

valley youth theatre

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Valley Youth Theatre Receives Grant from Coyotes Charities

PHOENIX, Ariz. –Valley Youth Theatre’s *Literacy and the Arts* program will benefit from a \$5,000 grant from Phoenix Coyotes Charities. Since 1994, more than 45,000 students from inner-city schools (94% minority) have participated in VYT’s *Literacy and the Arts* program which interconnects the magic of live theatre with reading for inner-city children. Each child receives their very own book related to one of VYT’s plays, studies specially designed curriculum and then enjoys a live performance related to the story free of charge. “We are thrilled to be recognized by the Coyotes for the work we are doing on behalf of the young people of Arizona,” says Bobb Cooper, Valley Youth Theatre’s Producing Artistic Director. “This grant will help to insure that the program continues.”

Coyotes Charities awarded over \$180,000 in grants to 41 non-profit organizations that share its mission of enhancing the quality of life throughout Arizona communities by supporting non-profit organizations that promote health care, education, cultural arts and sports-related programs for children.

About Valley Youth Theatre

Named by the Arizona Republic as one of the “Top Ten Places to Become a Future Star”, Valley Youth Theatre is a nationally recognized non-profit organization that targets young people age 7 – 19 for participation in and attendance at quality live theatre productions. VYT’s mission is to inspire young people to be the best that they can be by providing them with lifelong lessons through a wide range of performing arts opportunities. VYT is an award-winning theatre company whose Alum include American Idol, Jordin Sparks and Broadway Star, Max Crumm. Valley Youth Theatre is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funding from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Partial funding also is provided by the Phoenix Arts Commission through appropriations from the Phoenix City Council.

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