

# MARQUETTE GIVES

## Southwest Regional Giving Committee Approves Grants \$75,000 to Phoenix and Southern California Nonprofits

The Marquette Financial Companies Southwest Regional Giving Committee recently approved unrestricted general operating grants totaling \$75,000 to ten nonprofit organizations serving residents of the Phoenix and Southern California metropolitan areas. Grants ranged from \$3,000 to \$15,000 for financial literacy education, affordable housing development, food shelves, domestic women's shelter and community economic development.

The grants are the first approved by the committee which was created to increase giving in regions where Marquette operating companies are located. Local business employees consider and select organizations that receive support.

### Organizations receiving grants from the committee are:

Arizona Saves	\$7,500
Central Arizona Shelter Services	\$5,000
Chicanos por la Causa	\$5,000
Friendly House	\$5,000
Local Initiative Support Corporation	\$12,000
Morongo Basin Unity Homes, San Bernadino County, CA	\$15,000
Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix	\$7,500
Neighborhood Housing Services of SW Maricopa County	\$3,000
Sojourner Center	\$5,000
St. Mary's Westside Food Bank Alliance	\$10,000

In addition to these grants, more than \$110,000 in grants were distributed to Phoenix area nonprofits by Meridian Bank during 2006.

Members of MFC's South Central Regional Committee and the companies they represent are: Jim Zimmerman, Chair (Meridian Bank); Sue Bookman (Contractors Financial Services); Lee Farr (Meridian Bank); John Kinser (NorthMarq Capital Group); Nivia Schnieper (Meridian Bank); and Jeri Thomas (Escrow Funding Services.)

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