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Director Charles L. Ryan

# ADC Top Arizona Donor for 2014 LETR





*From the desk of ADC Director Charles L. Ryan*

There isn't one among us in the law enforcement profession who doesn't appreciate the risks that come with the job. And, sadly, we at the Department of Corrections have experienced the ultimate loss of a uniformed officer who falls in the line of duty.

It's important not only to remember those men and women who bravely served this state and its citizens, but to honor the family and friends who keep alive the memories of the fallen.

Among the best ways to do that is the upcoming Arizona Fallen Officers Memorial Run, which is scheduled for 8 AM, Sunday, March 8th at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix.

This is a 5K walk/run that brings people from all over Arizona



to pay respect to the fallen and help raise funds for Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Arizona, and the Arizona Peace Officers Memorial Charity, Inc. Proceeds raised will help rebuild the lives of survivor family members and help maintain the Arizona Peace Officer Memorial.

If you can't attend, "phantom" runners are encouraged to sign up.

This is a worthy cause, and I urge all ADC personnel to consider participating.

For more information, please go to this website:

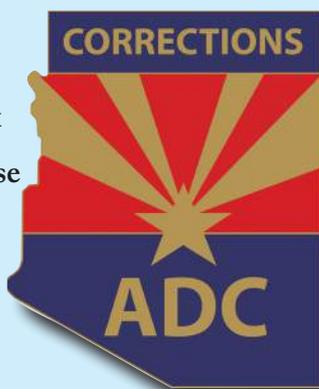
[www.copsarizona.org](http://www.copsarizona.org)

*Thank you.*

*Charles Ryan*

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# 2014 LETR totals reach record level

Article and photos provided by Directions Staff



*Complex LETR coordinators from around the state gathered at the Central Office Complex for a special award presentation by Special Olympics Arizona President and CEO Tim Martin and Law Enforcement Torch Run Coordinator Josh Montgomery. They presented plaques to the complex coordinators, acknowledging over half a million dollars raised by the Arizona Department of Corrections.*

The staff fundraising efforts for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics has consistently grown over the years. An all-time high this year of \$568,819 was raised for Special Olympics. This total has helped Special Olympics Arizona reach the \$1-million mark for consecutive years.

The Arizona Department of Corrections started fund raising for Special Olympics in the mid 1990's with participation in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Over the next few years all prison complexes started becoming involved in sponsored activities like the Polar Plunge, Tip-

A-Cop and Cop-On-Top to raise funds for Special Olympics. Some staff even became involved in the Special Olympic Games and sponsored athletes. With the encouragement of Director Charles L. Ryan,

the number of staff increased, and new events became annual traditions.

Now ADC sponsors several events each year to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. Some of these annual

events include Polar Plunges, golf tournaments, motorcycle runs, truck pulls, and innovative events such as the Arizona State Prison Complex - Eyman

*"I COMMEND ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DO THIS AND YOUR INNOVATION IN FUNDRAISING. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!"*

*DIR. CHARLES L. RYAN*

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Mud Run this year. All of the fundraising and associated events are volunteer hours often resulting in extremely long days for the liaisons that work a full day and then attend fundraising events or work on coordinating future events.

In addition to public fundraising, the liaisons motivate the inmate population to contribute to the Special Olympics by educating the inmates on the

charity and organizing fundraising events in addition to their regular assigned duties as ADC employees. Several complexes have even had Special Olympic athletes come and speak to the inmates about the positive effect of participating in Special Olympics.

Congratulations to everyone for their outstanding efforts during 2014, and for reaching such an amazing final total of \$568,819.



*Special Olympics Arizona President and CEO Tim Martin presents ADC Director Charles L. Ryan with a plaque thanking him for his leadership, dedication and support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arizona.*

*The award ceremony took place on January 20 at the Central Office Complex, with LETR Coordinators from each prison in attendance.*

*In an E-briefing recorded during the event, Director Ryan told the staff “I commend all of you for doing this and your innovation in fundraising.”*



*LETR Coordinator CO IV Derek Alvarez accepted the plaque for ASPC-Douglas, recognizing the complex for raising \$15,518 for the 2014 Torch Run. Alvarez says, “One of our favorite fundraisers was the ‘Dunk Tank’, where even Mr. Profiri took a turn getting dropped into the water. Thank you Douglas for a job well done.”*



