

THE INSIDE SCOOP

ESPERANÇA'S VIP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020



Juan is a Biomedical Engineer with Phoenix Children's Hospital who volunteers his time and talents with Esperança to assess donated medical equipment, like this full-body X-ray machine.



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Upcoming Events

Upcoming volunteer, program, & fundraising events are shown on the calendar below. We look forward to seeing you at an Esperança function soon!

**7TH
MAY**

10th Annual Hope Breakfast
Virtual event
[Watch recording](#)



**TBD
MAY**

Esperança Shipment Day
Staff-only event
[Sponsor a box of medical supplies](#)



**21ST
MAY**

Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual event



**22ND
MAY**

AGDN Meeting
Virtual event
[Learn more](#)



**7TH
NOV**

50th Anniversary Celebration
Esperança office



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HAVE IN YOUR LIFE
IS THE FOUNDATION FOR
ALL ABUNDANCE.”
-ECKHART TOLLE

Focusing on What We Have and What We Want to Create

As I write this, we are 10-weeks and counting into the majority of the Esperança staff working offsite. Our CFO, office administrator, and gift-in-kind coordinator are at the office every day in different sections of the buildings and making it possible for the rest of us to be offsite. While we miss being together in our collaborative and caring community, our creativity, continued collaboration, learning, and service to the community is stronger than ever. We haven't missed a beat!

You witnessed some of that if you were able to tune in to our virtual Hope Breakfast. We took what we had and envisioned creating a powerful, hope-filled event that demonstrated the impact of what donors just like you make possible for those we serve. From the feedback we received, I'd say we succeeded. Thank you to those of you who tuned in and thank you for your generous contributions. If you haven't, I encourage you to view the [recording](#) – you won't be disappointed. I am in awe every day of what people can do to improve the lives of others when we work together committed to making a difference.

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We continue to learn more about the health and economic needs that are emerging in the communities in which we serve. COVID-19 and its implications are getting worse for our partners in Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, Bolivia, and Mozambique. We are learning that the cases and deaths are increasing, and government-imposed restrictions are putting a strain on our partners (people and organizations). Our International Director, [Anna Ortiz](#), is on weekly phone calls with each of our partner Executive Directors, and we have been sending additional money to support the humanitarian needs arising in their communities due to the virus. Our Phoenix Program team is helping us partner with community organizations to bring needed supplies and food to our community members including our seniors and families in HUD Housing. One such organization in South Phoenix feeds over 4,000 Latinos with fresh produce and grains. One “tote” of food costs about \$10 and feeds a family of five for about a week. We are helping to make sure the food supply stays steady through the summer and fall.

At times like this, when the need seems so great I remember the words of our founder, Father Luke Tupper, who said “It is up to us who during life have been given so much to do all in our power to help those in the world who have been given so little.” Our Esperança family is comprised of staff, volunteers, donors, and funders who embrace and live those words. Please know that my “virtual door” is always open. If you have something on your mind or would like to discuss our plans for the future, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached by email at Jeri@Esperanca.org or on my cell phone 602-321-7044.

Together we are making a difference!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeri Rayer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JERI'S SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Q1 FY20 Grant Awards

Arizona Community Foundation (Phoenix) - COVID-19 support
 Arizona Cardinals (Phoenix) - Health Education for Children
 Phoenix Suns Charities (Phoenix) – Oral Health & Nutrition
 Antioch Foundation (Peru) – Grow Houses and Composting
 Delta Dental (Phoenix) – Children and Senior Oral Health Education with Smile Bags
 Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation (Phoenix) – Madres con Esperanca (Oral health, nutrition, diabetes education for women)
 Thunderbirds (Phoenix) – Oral Health and Nutrition
 Kahtoola (Peru) – Nutrition and Food Security in Q'eros
 Jackson Kemper Foundation (Peru & Nicaragua) – Community Development Projects
 Walmart (Phoenix) – Nutrition Education
 Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust (Phoenix) – Senior Diabetes, Oral Health and Nutrition Education, & *COVID-19 support

Welcome New Circle of Hope Members

*Conner and Adriana Farquharson

*Anthony and Sandra Smith

*Jared Kredit

*new funding since last issue

Individual Shout-Outs April-June

Legacy Gifts

\$1,000 – \$4,999

Atlee Family Foundation, Inc.

