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Veterans and active-duty military participate in a PGA HOPE event designed to enhance physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.



ARIZONA GOLF FUND

One central portal supports all nonprofit golf organizations

Created in 2025 as a vital part of Arizona's golf ecosystem, the Arizona Golf Fund (AGF) grows resources for golf nonprofits to help them deliver a wide range of life-skills, recreational, and educational programs to Arizonans from all walks of life. With a mission to protect and grow the game of golf in Arizona, the AGF is the philanthropic arm that supports the local golf community through the extraordinary benefits golf provides well beyond simply playing the game.

The AGF is a natural culmination of a golf ecosystem that began to take shape more than 10 years ago. Through a unique public/private partnership, Papago Golf Club grew into a community hub for friends and families to gather, and eventually it became home to the Arizona Alliance for Golf and the Arizona Golf House.

The AGF is partnered with the

Arizona Community Foundation (ACF), which, for more than four decades, has worked in tandem with generous individuals, families, and organizations to address some of the biggest challenges facing the state.

In its first year the AGF awarded \$355,000 to several golf nonprofits, including those headquartered at the Arizona Golf

House, within the statewide golf ecosystem to bolster one of the state's most impactful industries. The fund is a force-multiplier for a broad suite of entities who share the golf house's collaborative space, realize greater depth of resources, and expand their



Empowering kids and teens through the game of golf, First Tee - Phoenix students help out at the WM Phoenix Open.

missions to benefit the citizens of Arizona. The AGF is the final piece that adds supplemental funding for each of the organizations.

Beneficiaries of the first wave of grants include First Tee - Phoenix, Junior Golf Association of Arizona, Arizona Golf Foundation, Southwest PGA Foundation, Evans Scholars Foundation/ASU House, First Tee - Tucson, Cactus and Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association, Junior Golf Association of Arizona Foundation, USGA*LPGA Girls Golf - Phoenix, Desert Mashie Golf Club and National Golf Player Development Foundation.

The AGF's convenient portal makes it easy to participate. Those interested in helping may donate to any golf nonprofit of their choice or contribute to a pooled approach, managed by the AGF board in one of three ways.

- Donor Directed Funds: Funds are deposited into an account with the ACF with proceeds directed to AGF.
- Direct Annual or Multi-Year Contributions to AGF.
- Specific Capital Project Funding Through AGF: There are several projects currently planned that require significant donations or endowments.

According to the Arizona Alliance for Golf - the local golf ecosystem's education and advocacy arm - each year the state's golf industry produces a \$6 billion economic impact, in many cases, felt by those who never even pick up a golf club. The game drives an estimated \$100 million in charitable fundraising, and it teaches hundreds of thousands of kids valuable life



Girls just having fun at the annual Girls Golf Day, open to all girls ages 3-18 hosted by USGA*LPGA Girls Golf - Phoenix.

lessons while only using 2% of the state's water resources. Golf is good for everyone!

Please get involved to protect the game, its many benefits and the values it teaches. Contact katie@azallianceforgolf.org

or learn more at: AZAllianceForGolf.org/AZ-golf-fund.