*LETR Coordinators CO III Jillian Zinkie-Swaney and AA III Rosemary Cordova accepted the plaque for ASPC-Eyman, recognizing the complex for raising \$131,376. Cordova says, “In 2014, Eyman hosted a Mud Run, which was such a success plans are being made to make it an annual event.”*



*LETR Coordinator CO III Jonathan Gilkey accepted the plaque for ASPC-Florence, recognizing the complex for raising \$78,041. Gilkey says, "We held numerous inmate and staff fundraisers, including the Torch Run, 'Tip a Cop' events and a three-day 'Cop on Top' at the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in Mesa."*



*LETR Coordinator ADW Joshua Karkhoff accepted the plaque for ASPC-Lewis, recognizing the complex for raising \$22,203. Karkhoff says, "A huge end of the year push resulted in \$14,281.51 being raised in the month of December alone. We are aiming to continue similar efforts throughout 2015."*



*LETR Coordinator Capt. Charles Galvan accepted the plaque for ASPC-Perryville, recognizing the complex for raising \$162,547. Galvan says, "The staff and inmates held over 25 fundraisers and hosted special events for LETR. Their dedication resulted in over \$162,000 for Special Olympics."*



*LETR Coordinator ESA Vanessa English accepted the plaque for ASPC-Phoenix, recognizing the complex for raising \$6,141. She says, "We held numerous inmate fundraisers throughout the year and also held various staff fundraisers to assist CO II Michael Kellar raise \$1,000 to go Over the Edge."*



*LETR Coordinator CO IV Quinten Wood accepted the plaque for ASPC-Safford, recognizing the complex for raising \$6,872. Wood says, "Safford raised funds for creating several different fundraisers. The majority of our donation was through inmate fundraisers."*



*LETR Coordinator AAIII Danielle Hallahan accepted the plaque for ASPC-Tucson, recognizing the complex for raising \$43,398. Hallahan says, "Tucson takes pride in participating in a variety of events such as 'Tip a Cop', 'Polar Plunge', 'Fuel of Dreams' and the Torch Run. The goal for 2015 is to raise \$50,000."*



*LETR Coordinator DW Heather Pruett accepted the plaque for ASPC-Winslow, recognizing the complex for raising \$55,631. Pruett says, “We raised money through our Annual Poker Run, inmate fundraisers, ‘Fry’s Fuel of Dreams’, ‘Tip A Cop’ events, and this year the ‘Over the Edge’ event.”*

*LETR Coordinator ESA Erin Reese accepted the plaque for ASPC-Yuma, recognizing the complex for raising \$33,124. Reese says, “ASPC Yuma held several staff and inmate fundraisers. Staff did a phenomenal job ensuring fundraising events ran smoothly. Great job by all!”*



*Fundraising examples, clockwise from top: CO II John Risch has been conducting a Krispy Kreme “Cop on Top” for years. The annual Northern Arizona Poker Run draws a lot of participation from Corrections. “Tip A Cop” is another fundraiser event that not only brings in substantial donations, but also promotes positive community awareness about the Department. The “Polar Plunge” is an another annual event that receives a large attendance from ADC staff from around the state.*

# ADC goes “Over the Edge” for SOA

*Article and photos provided by Directions Staff*

Over the Edge is an annual fundraiser for Special Olympics Arizona where participants collect donations and put their own bravery and safety to the test by rappelling down the side of a 28-story building. ADC Director Charles L. Ryan has accepted the challenge for the Department for the past few years, but in 2014, several other staff joined in.

Along with Team Ryan, which consisted of Director Ryan and Planning and Special Projects Manager Denise Stravia, staff from Eyman, Tucson and Winslow participated, raising over \$15,000 for Special Olympics Arizona. For many of the participants, this

was the first time they had ever done anything like this, but they literally leaped into the air to be part of this tremendous fundraising event.

Team Eyman consisted of CO II Chris Kriebel, CO II Terrell Folgio, CO II Sandra Birdsong and CO II Heather Dison. Team Tucson was manned by DW Glenn Pacheco. Team Winslow had CO II Josh White, CO II Whitney Greer, Sgt. Paula Talley, RN John Mitchell and CO II Rudolpho Espinoza. CO II Michael Kellar was Team Phoenix.

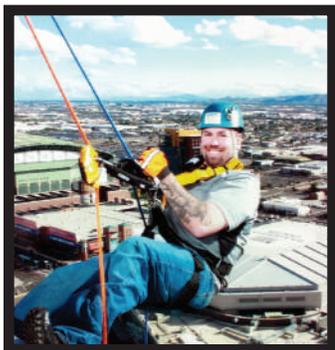
Great job everyone, and we’ll see you all next year!



