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Darlene Shephard named 2016 Hon Kachina Volunteer Award Recipient

Volunteer for More Than 40 Years Receives Prestigious Recognition

PHOENIX — Florence Crittenton is delighted to announce Darlene Shephard, volunteer and longtime friend of the agency, has been selected as one of the 2016 Hon Kachina Volunteer Award Recipients. Darlene will be recognized on May 7, 2016 at the Camelback Inn for her outstanding efforts as an active member of the Florence Crittenton Auxiliary for more than 40 years, averaging about 30-40 volunteer hours a month.

“I have witnessed first-hand Darlene’s unwavering support and love for the girls,” said Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kellie M. Warren. “Over the past 40 years, Darlene has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of girls each year by being a committed friend and adult in their lives when many times that has been absent. She is also a true inspiration to her fellow Auxiliary members, as well as to the Board of Directors and the staff of Florence Crittenton.”

Darlene has volunteered in various capacities from being a Board of Director, Auxiliary Committee President, hosting etiquette class for the agency’s annual luncheon to developing and implementing the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona’s Scholarship Program.

The Auxiliary is a group of dedicated women who volunteer at the agency to bring hope and healing to the girls living in our residential programs. The committee organizes and plays host to a variety of activities such as monthly birthday parties, picnics, holiday celebrations, summer pool parties, clothing and school supply drives. They also provide assistance at Flo’s on 7th (the agency’s upscale, resale store), and much more.

For the past 39 years, the Hon Kachina Council has been recognizing the achievement of outstanding volunteers in Arizona and to generate awareness about volunteerism. For more information about the Hon Kachina Volunteer Awards, visit <http://honkachina.org/>.

Founded in 1986, the mission of Florence Crittenton is to give every girl whose life we touch safety, hope and opportunity. The Agency has helped foster the recovery of girls and young women who have endured periods of victimization, chronic neglect, homelessness, poverty, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and/or mental instability. Our evidenced-based programs and services provide housing, healthcare, education, counseling, and social support to young women and girls, ages 10-to-21. Additionally, Florence Crittenton holds the charter for the state’s first and only public, single-gender preparatory school, the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAAZ).