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NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT FLORENCE CRITTENTON

SUMMER 2007



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### Crittenton Academy Now Enrolling!

Morning, afternoon & evening  
sessions available.

See page 3 for school news.



### The Amazing Road Rally!

Register today! Space is limited.  
Event information on page 4.

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## Shop-Donate-Volunteer at Flo's on 7th!

**F**lo's on 7th is Florence Crittenton's hip, new, upscale resale store where you can **shop virtually guilt-free**, because 100% of the store's proceeds go to support our life-changing programs for Arizona's at-risk girls.

From clothing and shoes to home furnishings and accessories – Flo's on 7th brings you beautiful, high-quality merchandise at **terrifically low prices...** and for a great cause!

We also encourage you to support Flo's on 7th by **donating your gently-loved items** or by **volunteering your time** at the store. As a volunteer, you will not only feel great because you are giving back to the community, you will make some great friends!



### Visit Flo's on 7th today!

**Address:** 4116 N. 7th Avenue  
(just north of Indian School)

**Hours:** Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Donations accepted Tue. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Phone:** 602-254-7861

**On the Web:** [www.floson7th.com](http://www.floson7th.com)



New items arrive daily!



Get to know Flo!

If you are heading up to the cooler country, stop in to our sister-store, the **Sedona Girls Ranch Thrift Shop**. See page 2 for location and store hours.

Girls Ranch  
Auxiliary  
members  
(from left)  
Joni Gold &  
Doris West  
invite you  
to shop 'til  
you drop!



# director



**Y**ou will see as you read through this issue, there are a lot of exciting things happening at Florence Crittenton!

Although it was difficult to close the doors at our old thrift shop on Central Avenue, we stayed focused on all the possibilities that the new store would bring. Now that **Flo's on 7th** is open, I am thrilled with the incredible support we are receiving

from each of you and the entire community. One of the most exciting new aspects of the store is the opportunity to implement a **work skills program** in collaboration with Crittenton Academy. Through this program, our students, including girls in residence, are being empowered to create a successful future for themselves by receiving valuable job training and retail experience. **If you haven't already, I invite you to visit Flo's on 7th. You won't be disappointed!**

**Crittenton Academy** has expanded its course offerings to include **morning, afternoon and evening sessions**. Our students come from a wide variety of family settings, and it is not uncommon for them to be one of the primary providers in the home. These three sessions create the flexibility our young people need in order to balance working with the importance of completing their education.

This year we're introducing a new FUNdraising event called **The Amazing Road Rally**. Gather your team together and get registered before space runs out! Event details are on page 4.

I truly am excited about the future of Florence Crittenton, and **I am so grateful for your unwavering support**. I would like to encourage each of you to explore the many ways you can join us in making a difference in the lives of our girls. Whether you shop, donate, volunteer, attend an event or join our Charles Crittenton Society, your contribution has the power to change the future for girls.



With love and gratitude,

*Linda Volkein*

## VISIT OUR SISTER STORE IN THE RED ROCKS OF SEDONA!

The next time you escape to the beautiful red rocks of Sedona, be sure to stop in the **Girls Ranch Thrift Shop**.

**Address:** 345 Jordan Road, Sedona, AZ 86336

**Phone:** 928-282-6851

**Hours:** Mon. & Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tues. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **Volunteers needed!**

All proceeds from the shop go to support the Girls Ranch program, which serves pregnant and/or parenting girls ages 12-18 who are in need of safe housing, independent living, parenting and childcare skills training.

Sixteen-year-old Monique has been living at the Scottsdale Girls Ranch home for approximately 10 months. Prior to entering the program, she had lived on the streets for 5 years during which time she gave birth to a baby girl that she was unable to care for. "Both my parents are addicted to crack cocaine, so they are not able to help me at all," says Monique. Using drugs herself and struggling to make it on the streets, Monique eventually turned herself in to the police, because she wanted to figure out a way to have a better life.

Since being involved in the Girls Ranch program, she has gained valuable coping and independent living skills, she is better able to react to stress, and most importantly, she has learned how to be a healthy parent to her baby daughter with whom she has been reunited. "It makes me sad to realize that my parents probably won't even live long enough to see my daughter go to kindergarten because of their severe drug use. I'm just so grateful for this program and that I am clean and able to be with my daughter."



*Each of these ladies has tirelessly volunteered at the shop for more than 20 years!*



# programs

## Now Introducing...

Crittenton Academy is pleased to welcome **Katie Reynolds** as its new Principal and **Teresa Anderson** as its Assistant Principal. Katie and Teresa are working hard with their talented staff to implement several new programs at the academy, including a **service learning program** and a **work skills program**. Both of these innovative programs challenge students by extending their educational experience outside the classroom, where they learn the importance of community service and gain valuable skills in a real-world work setting.