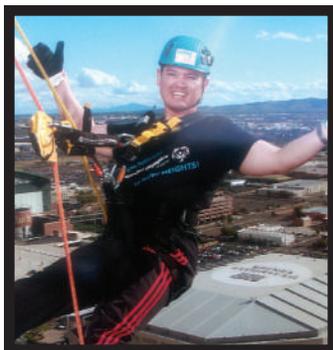
*Director Ryan shows Ms. Stravia how to get started.*



*Team Winslow, suited up and ready to go.*



*CO II Kellar and DW Pacheco make their way down.*



*CO II Espinoza starting and CO II Greer almost done.*



*Team Eyman went over the edge together as a group. CO II Kriebel was the only person who had previous rappelling experience.*

# 28 Years of Wisdom

Article provided by AA III Betty Nawrocki / COTA

When COTA Class 1000 graduated in June 2014, we asked Wardens and Department Administrators what advice they would share with new officers, and we called it “28 Years of Wisdom.” We shared these words of wisdom in the graduation program booklet. Now with a new year upon us, it might be a good time to share again as a reminder of our responsibilities, motivations and opportunities on the job.



**Carson McWilliams, Division Director, Offender Operations:** *Your credibility is a critical factor in how you will be perceived by inmates, who judge those around them, including staff, by their word. Don't compromise it.*



**Gail Rittenhouse, Division Director, Support Services:** *Think of employment with ADC in the long term. There are so many opportunities in this organization. (Spoken by a 30 year veteran who has held many and diverse positions with this agency!)*



**Michael Kearns, Division Director, Administrative Services:** *Leave work at work; enjoy and cherish your time outside work – balance is a key to a fresh mind at work. Know and utilize your support network – family, co-workers, trainers, mentors, etc... they are key to your success. Don't stop learning – ADC supports and encourages furthering your educational pursuits; it is a key to succession planning. Some of our most difficult experiences are from the same source of our most gratifying moments (e.g. kids, school, marriage, etc.). Use your gift of speech – it will be your greatest asset in difficult situations. What you put into the job is what you will get out of the job.*



**Ernest Trujillo, Northern Region Operations Director:** *Why ADC values Integrity: Integrity in an Officer is reflected by honesty as well as a desire to inspire and a devotion of values that the Officer constantly tries to communicate to those he or she serves with. The Officer with integrity can rarely if ever relax a commitment to what he or she believes is the behavior that best reflects those closely held values. All Officers are leaders to various degrees. When followers see Officers who are leaders acting with integrity, they are more likely to want to emulate that quality. Integrity is the cornerstone of leadership. There's only one thing that no one can take away from you. They can take your life, they can take your savings, they can take your property, they can take everything you've got... but the one thing no one can take from you is your integrity, your honor. You have to voluntarily give that up. You're the owner of your integrity. And some people sell it awfully cheap. Integrity means that you are honest and truthful in what you say or do. You put honesty, sense of duty, and sound moral principles above all else.*



**Joe Profiri, Southern Region Operations Director:** *You must have a moral compass, a standard that guides you. You can't decide when the decision is before you, you must decide now what your standards are.*



**Lyle Broadhead, Warden, ASPC-Safford:** *Always challenge yourself. There is too much to learn and do in this Department to ever be bored. If you find yourself bored, it's because you're not moving forward quickly enough.*



**Laura Escapule, Warden, ASPC-Yuma:** *Correctional Officers face numerous mental and physical challenges to their safety from the inmate population. A Correctional Officer should be unpredictable and should be prepared for unpredictable events. An Officer with integrity and self-worth will avoid temptations to get personally involved with inmates, who are always seeking new ways of manipulating the conditions of their confinement. Be safe, ask questions and know that you are not alone.*



**Berry Larson, Warden, ASPC-Winslow:** *This is a career that can take you far. Be open to new correctional experiences, such as different shifts, job assignments, units, custody levels and complexes.*



**Judy Frigo, Warden, ASPC-Perryville:** *Everything you learned at COTA and what you will experience and learn in your new job is valuable. When you least expect it, you will be able to reach back in your memory and make decisions and perform actions quickly based on all your previous training and experiences. Everything you learn and experience can never be taken away from you and only add to the officers and the people you will continue to grow into. You decide...you choose...your attitude. You decide and choose how to respond to different situations, experiences and conversations. You choose to enjoy what you do or you choose to not enjoy what you do. What will you choose?*



