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## NEWSLETTER

### Welcome!

We are so glad you are here. CPLC is proud to serve communities across seven states, with programs spanning Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, California, Texas, Nevada, and Utah. No matter which region you call home, this newsletter is for you.

Each quarter, we will bring you updates on events and initiatives happening across all of our communities, volunteer spotlights, impact stories, and ways to get more involved.

You are part of something much bigger than one program or one city. You are part of the CPLC family, and together we are making a lasting difference for families and neighbors across the Southwest.

### Care and Share Initiative

At CPLC, giving back happens all year long. Our Community Care & Share Series is a year-round schedule of themed donation drives that brings together local businesses and community members to provide essential items for the families, seniors, and individuals we serve. From warm blankets in winter and water drives during Arizona's intense summer heat, to back-to-school supplies and holiday toys, each drive is timed to meet our community's most pressing seasonal needs. Whether you donate, host a collection point at your workplace, or simply spread the word; you are making a direct difference in the lives of our neighbors.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Laura Pascal



At the CPLC Community Center in West Phoenix, Laura Pascal has become a familiar face and a steady presence for the children who gather after school.

*"I always feel appreciated!  
And like I belong."*

[Click here](#) to read her story!

### Esperanza Teacher Awards

Think of a teacher who shaped your life, one whose belief in you still echoes today. Teachers have a unique power to see potential before it's fully realized, and that impact lasts a lifetime.

That's why CPLC is proud to celebrate the Esperanza Teacher Awards, honoring extraordinary Arizona educators making a difference in their communities. This year, we recognized four outstanding teachers: Mrs. Guillermina Valles, Mrs. Gabby Gonzalez, Mrs. Mari Acedo, and Mr. Franky Rodriguez, each receiving a \$5,000 award and a \$2,500 stipend for their school.

This celebration is made possible by the generous support of presenting sponsors SRP and Cox, platinum sponsors HUB, Southwest Airlines, and Valley Toyota Dealers, and volunteers like you, whose commitment helps expand access to education for students and families across Arizona.



[Click here](#) to nominate a deserving educator in 2027!

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### CPLC Wishlists

Click or scan the QR code to visit our CPLC LinkTree of current wishlists, updated regularly with the latest needs across our programs. Bookmark the page so you always have the newest list on hand. Interested in hosting a donation drive at your location? Contact Erin McDowell directly to get started.

