix kicked off the holiday season with an entry in the Phoenix Electric Light Parade in downtown Phoenix on December 4th.



Around thirty employees walked alongside the festive side load truck to high-five the cheering crowd. WM was definitely a crowd favorite! A special thanks to the North Yard crew for all of their work decorating the truck!

### Caught Green-Handed on America Recycles Day!

The WM team hit Tempe Marketplace on November 15th to celebrate America Recycles Day. WM checked out the recycling IQ of shoppers by quizzing them with questions about recycling. Those who answered correctly won prizes like reusable shopping bags, lunch totes, and other eco-friendly goodies. Participants were also entered into a raffle for a solar-powered backpack. The event was a huge success, making it clear that when the community gets involved, we are closer than ever to reaching our recycling goals.