**Chris Moody, Warden, ASPC-Lewis:** *The only steps are those that go forward. There's not a word called failure and there is no such thing as luck. There is no cutting corners or taking short cuts in this profession. You will come across challenges and come face to face with obstacles that seem immovable. You must rise above the challenges and obstacles you face, have loyalty and pride in who you are and where you work and have self-confidence based on expert knowledge.*



**James O'Neil, Warden, ASPC-Eyman:** *Ensure you separate work from family. Have a hobby that provides stress relief. Engage in healthy relationships with family and friends to balance your life. Corrections is a negative environment and can consume one if you do not have balance.*



**Therese Schroeder, Warden, ASPC-Tucson:** *Very few children say, "I want to work in a prison when I grow up." Yet, you have chosen to and it is a great career. Look around at all of the opportunities, every job here is available to you. ADC is a land of opportunity, if you want to be the Warden or even the Director, that is possible.*

# ESA wins SECC Grand Prize

Article and photo provided by Directions staff

As part of the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), state employees who donate at least \$52.00 a year are automatically entered into the SECC Grand Prize Give Away, sponsored by the Arizona State Credit Union. A total of 10 Grand Prizes are given away and on January 28, ESA John Theisen, with Central Office Contract Beds learned he was one of the lucky winners.

Mr. Theisen was presented \$500.00, half for him to keep and half to designate to the charity of his choice.

He had no problem picking which



*Patti Rowe, Arizona State Credit Union Relationship Manager and Khala Stanfield, Executive Director of the State Employee Charitable Campaign present ESA John Theisen with his prize.*

charity to support. “My reason for selecting the American Red Cross, Grand Canyon Chapter, is because I admire the parent organization’s efforts in disaster relief and in providing assorted assistance to those after crisis events,” said John.

“I have donated to them through the annual SECC campaign for several years now, and I feel their efforts toward recovery after earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural events deserve what modest financial support I can offer.”

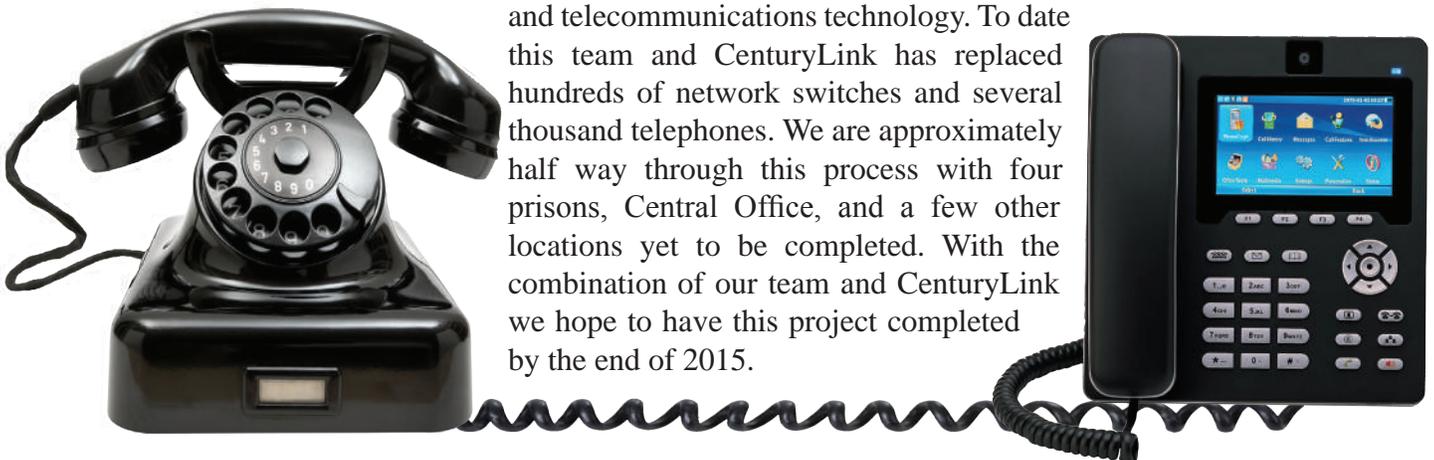
In 2014, Arizona state employees donated over \$578,000 to the campaign.

