



American Association for Laboratory Animal Science

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Dear Sponsor:

The Arizona Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS), an educational organization made up of folks from all over Arizona, will be holding its Installation/Awards Event and Louise Brooks Memorial Raffle on December 3, 2011 in Flagstaff.

We ask you to consider being a Corporate Sponsor and/or donating an item to our raffle. AZAALAS has expanded our contributions to include three regional charities. **All proceeds** will be distributed to the following:

Steele Children's Research Center's Child Life Activity Center has developed an entertainment and support program for children and teens admitted to the hospital for medical treatments. This program includes a big, bright, beautiful playroom that is staffed by volunteers who supervise playroom activities and a child life specialist who help children cope with their illness. Siblings of a sick child are welcome to take part in playroom events or bedside activities coordinated by the Activity Center.

Arizona Special Olympics believe that every person should have the opportunity to participate in sports training and competition. This year round program offers a lifetime of learning through sports to individuals with mental retardation eight years of age or older. They offer a wide variety of programs in more than a dozen Olympic sports allowing these special athletes to choose those most suited to their interests and abilities. This is one of the largest area programs in the nation!

Pediatric Wing of Flagstaff Medical Center is geared specifically toward children. Fun decor, stickers and treats as rewards, story & craft times, and a dog therapy program are included to make a patient's stay a pleasant experience. A playroom is available for patients with a nutrition center where families of patients can help themselves to beverages and snacks. They want families to feel as comfortable as possible while their child is in the hospital and has comfortable and quiet spaces for families to rest, read and relax.

AZAALAS is interested in obtaining prizes for our raffle to benefit the children of Arizona during our event. Any donation your organization would be willing to sponsor for this raffle would contribute greatly to these worthy programs. Last year this raffle made almost \$2000 for our charities. To show our appreciation for your donation, the name of your organization will be included in our branch newsletter and noted on our Charity Raffle web page at www.azaalas.org. Donations can be sent to Arizona AALAS, University of Arizona, P.O. Box 210101, Tucson, AZ 85721-0101. Please contact me by email at azaalas@ahsc.arizona.edu or (520)621-3931 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

Grace Aranda,
AZAALAS

A few words of thanks from our regional charities for our work on their behalf...

Thank you for your support of the Child Life Activity Center. All children need to play, and sick children need it even more - they need it to heal, to restore themselves, and to reduce the trauma of hospitalization. Your gift helps to give all the children the space they need for the therapy of play.

Special Olympics organization and families extend their deepest gratitude for the generosity of our sponsors, without your support our mission would only be a dream. Thank you!

Thank you for your support of the Pediatric Wing of Flagstaff Medical Center. Your assistance helps children and their families cope with being in the hospital. It allows us to make their experience as pleasant as possible which can mean so much during trying times.