



Benevilla®



2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE

Benevilla has spent decades enriching lives across the west valley, offering compassionate programs for older adults, adults with disabilities, children, and their families. Rooted in caring and connection, Benevilla’s services provide more than practical support—they create a thriving community for all ages.

Life Enrichment Day Programs: Meaningful Connections for Older Adults and Adults with Special Needs

Family caregivers often face the demanding challenge of balancing their own lives with the needs of their loved ones. Our unique Life Enrichment Day Programs, Lucy Anne’s Place, Mary’s Place, and West Valley, offer a warm and welcoming solution. These programs provide more than just respite for caregivers; they create a vibrant environment where older adults with dementias, intellectual disabilities, stroke survivors,

and those living with diagnosis like Parkinson’s Disease can engage in enriching activities.

The Benevilla Intergenerational Program, woven across all three of its Life Enrichment Programs, is a heartwarming initiative that brings together older adults, adults with disabilities, and youth in meaningful, shared experiences. Individuals enrolled in our Life Enrichment Programs are invited to participate in activities alongside children from Wirtzie’s Preschool & Child Care or local youth groups. The unique interactions foster a deep sense of connection, as generations share moments of joy, learning, and compassion. The program encourages empathy, boosts self-esteem for all generations, and creates a special sense of purpose, where all members feel valued and engaged.

Benevilla C.A.R.E.S.: A Lifeline of Support for Families and Caregivers

When life becomes overwhelming, finding the right support can make all the difference. That’s where the Benevilla C.A.R.E.S. (Community Assistance, Resources, Education & Support) department steps in. With a team of compassionate and highly trained resource coordinators, C.A.R.E.S. provides personalized guidance to seniors, families, and caregivers navigating complex challenges.



Mary’s Place member displays a woodworking project.



Lucy Anne’s Place member and Wirtzie’s preschooler enjoy an intergenerational activity.



West Valley members work together on a puzzle.



Community members attend free Benevilla workshop.

CONNECTED COMMUNITY

The department doesn't just offer information—it extends a helping hand, ensuring individuals feel heard, understood, and supported. Whether through support groups, educational workshops, or one-on-one consultations, C.A.R.E.S. creates a sense of community and belonging, reminding people they are never alone in their journey



Home Services volunteer shops for and delivers groceries to homebound older adult.

Home Services: Bringing Friendship and Independence to Older Adults

For older adults who find themselves homebound, isolated, or in need of assistance, Benevilla's Home Services program offers a lifeline. Powered by a dedicated team of volunteers, this program

provides essential services like transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, light handyman tasks, and friendly companionship. Our volunteers bring not only practical help but also the gift of human connection, easing loneliness and restoring a sense of independence.

A ride to an appointment, or help with errands can make an enormous difference, allowing older adults to live with dignity and remain in their own homes.

Wirtzie's Preschool & Child Care: Nurturing Young Minds and Hearts

Serving children from six weeks to five years old, Wirtzie's offers a comprehensive, accredited

Wirtzie's children engage in activities to build skills and confidence.



curriculum that balances structured learning with the natural joy of discovery through play. Every day is filled with opportunities for children to explore their surroundings, develop social skills, and engage in hands-on activities that foster cognitive, emotional, and physical development.

A unique feature of the program is its intergenerational component. Through structured activities, the children spend time with older adults at Lucy Anne's Place, fostering a deep sense of empathy, understanding, and connection.

Benefitness Adaptive Gym: A Place of Empowerment for All Abilities

Health and wellness are universal needs, but for individuals with special considerations or ongoing clinical conditions, finding the right fitness program can be a challenge. Benevilla's Benefitness Adaptive Gym is designed to meet these needs head-on, offering specialized fitness instruction tailored to each individual's abilities and goals.

Through use of adapted equipment, one-on-one coaching or group classes, the dedicated team at Benefitness helps members build strength, confidence, and community. The gym isn't just a place to work out—it's a place where every individual is empowered to live their healthiest life

Whether supporting older adults, guiding families, or teaching children empathy, Benevilla makes a lasting impact. Your support has been essential in continuing this mission of providing vital services that strengthen the community.



Benefitness Adaptive Gym offers members of all abilities the opportunity to reach their fitness potential.