## ADC Phone System Upgrade

Article and photo provided ESA Christina Valenzuela

In July of 2012 CenturyLink became the State of Arizona’s supplier of telecommunication services. They began the process of “refreshing” all state agencies network and telecom equipment. For the Department of Corrections that meant replacing all network switches and telephone systems. Due to the nature of our business we decided to assemble a team of our own to assist CenturyLink in this endeavor. The ADC refresh team is drawn from technicians at various sites around the state, along with Central Office, for their expertise in the fields of network

and telecommunications technology. To date this team and CenturyLink has replaced hundreds of network switches and several thousand telephones. We are approximately half way through this process with four prisons, Central Office, and a few other locations yet to be completed. With the combination of our team and CenturyLink we hope to have this project completed by the end of 2015.



*This is an occasional feature highlighting holidays enjoyed by our staff*

# Los Carnavales De Barranquilla Colombia

*Article and translation provided by CO II Otto Villafane USME*



*The photos above offer just two examples of the elaborate and brightly colored costumes worn by participants in the Carnivals of Barranquilla Colombia. Additional photos can be found online by searching for images of “Carnivals of Barranquilla.”*

Estas fiestas tradicionales de Barranquilla son unicas a nivel mundial, porque es donde el pueblo se divierte hasta cuando el cuerpo aguante, son cuatro dias ya sea del mes de febrero o del mes de marzo, vienen relacionada con la semana santa, el ultimo día o sea el martes de carnaval es el dia anterior del miercoles de ceniza.

En el proximo ano es decir en el 2015 las fiestas comenzaran el sabado 14 de febrero. Son muy significativa estas fiestas porque es cuando las clases sociales se mezclan, el pueblo se divierte a lo maximo, hay un derroche de imaginacion con disfraces alegorios a los personajes que han sido noticia en todo el ano, es muy divertido por lo que muchos turistas de todo el mundo ahorran dinero todo el ano para poder disfrutar de estas fiestas. Existe un convencimiento errado sobre la posibilidad de caer victima de la delincuencia lo cual es totalmente falso. Barranquilla es la ciudad mas pacifica y alegre del mundo su gente es muy amable y mas con los turistas extranjeros. Por todo lo anterior, los invito a que observen en internet todos los pormenores de estas fiestas.

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*English Translation*

## Carnivals of Barranquilla Colombia

*These traditional festivals in Barranquilla are unique worldwide, it's a four day cultural and folkloric event characterized by ethnic diversity, merriment, dance, music, and entertainment. People are determined to have fun until they can't party anymore. These four days are either in February or March, in relation to Easter. The last day of the festival is Shrove Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday.*

*In 2015 the celebrations begin on Saturday February 14th. They are very significant because it is a festival where social classes are mixed, the people have fun to the fullest and there is a lot of imagination with allegories to characters that have made headlines. All year costumes are very funny, so many tourists worldwide save money all year to enjoy these festivals. However, it's a worldwide misconception about the possibility of falling victim to crime, which is totally a false belief. Barranquilla is a peaceful and joyful city. The people are very friendly and more respectful to foreign tourists.*

*Given the above, I invite you to watch online all the details of this festival.*

# ADC Staff on the Move

Between October 11th and December 31st, the following Grade 23 and above staff members have either been hired or promoted, transferred or retired. Congratulations on their new assignments!



## ***TRANSFERS AND RETIREMENTS***

**ADW Shannon Thielman:** *From Cook to Rynning*

**ADW Ed Shuman:** *From Meadows to Browning*

**ADW Jeff Rode:** *From Rynning to SMU I*

**ADW Michael Walker:** *From Browning to Meadows*

**ADW Fred Burch:** *From Central to South*

**ADW Benjamin Gieron:** *From North to Central*

**ADW Hope Ping:** *From South to North*

**ADW Walter Hensley:** *From Cimarron to Rincon*

**ADW Eric Hall:** *From Rincon to Cimarron*

**ADW Dale Melton:** *From Cheyenne to La Paz*

**ADW Daniel Town:** *From La Paz to Cheyenne*

**DW Monica Taylor:** *From Compliance Safford to DW Compliance Douglas*

**DW Teresa Hetmer:** *From SRCCC to DW Compliance Safford*

**Warden Al Ramos:** *From Douglas to Tucson*

**Warden Therese Schroeder:** *From Tucson Warden to SRCCC DW*

**DW Jeff Freeland:** *From Cook to Contract Beds CACF/FW*

**Major Lori Stickley:** *From Perryville to Phoenix*

**DWOP Wayne Wilson:** *Retired January 30*

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## ***NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS***

