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## Florence Crittenton enrolling girls for the first all-girls public charter high school School boasts small class sizes, highly accredited teachers



**G**irls in the Valley now have an opportunity to attend the first all girls public charter high school. On August 8, Florence Crittenton will open the new Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAA).

Housed at Florence Crittenton's main campus in central Phoenix, the school will ensure every girl has access to the highest level of academic and social supports. GLAA will offer a college preparatory education in conjunction with a strong emphasis on developing the leaders of tomorrow. Students will earn college credit for some classes while also earning high school credits and participate in a curriculum that is designed specifically for and made relevant to girls.

"The Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona was inspired by a vision that all young women have the opportunity to develop as leaders," said Yvonne Watterson, Head of School. "The only single gender educational options in the Valley are private schools, which may be cost prohibitive to families with lower or mid-level incomes. Now there is an academically competitive option that is completely free."

Research shows there are benefits to single gender education, including high academic achievement, more self-confidence and in the case of minority students, increased college enrollment. All teachers employed at GLAA hold an Arizona teaching certification. Additionally, two faculty members hold the prestigious National Board Certification.

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FROM THE

# chief executive officer

forth with new life, Florence Crittenton is also busy with changes.

The most noticeable change you are bound to see is the transformation of our new Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAA). I am truly excited for this change. This is the culmination of a vision to give girls a new opportunity to excel and to create their own futures. Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona fills the gap for girls who want to learn leadership skills, earn early college credits and get hands-on experience through service learning. If you haven't read the front cover story, I encourage you to do so.

As I enjoyed the inspiring words of Gerda Weissmann Klein at our annual Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon in March, I was struck by the sea of supporters that surrounded me. More than 900 people took time from their busy schedules to attend this event and demonstrate their belief

in our mission and work. Their generosity and commitment to the young girls in our programs made this the most successful luncheon in the event's nine-year history.

Not too long ago someone asked me, "why does supporting Florence Crittenton matter?" The answer came to me easily. Supporting Florence Crittenton matters because girls matter. They are the mothers, the workers and the leaders of tomorrow. As their needs continue to evolve and grow, so must Florence Crittenton.

In this time of renewal and growth, we simply cannot do what we do without your support. Whether you join our Crittenton Society, volunteer or support the Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon, you help us provide the much-needed counseling, education and job training to give girls brighter futures. Thank you for sharing in our mission.

Best wishes,



Florence Crittenton  
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## About Us

*Florence Crittenton has served Arizona girls and young women for 115 years. Our mission is to give every girl whose life we touch safety, hope and opportunity. We provide programs and services to help girls, ages 10-21, with issues of severe abuse and neglect and help them become successful adults in our community.*

# GLAA

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Girls Leadership Academy's curriculum will include *Girl Meets World*, a research based and highly effective tool for leadership used in Oprah Winfrey's Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa. Each student has a teacher/advisor and will participate in a weekly advisory program to ensure their academic success. Community service projects will also be incorporated into the curriculum.

The dynamic learning environment is enhanced through carefully selected partnerships including: ASU W.P. Carey School of Business, Teach for America, AZ Quest for Kids, Junior Achievement of Arizona, YWCA of Phoenix, Mi Familia Vota and the Arts Coalition.



To learn more about GLAA or to enroll, contact Jennifer Miller, director of school and community engagement, at 602.288.4552 or visit [www.glaaz.org](http://www.glaaz.org).

## What students are saying about GLAA:

*“Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona will help me develop into the strong, independent and bright young woman I know I am.”*

*“I hope for a chance to better myself at GLAA so I can become an excellent student and in the future, a prosperous writer.”*

*“I am a leader and I can help lead GLAA into having a strong and memorable history.”*

*“This school will be an opportunity for me to be successful in college and make a better life and future for myself.”*

## What parents are saying about GLAA:

*“I believe the program will reinforce my daughter's leadership skills and challenge her to the next level.”*

*“Having a small amount of students means more one-on-one student attention.”*

*“I like the fact that it is an all-girls school... I also like that Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona offers so many great opportunities.”*

**GIRLS  
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**  
OF ARIZONA

A Florence Crittenton Initiative

# programs

Florence Crittenton's core programs provide individual, group and family counseling for girls and young women faced with challenging and destructive situations while promoting responsibility, accountability, education, job readiness, positive parenting skills and financial literacy.

In addition, Florence Crittenton is expanding its programs to have an even greater impact by focusing on public education, with the launch of Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona in August 2011.