William and Kari Dolan

Edgar and Maureen Gomez

Lattie and Elva Coor

Jordan and Kenady Jobe

Joy Newborg

Lin Sue Cooney

Kindra Deneau

Christina Church

Duane and Theresa Grave

Joanne Schlinkert

West Valley Mavericks Foundation

Eugene and Carol Kralicek

Above \$10,000

Raymond Sachs

\$5,000 - \$10,000

Kevin Healy

Jared and Denise Leslie

Oliver and Mistie Weishaar

Michael Leto

Brandt Feuerstein

Phyllis Yates

Nicholas and Sara Alcock

Craig and Debra Stevenson

Domestic Program Updates

- Thanks to the funding of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, Esperança purchased and delivered hygiene supplies including toilet paper, disinfectant, tissues, and activity books to 250 HUD housing senior residents and 250 low-income families. [View video.](#)
- Team is continuing the tele-health check-in initiative. Esperança's health educators are calling 250 low-income seniors regularly for a mental health check-in and to connect them with any community resources to meet their current needs.
 - From a senior recipient: "I've heard that angels exist on Earth. That's what Esperança is to me."
- Esperança Health Educators are providing regular fitness, nutrition, and mental health videos to low-income Latinos via our Spanish Facebook page, [Esperanca en su Comunidad](#), reaching over 5,000 individuals last month!
- The Community Health Educator team is developing curriculum for Esperança's first virtual Diabetes Education and Empowerment Program

FISCAL YEAR 2020 IMPACTS



VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Followers of [Esperanca en su Comunidad](#) Facebook page
(children, adults & seniors)



BASIC NEEDS

Grocery and hygiene supply deliveries
(seniors & families)



HEALTH EDUCATION

Nutrition, oral health, diabetes management, and platicas.
(children, adults, & seniors)

International Program Updates

- Delivered \$5,000 in PPE to partner hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador, an area very heavily hit by the COVID-19. Read more [here](#).
- Shipment Day will take place in May as a staff-only event to limit community exposure to COVID-19. You can still [sponsor a box](#) today!
- 28 women in Bolivia completed their training with Esperança's community development team to increase the production and exposure of their women-owned artisan dairy farm, in addition to additional infrastructure around sanitation. [Read more](#).
- Esperança's partnership with Phoenix Children's Hospital to receive two pallets of donated medical supplies.
- The coronavirus pandemic is increasing attendance and engagement at Esperança's Community Health Activist-led [hygiene training](#) for families in Mozambique. Activists have also begun ramping up seed distribution and agricultural training in preparation for any future economic hardship.
- Team in Peru began regular radio updates concerning the coronavirus and other important health news in Quechua (the indigenous language of the country).

FISCAL YEAR 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



SURGERIES

■
orthopedics,
ophthalmology, &
general/OBGYN

2453

**PRIMARY CARE
BRIGADES**

■
primary, pediatric, & dental
care in rural Nicaragua



**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

■
surgical missions, donation
intake volunteers, & medical
supply sorting days

Blog of the Month

Alberto lived for 5 YEARS with a painful hernia until Esperança's medical mission, led by Board member Dr. Feuerstein, arrived in Nicaragua. Now he is back doing what he loves most...tending to his crops!

[READ NOW](#)



Hygiene Supply Delivery



250 seniors TP, disinfectant, tissues, & more!

Esperança in the News



Executive Inc.: Brush with cancer cements Jeri Royce's journey into nonprofit realm

Jeri Royce fell into the role of president and CEO of Esperança while she was running the Arizona consulting...

Phoenix Business Journal / Sanjana Garg / May 1

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Non-profit Esperança finds new ways to give

The local non-profit organization Esperança is changing how it conducts business because of the

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Group delivers grocery to seniors as coronavirus pandemic continues

Amid the coronavirus pandemic, non-profits are getting creative on how to help people, with some now using resources that were supposed to go...

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Staff Spotlight



Shown here:
October 2019
with Esperança Founder,
Fr. Luke Tupper's niece,
Sue Johnson

Tiffany Luu

Start Date: 5/14/2018

Position: Development Manager

Role: Manages donor and volunteer relationships, and plans and coordinates volunteer events and fundraising activities

Birthday: September 12th

Favorite food: since I'm not allowed to say McDonald's, I'm a "flexi-tarian" for anything and everything. I love food!

Hero: my grandparents and parents

Dream destination: Bali, Indonesia

Book recommendation: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Favorite Esperança memory: Really, just one? I love meeting donors and supporters at social events and being in a room full of participants receiving services and seeing their excitement about learning.



Shown here:
December 2018
Christmas Angels wrapping
is about to begin!