



Florence Crittenton

*Where Hope Comes to Life*

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**Florence Crittenton Announces New 2011-2012 Board Members**

(PHOENIX) – Florence Crittenton announced new officers to the 2011-2012 Board of Directors during its annual meeting on September 19, 2011. Current board member Larry Lytle will serve as board chair. Involved with Florence Crittenton for the past five years, Lytle has served on the Finance Committee and the Governance Committee. Lytle is assistant vice president and financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Mesa.

Newly elected board members include:

Susan Bansak – Community Leader and Volunteer; Scottsdale resident

Bennett Conklin – Community Leader and Volunteer; Paradise Valley resident

Maria Harper-Marinick – Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Maricopa Community Colleges;  
Phoenix resident

Jan Lewis – Community Leader and Volunteer; Paradise Valley resident

Petra Nixon – Director of Supply Chain Support Services, APS; Scottsdale resident

Darlene Shephard – President, Florence Crittenton Auxiliary; Phoenix resident

Patricia Tate – Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Casino Arizona; Laveen resident

Craig Thatcher – Interim Executive Vice Provost/Health Outcomes, ASU; Phoenix resident

Andrea Whitsett – Project Manager- Arizona Indicators, Morrison Institute for Public Policy;  
Phoenix resident

In the coming year, the board will focus on strategic planning for Florence Crittenton, as well as supporting the agency's programs and services that give safety, hope and opportunity to thousands of girls who face challenged and destructive situations each year.

**About Florence Crittenton**

For more than 115 years, Florence Crittenton has helped at-risk girls and young women ages 10-21 discover their strength and self-worth by providing them the support and resources they need to reach their full potential as successful and independent members of our community. Many of the young women Florence Crittenton services are struggling to overcome challenges caused by poverty, abuse, neglect, crime, homelessness and violence. Each year, the agency provides shelter, education, counseling and social support to nearly 2,000 girls and their families.

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