These two programs debuted during the summer school session with our girls in residence. The service learning program focused on issues such as literacy, hunger/homelessness, the elderly, the environment and animals. Some of the community service projects the girls participated in included making ABC books to help young children learn to read, making sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul clients and making get well cards for the elderly at the V.A. Hospital.

For the work skills program, girls volunteered at **Flo's on 7th** once a week. They learned the basics of running a retail business, providing good customer service, as well as how to price and display merchandise.

*A special thanks to the entire Crittenton Academy staff for their dedication to helping each student achieve academic excellence!*



### Did You Know?

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, approximately 34% of children in the U.S. under the age of 18 are living in families where neither parent has full-time, year-round employment. For this reason many young people are forced to seek employment at an early age, making them more likely to drop out of school prior to earning their diploma.

- Residential Group Home
- ▶ **Crittenton Academy**
- Independent Living Program
- Women Involved in Nurturing Girls' Self-esteem (WINGS)
- Scottsdale Girls Ranch
- Transitional Living Program
- Health and Wellness Program
- Healthy Families

## Congratulations Class of 2007!



**Crittenton Academy**  
An Accredited Charter School

### Now Enrolling!

Crittenton Academy makes it easy for its students to stay in school by offering a variety of class scheduling options. **We now offer three sessions – Morning, Afternoon & Evening!**

For more information about the Academy or to receive an enrollment application, please visit our Web site at [www.florencecrittentonofaz.org](http://www.florencecrittentonofaz.org) or call 602-274-7318.

# events & fundraisers

## Make It a Date!

### Jefferson Wells Golf Tournament

November 2



Jefferson Wells invites you to play in their 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Florence Crittenton. As a participant, you will enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch, contests, a silent auction, raffles and awards. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. with a scramble format start at 8:30 a.m.

**Join us in a triple win – Friends, Fun, Charity!**

Info: <http://ljw.golfreg.com>

### Charles Crittenton Society Holiday Party

November 7

We invite you to find out more about this philanthropic Society at our seventh annual Holiday Party, where we will celebrate reasons to be thankful. This festive, elegant evening will include dinner, entertainment, great people and a chance to meet girls from Florence Crittenton's programs.

Make this the year you become a Champion to a Child!

Info: 602-288-4514

### Annual Holiday Drive

December 1 - 31



Mark your calendar for Florence Crittenton's annual Holiday Drive. We will be accepting new, unwrapped gifts during the entire month of December, which will be handed out to all the girls in our residential group home, Scottsdale Girls Ranch home, as well as our transitional living homes. For gift ideas or to make a monetary donation, please visit our Web site at [www.florencecrittentonofaz.org](http://www.florencecrittentonofaz.org).



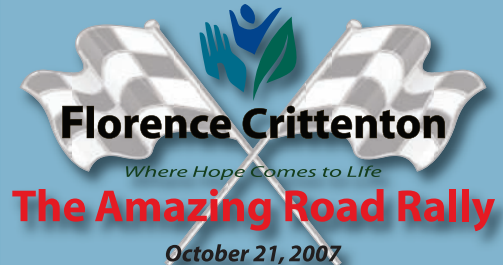
## Florence Crittenton invites you to drive in *The Amazing Road Rally!*

For a modest entry fee, your team of 2 or more will be challenged to navigate through an exciting, pre-defined course in a prescribed amount of time.

**Sunday, October 21, 2007**

Registration at 12:00 noon

Rally begins at 12:45 p.m.



### Start your engines!

Festivities begin at the magnificent Penske Racing Museum. (7125 E. Chauncey Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85054)

### Cross the finish line!

Winners will enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime, high performance driving experience at the world-renowned Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving!

**\$150 enters your vehicle, driver and navigator  
\$25 each additional passenger**

Detailed event information & registration form available at [www.florencecrittentonofaz.org](http://www.florencecrittentonofaz.org)

**Don't wait! Register today! Space is limited.**



**If you would like to help us by volunteering at the Amazing Road Rally, please call 602-288-4567.**

# Thank You for Your Support!

**Viva Las Vegas**



## VIVA LAS VEGAS

More than 500 of the Valley's "high rollers" turned out for this year's fabulous



Las Vegas-style party. Guests were delighted to a dazzling assortment of silent auction items, as well as casino-style games, delicious food and live entertainment. Thank you to the **Valley of the Sun Active 20-30 Club** for presenting Florence Crittenton with proceeds from your 13th annual Viva Las Vegas event.

