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Florence Crittenton receives Prestigious Grand Slam Award to help Girls

The funds received will provide vans to transport girls and young women throughout the valley

PHOENIX – The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation awarded Florence Crittenton with a Ken Kendrick Grand Slam Award on Wednesday, March 29 at the 11th Annual Evening on the Diamond. The \$100,000 grant was provided to help the 120-year-old nonprofit purchase three new vans that will help improve the health and wellness of the girls and young women it serves by providing them needed transportation.

“We are honored to be a Ken Kendrick Grand Slam Award recipient,” said Dr. Kellie M. Warren, Florence Crittenton’s Chief Executive Officer. “The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation receives hundreds of submissions for this opportunity, and it is an incredibly humbling experience to be one of the few organizations selected. We are overjoyed to be awarded these funds to change the lives of hundreds of girls and young women.”

“Florence Crittenton is an important partner of our community and we are happy to provide much-needed funding through our Ken Kendrick Grand Slam Award program,” said Derrick Hall, D-backs President & CEO. “The D-backs have enthusiastically supported Florence Crittenton throughout the years and admire their much-needed impact. With this donation, we are pleased to be able to ensure safe travel for girls within the Therapeutic Group Home and Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona programs.”

The vans funded by the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation will be used to transport girls in Florence Crittenton’s Therapeutic Group Home to fieldtrips, doctor appointments and other offsite visits with specialized medical practitioners. Additionally, the vans will help the students enrolled at the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona to get to and from college visits, sports practices and games and to other educational activities.

Florence Crittenton’s Therapeutic Group Home (TGH) annually provides a safe, home-like environment for nearly 175 girls, ages 10 to 18, who come from destructive situations. While enrolled in the TGH, girls learn to address and overcome their trauma while also benefiting from services designed for their holistic development. Additionally, the agency holds the charter for the state’s first and only public, single-gender preparatory school, the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona, for grades 9th through 12th.

“Transportation through these three passenger vans is critical in the overall health and well-being of our students and residential girls,” said Dr. Warren. “These vans will enrich their lives by providing them with activities and resources to help them create and continue healthy and active lifestyles.”

For high-res photos of the Arizona Diamondbacks and girls, students and staff from Florence Crittenton with the new passenger vans, please visit <http://bit.ly/DBacksVans>.



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About Florence Crittenton

Founded in 1896, 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).

About Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation

Established in 1997, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation focuses its efforts on three main areas of need: homelessness, indigent healthcare, and children's programs of all types, including education and youth baseball field development. Through fundraising activities, the organization and the team's charitable arm has raised and donated more than \$50 million to the Arizona community.