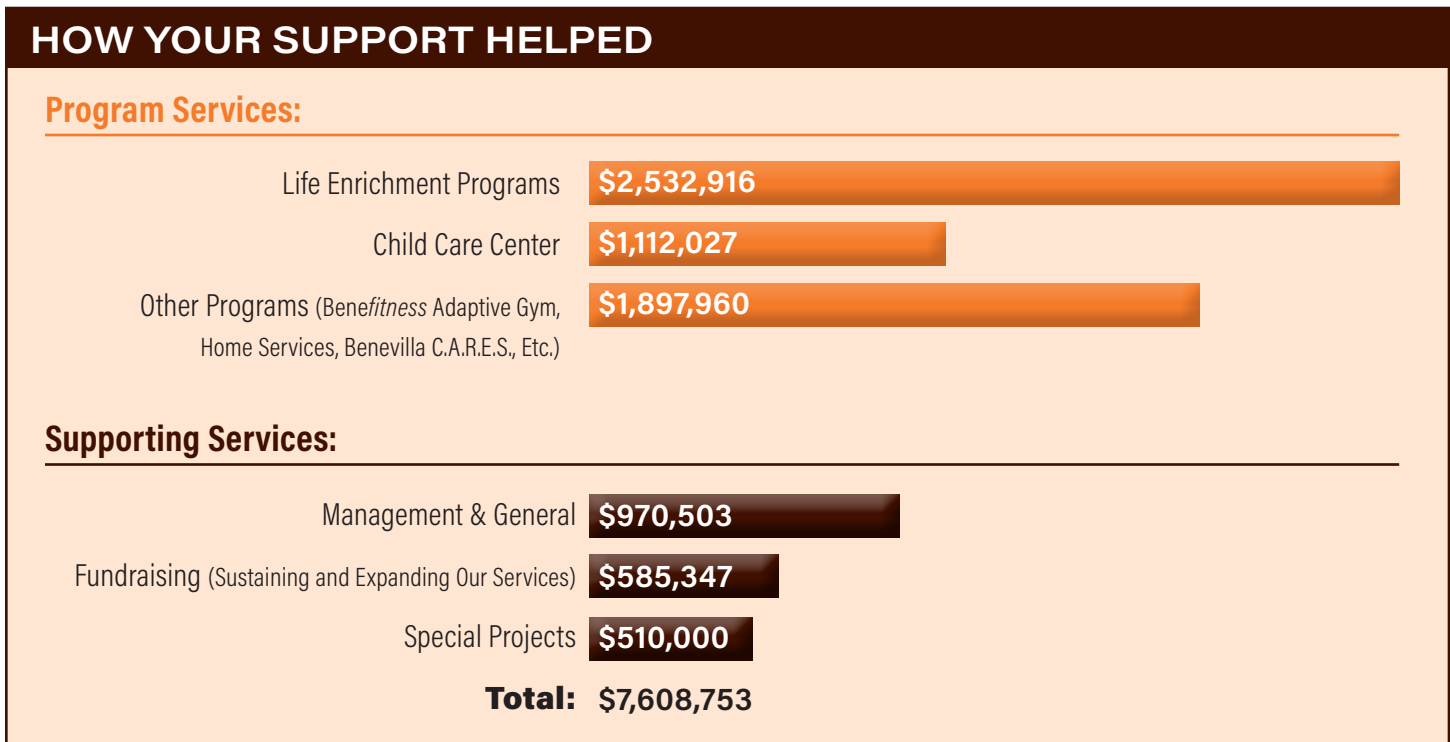
Life Enrichment Programs
100,764

Hours of respite for family members caring for a loved one

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

SOURCES OF SUPPORT	
Participant Fees	\$3,289,638
Grants	\$1,478,206
Donations	\$1,334,460
Investment Return	\$567,676
In-kind Donations	\$131,185
Benefitness Membership Dues	\$85,916
Other	\$41,641
Total	\$6,928,722



OUTSIDE ACCREDITATION



ASSOCIATION FOR
Early Learning Leaders

National Accreditation Commission
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MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

STRONG SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

Benevilla added new support groups to better meet the needs of the community including “Strengthening the Caregiver” designed to demonstrate fitness and functional movement basics that promote the ability to aid in self-care and caring for others. Sessions provide guidance on safe approaches to back care and physical stability.

TRAILBLAZING RECOGNITION

Benevilla was honored to be the inaugural recipient of the City of Surprise Legend Award. Joanne Byers, President & CEO



and Pastor Kim Sterner, Board Chair, accepted the award at the 2023 Surprise Area Interfaith & Golden Rule Community Breakfast.



TEAMING UP TO SUPPORT BENEVILLA

Benevilla proudly hosted the ‘Golfing Fore Good’ tournament. Thanks to the generosity of our participants and sponsors, all proceeds directly supported our mission of enriching lives and making a meaningful impact in our community.



CREATING A SAFER COMMUNITY

Benevilla received a grant from the Maricopa County Department of Public Health to improve emergency preparedness for older adults in the Northwest Valley. We formed a coalition of nonprofits, civic leaders, and faith groups to strengthen coordination with emergency managers and promote preparedness. This year-long effort

also culminated in an April 2024 expo featuring speakers from state and local agencies. Video presentations and resources are available on our website.

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT

Lisa Minette, Sr. Director of Enrichment at Benevilla, appeared on Arizona Daily Mix with Bruce Elliott, Co-Founder and CEO of Memory Lane Games, to share the impact of their app's use with our

members. This app enhances cognitive stimulation with a simple, customizable interface for personal photos or topics (e.g., 1950s, 60s music,

hometowns). Thanks to a generous grant from Thunderbirds Charities, we're able to offer this valuable technology.



MAGIC IN MOTION

The Sun City West Witches Ride fundraiser raised over \$13,000 for Benevilla. The kind-hearted Sun City West residents donned their finest witch attire and decorate their golf carts – or bicycles for the festive event.



BENEFITNESS ADAPTIVE GYM ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In 2023, we added advanced technology like BIA (Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis) to measure body composition and health indicators and Smart Glove technology for real-time movement feedback. In addition, Assisted Stretch Sessions were introduced to accelerate fitness progress.



Volunteer Program
13,848

Total volunteer hours serving our community by 244 volunteers

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2023 BENEVILLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PARTNERING FOR GOOD

2023 Benevilla Community Leadership Award Honoree

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Mission Endowment was awarded the 2023 Benevilla Community Leadership Award at a special awards dinner in November. Benevilla has been blessed with a strong relationship with the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West since the mid-1980s. They have supported Benevilla in so many ways. Through funds received from the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund, we have been able to remodel Life Enrichment Adult Day program spaces, create Caregiver Relaxation areas in our Benefitness Adaptive Gym, and continue to provide Benevilla Caregiver Support Groups and CARES programming. They have graciously provided space for Benevilla Caregiver Support Groups and other caregiver



President & CEO, Joanne Byers, Dean Lewellen, Chair of the Lord of Life Mission Endowment, and 2023 Benevilla Board Chair, Pastor Kim Sterner

events in the past, and have even provided volunteers to sit with loved ones while support groups take place. The church's leadership has actively supported Benevilla through their participation on our Board of Directors and committees over the years. We are deeply grateful for Lord of Life's support, partnership, and friendship which helps us both to better serve our local community.

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Home Service Acts Provided by Benevilla Volunteers

3,346

Grocery shopping, assisted transportation, friendly visitors/phone pals and more.

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

2023 Bill Wolfrey Community Service Award Honoree

Ron and Lori Jensen were awarded the 2023 Benevilla Bill Wolfrey Community Service Award which is named in memory of one of the founding members of Benevilla. This award is presented to an individual or couple each year for their outstanding commitment, support, and service to Benevilla, as well as to our community.

Ron and Lori have supported Benevilla with both time and treasure for over 16 years. Ron is a horticultural expert and brought those unique skills to Benevilla by serving as a volunteer expert in the Surprise Community Garden for many years. In this role, he was instrumental in facilitating onsite gardening and horticulture classes for students with learning challenges from the Dysart School District. Ron has also served on several Benevilla committees which assisted with planning and promoting Benevilla fundraising events. Lori previously participated in Benevilla's Circle of Caring Friends auxiliary group, which helped raise funds for Benevilla through community events. She currently serves on the Benevilla President Awards Committee each year reviewing staff nominees for this prestigious award. They are both active in the community and are very involved at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Ron and Lori are Benevilla Legacy Circle Members, as they have listed Benevilla in their estate plans to ensure our programs and services are available into the future. When asked why they chose to support Benevilla in their estate plans they responded,

"We have seen the results of their [Benevilla's] work and have heard so many stories of the comfort afforded to spouses and families while their loved ones were being cared for. Wonderful changes have taken place because people gave gifts that made a lasting impression on the future. We wanted to be part of the plan to keep this organization going strong. Some choices in life are hard and others are easy. Leaving something for Benevilla to use in the future was certainly an easy choice to make."

Congratulations and thank you Ron & Lori for your current support and as well helping support generations to come!



President & CEO, Joanne Byers, Lori and Ron Jensen, and Benevilla 2023 Board Chair, Pastor Kim Sterner



Please consider leaving a lasting legacy to Benevilla as a recipient in your will or estate plan. To learn more, please contact Sara Villanueva, Vice President of Donor Relations at 623-584-4999 or svillanueva@benevilla.org

Educational Events & Caregiver Connect

415

Total number of people who received education, support and resources

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