## BATH & BODY WORKS



Thanks to the employees from **Bath & Body Works** at Spectrum Mall for providing each of our young moms with beautiful gift baskets filled with luxurious bath and beauty products. Their generous donation made each of the girls feel extra special.



## 5:30 FUNK

On June 12th, Florence Crittenton was the honored beneficiary of the Herberger Theater Center's **5:30 FUNK** happy hour event. Attendees were asked to bring an in-kind donation in exchange for receiving a discount on their entrance fee. We received a variety of items including career wear for our girls who are preparing for job interviews and DVD movies for each of our cottages. Our sincere thanks to the **Herberger Theater Center** and **Anita Fogarty** of Wells Fargo for making this special occasion possible.



## PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT

**Project Night Night** out of San Francisco has formed a very special collaboration with Florence Crittenton. This philanthropic group provides a canvas tote bag containing a blanket, stuffed animal and book for each girl entering our care. In addition, they also provide tote bags filled with adorable items for the babies whose mothers are either in our transitional living program or living in the Scottsdale Girls Ranch home. Thank you, **Project Night Night**, for making our girls and babies feel welcome and loved!



## American Express



For many years, **American Express** has supported Florence Crittenton in a variety of ways. Both our independent living and transitional living programs have been significantly enriched through their generous **grants**. In addition, several American Express executives have personally supported the agency as members of our **Board of Directors**, through **introducing us to a number of charitable**

**foundations** who have in turn gifted their own funds to our programs and by providing **scholarship funds** for Crittenton Academy graduates.

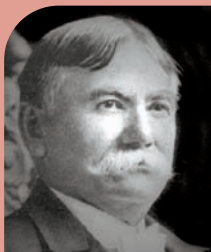
In further keeping with their commitment to being a good corporate citizen, American Express donates large blocks of **movie tickets** so our residential girls can enjoy stimulating off-campus outings.

*A big thank you to American Express for their generous support of our programs and services and for their commitment to making a positive difference in our community!*

**Supporter  
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# community support

## Charles Crittenton Society Spring Cocktail Reception



Florence Crittenton Founder  
Charles Crittenton

This spring, Florence Crittenton welcomed members of the distinguished Charles Crittenton Society to an elegant cocktail reception at the home of Society members, **Madena and Thomas Stewart**. The evening included a special performance by Antonio Castillo de la Gala, resident pianist at the famous Hotel Bel Air and friend of Society members, **Ina and Murray Manaster**. This reception provided



Society members Jeff & Shelle Cleveland enjoy the spring reception.

both new and long-standing members the opportunity to mingle and become better acquainted with each other. **Thank you to each of you who joined us for this memorable evening.**

As a Charles Crittenton Society member, you are a Champion of Hope for Florence Crittenton's girls and boys. **If you are not already a member, become one today!**

Your annual gift of \$1,000 and above goes directly to our kids and programs. Sponsor a student, classroom, girl, or cottage and make a difference in our kids' lives!

Your annual gift can be split into monthly or quarterly payments and can be made by check, stock or credit card. Please contact John Vack for details at 602-288-4514 or join online at [www.florencecrittentonofaz.org](http://www.florencecrittentonofaz.org).



## A Planned Gift Leaves a Lasting Legacy!

One of the best ways that you can provide safety, hope and opportunity for Arizona's at-risk girls is by ensuring that Florence Crittenton's programs and services will always be available – for the girls of today as well as for generations to come. Making a donation through a **planned gift** is a great way to create a legacy of support for girls in need while providing for your own future. Florence Crittenton's new planned giving program offers **significant benefits to you**, the donor.

### When you make a planned gift, you will:

- Receive substantial tax benefits
- Potentially increase your income
- Provide a way of fulfilling your personal and financial goals

### There are many ways you can give:

- A Simple Bequest
- A Simple Codicil
- Named Beneficiary of an an Insurance Policy, IRA or 401K
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust

**Other Ways to Give:** cash, stock, bonds, real estate, in-kind gifts, tangible personal property, paid up life insurance, charitable trusts, planned or deferred gifts, bequests.

**Becky Brown** is a member of the ladies' Auxiliary who volunteers because she has a heart for our girls. Introduced to the Auxiliary through fellow member, **Marjorie Scott** just over 6 months ago, Becky now volunteers 3 days a week at Flo's on 7th where she helps with sorting and pricing merchandise.



She moved to Arizona from Connecticut approximately a year ago and finds that volunteering has helped her get involved in her community and meet new people. "For me, the most fulfilling part about volunteering has been the relationships I've built with the people I work with. We have a lot of fun, and giving back has a way of making you feel worthwhile."