## INTERVENTION

- **Therapeutic Group Home** – four 10-bed cottages provide a safe haven for 200 girls ages 10-18 annually and includes:
  - Counseling services
  - On-site medical services
  - Education
  - Basic needs
- **Girls Ranch** – a group home for up to six pregnant and/or parenting girls ages 12-18, who need:
  - Independent living skills
  - Parenting and/or childcare skills training
  - Housekeeping skills
- **Community-Based Services** – individualized, home-based skills development and case management that helps nearly 500 youth achieve self-sufficiency either via Life Skills or Independent Living programs that teach:
  - Goal setting and decision making
  - Money management
  - Educational planning
  - Career planning and job seeking
  - Housing

## PREVENTION

- **Mentoring**
  - **Girls For A Change** – a community-based volunteer mentor program that empowers teen girls to create and lead social change in their own communities
  - **WINGS** – a volunteer mentor program that matches approximately 45 at-risk girls annually with responsible, caring adult women from our community

## PERMANENCY

- **Transitional Living Program** – safe, affordable housing for girls ages 17½-21 who are aging out of Arizona's foster care system and includes:
  - Money management training
  - Job training and counseling
  - Educational planning

By supporting Florence Crittenton and our programs, you give at-risk girls the skills and resources that stay with them throughout their lives. Please use the enclosed reply envelope and continue your critical support. Or go to [www.flocrit.org](http://www.flocrit.org) and donate online.

# Announcements

## BHHS LEGACY FOUNDATION



Florence Crittenton is grateful for the \$50,000 grant from BHHS Legacy Foundation, an Arizona charitable nonprofit organization whose philanthropic mission is to enhance the quality of life and health of those it serves. Their grant allows Florence Crittenton to provide medical services for girls in the Therapeutic Group Home and Transitional Living programs, as well as students enrolled at the new Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona.

## FREEMPORT-McMoRAN COPPER AND GOLD FOUNDATION



Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation recently awarded Florence Crittenton's Girls For A Change Program a \$20,000 grant. This grant will empower young women in schools throughout Maricopa County to create and lead social change projects in their own communities.

## APS



Thank you to APS, a long-time supporter of Florence Crittenton, for its generous award of \$15,000. This grant will provide program support for the agency and help pay for printing services.

## MAKE YOUR DONATION GROW



Many local and national companies encourage their employees to make gifts to charitable organizations. Here's what you may not know... they also go one step further by matching employee donations! In fact, a lot of companies will match dollar-for-dollar, possibly more. Is your company one of them? Talk to your human resources department to find out if your company will match your gift to Florence Crittenton!

# community support

## Crittenton Society Members' Gifts Support Core Programs



Rebecca Ailes-Fine, Interim Chair  
of Crittenton Society

Florence Crittenton's board has a leadership initiative to raise \$1.5 million over the next four years to sustain and strengthen our most basic programs and services.

By joining Crittenton Society, you can help reach this goal.

Simply stated, you can make a positive difference in a young girl's life. Don't take our word for it; take Denise's:

***“I used to think life had no purpose... that there was no hope for me. I came here in November 2010 from a juvenile detention facility. Before that, I was living on the streets worrying every day what was going to happen to me.*”**

***That all changed when I arrived at Florence Crittenton. Staying focused on what I had to do was very hard at first. Fortunately I realized that all you have to do is try. I started really putting effort into what I was doing.***

***It paid off. The time I lived in the Therapeutic Group Home really helped me. I am very proud of myself. I'm so glad I came here. I believe anyone can make a change and transform herself into a better person.”***

Through your Crittenton Society membership, you have the opportunity to build a strong community by supporting and strengthening thousands of young women and their families each year. You also belong to a leadership group of individuals and families who are dedicated to sustaining Florence Crittenton's continued service to

at-risk girls in our community. Their goal is to help these young women and their families become self-sufficient adults.

*Your annual gift of \$1,000 or more to Florence Crittenton makes a difference and changes lives for the better. For more information, please contact Bill Schmidt, Florence Crittenton's Annual Giving Manager at 602.288.4583.*



Crittenton Society

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Gerda Weissmann Klein addresses  
900 TUFK guests



TUFK Silent Auction Co-Chairs  
Meghan Cox (left) and Blair Moffett  
(right) pose with Bill Walton

# Save the Date!

The 10th Annual Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon is set for Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Arizona Biltmore!

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Your gift helps girls overcome issues you cannot even begin to imagine. It gives girls dealing with traumatic events the support and confidence they need to become successful, independent and contributing members of our society. In essence, your gift matters!

Our mission at Florence Crittenton is to give every girl whose life we touch safety, hope and opportunity. We teach young women to become champions of their own lives, treating every girl as if she were our own daughter.

We can't do it alone – we need your help. Donate today and help give safety, hope and opportunity to the girls in our community who need it most!

Visit [www.flocrit.org](http://www.flocrit.org) or call 602.288.4555 to make your gift.



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# heels for healing

*Bargain hunters, get ready...  
the biggest event for Flo's on 7th is on its way!*

**Heels for Healing** gives fashionistas the opportunity to find fabulous shoes and handbags. From designer and vintage to casual and dressy, shoppers can browse (and buy!) a wide-range of amazing items. Best of all, all proceeds from the sales at Flo's benefit Florence Crittenton's programs, which heal the effects of abuse and neglect experienced by young girls and their families.

To help us prepare for the big day, **Flo's on 7th** is accepting donations of new and gently used shoes and handbags now until July 22. Help make Heels for Healing a success and receive a tax deduction at the same time!

Call 602.254.7861 for details.

**Heels for Healing**  
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