**Thank you, Becky for your dedication and support of our girls!**

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

**Mentor** – women from the community who will establish and support healthy, adult relationships that help at-risk girls develop visions for the future and encourage them to realize their full potential.

**Tutor** – supports the efforts of the teachers at Crittenton Academy and gives extra attention to students who need it.

**Flo's on 7th** – sort and price donations, as well as provide customer service to shoppers.

For more information on how you can become a volunteer, please call 602-288-4567.



If you are interested in finding out more about the ways you can give and the benefits associated with making a planned gift, please call Carrie Ostroski at 602-288-4586 or visit our web site at [www.florencecrittentonofaz.org](http://www.florencecrittentonofaz.org).

**Become a partner with Florence Crittenton by making a planned gift today – it truly is a WIN-WIN situation.**

## My Story

News, Poems, Stories and Artwork From and About Kids in Florence Crittenton's Programs

Below is a message from **Angelina**, just before she graduated from our residential program. Through your care and support, Florence Crittenton will continue to make a significant difference in the lives of girls and young women in need like Angelina.



My parting words to Florence Crittenton are... "I gave you a chance and I'm glad I did. I learned new ways and skills that are going to help me in this world. If I didn't follow the program, I wonder where I would be. Thank you for everything and for giving me another chance."

## Wish List – Transitional Living Program

- Laundry baskets
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Laundry soap
- Fabric softener
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Dish soap
- Sponges
- Pillows
- Bath soaps
- Bleach
- Towels
- Body lotion
- PineSol
- Sheets
- Dress clothes



# Announcements!

## 1 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



Does your company host a **United Way** workplace campaign every fall? If so, please remember that Florence Crittenton is a proud and valued partner of Valley of the Sun United Way. By making your gift to their *Results that Matter* fund, you will provide valuable support for several of our programs and help us continue to improve lives in our community. The 2007 campaign has just begun, so visit the United Way's website at [www.vsuw.org](http://www.vsuw.org) for more information. *(United Way donations do not qualify as special event or membership gifts.)*



## 2 GOODSEARCH.COM

**Raise money for Florence Crittenton while searching the Internet!**



**Goodsearch.com** is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to **enter Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona as the charity you want to support** and click "verify." Every time you return to GoodSearch, Florence Crittenton will appear as your designated charity. You can even keep track of our estimated earnings by clicking on "Amount Raised". Just 500 of us searching 4 times a day will raise about \$7,300 in a year without anyone spending a dime!

**Please spread the word to your friends and family and support Florence Crittenton by using GoodSearch when you search the Web!**

## 3 TURN YOUR CAR INTO CASH!



With the assistance of **Vehicles for Charity (VFC)**, a non-profit organization, Florence Crittenton is accepting cars, trucks, boats, campers, RVs, motorcycles, golf carts and trailers; even if they're not running. VFC will pick up the vehicle for free, and the law allows a tax deduction equal to the gross proceeds from the sale of the donated vehicle. Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle go directly to supporting Florence Crittenton. Have a clear title available and call 1-800-833-3006 or donate online at [www.vehiclesforcharity.org](http://www.vehiclesforcharity.org).

# board & auxiliary

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Our ladies' Auxiliary Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, was a delightful afternoon filled with food, fun and fashion. **Stein Mart** provided stunning clothing and accessories for this year's runway models, which included Florence Crittenton staff and Auxiliary members. A special thank you to each of you who attended and modeled!



*Auxiliary members, Gloria Griego & Eve Stahl  
enjoy the Spring Luncheon.*

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2007-2008



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*We value your questions and comments! Please also let us know if you would like this newsletter sent to a friend.*

A number of Auxiliary ladies are generously donating their time and talents as volunteers at **Flo's on 7th**, and they would like to remind you that there is no better time than the present to clean out your closets and bring them your treasures to stock the store's shelves. New faces are always welcome as volunteers also! To become a volunteer, please call 602-525-2354.



The Auxiliary's **Home Services Committee** has kept the girls happy and cool over the long, hot summer months by sponsoring swimming days at Anthem's Water Park and planning monthly birthday celebrations. The girls were also treated to a relaxing couple of days in Flagstaff at Camp Lady Jane, a beautiful mountainside retreat owned by one of our Auxiliary members.

*If you would like more information on how you can make a difference in the lives of the children and families Florence Crittenton serves by becoming a member of the Auxiliary, please call 602-288-4567.*



*Auxiliary volunteers at Flo's on 7th.*



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