**DW Cathryn Squires:** To DW Cook

**ADW Jo Chiu:** To DW Compliance Florence

**Major Samuel Washburn:** To DW Compliance Eyman

**CO IV Wendy Eccles-Stephens:** To ADW Alhambra

**CO IV Toni Bowman:** To ADW Cook

**Captain Randy Standridge:** To Major Perryville

**DWOP Meegan Muse:** To Douglas Warden

**ADW Render Gregory:** To DW Gila Unit



# Human Services Bureau Wins A Goody Day!

Article and photo provided by HR Administrator Diann Staymates



Staff at the 1831 Building proudly display their accomplishment of donating approximately 2,000 pounds of food in the Support Services annual Food Drive Challenge. A job well done to everyone who participated in this event.

Support Services staff at three Central Office locations rallied together to host its annual Food Drive Challenge. Their goal was to collect as many non-perishable food items as possible to benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix.

The challenge began on November 1, 2014 and ran through noon on December 12, 2014. For every 10-food items donated, Support Services staff was given a raffle entry making them eligible for prizes donated by Support Services staff.

Between the 1831 Building Human Services Bureau, the 1601 – 3rd Floor (Division Director's Office, Training, ER, Substance Abuse and Chaplain Services) and the ACI building, 3,300 food items were collected, equating to about **3,200 pounds of food!**

The 1831 Human Services Bureau won the overall challenge collecting approximately 2,000 pounds of food and winning a future day of baked goodies and yummy snacks hosted by the other two Central Office locations!



The winners of the "Bring 10-items" raffle were:

12-Days of Christmas Treat Assortment: **Ray Sibbitt - ACI**

"Gee I Smell Good" Gift Basket: **Sam Keomaka - Staffing/Class & Comp**

4-Pack of Movie Tickets with Popcorn Voucher: **Judy Ebeling - RUSH**

GCU Basketball Tickets: **Carmen Rodriguez - Staffing/Class & Comp**

Starbucks Gift Card: **Eric Cole - ACI**

Starbucks Gift Card: **Glen Davis - ACI**

Starbucks Gift Card: **Lisa Ross - Staffing/Class & Comp**

# 2014 ADC Hoops Classic

Article and photos provided by PIO Bill Lamoreaux



*The ASPC-Perryville team takes the trophy to their complex, after beating ASPC-Lewis for the championship.*

Teams from around Arizona gathered once again, on the NBA hardwood to determine a champion. The tournament was held on the Phoenix SUNS' home court, at the U.S. Airways Center.

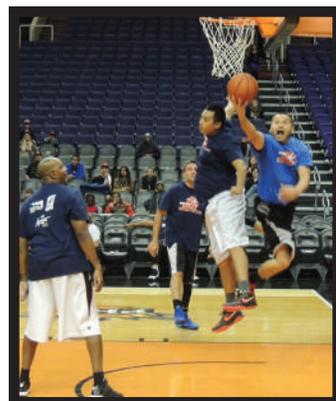
Teams from ASPC-Florence, Lewis, Perryville, Tucson, Winslow, CACF and the San Carlos Apache Police Department competed in a double-elimination tournament to raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Arizona. The games were close, and spirited, but in the end, Perryville was able to hold off a late charging Lewis team for the trophy.

The tournament also raised over \$1,500 to help LETR support over 16,000 Special Olympic athletes chase their athletic dreams.

Thanks to the generous donation of the Arizona State Credit Union, each player was able to walk away with a tournament T-shirt, and the experience of playing on an NBA court.



*The Suns center scoreboard welcomed the ADC teams.*



*Competition was spirited and fast paced.*

# First Inmate Receives LifeLearning Academy H.S. Diploma

Article and photos provided by Media Relations Manager Doug Nick



*Director Charles Ryan, Support Services Division Director Gail Rittenhouse and Warden Judy Frigo were in attendance for Inmate Ashleigh Gibbons graduation ceremony.*

The pace has been set for ADC's LifeLearning Academy with the January graduation of Inmate Ashleigh Gibbons from the Department's newly-accredited high school.

In 2012, Director Ryan enlisted the expertise of then-Education Administrator Dr. Perry Hill to implement the vision of a fully accredited high school for inmates under the age of 21.

"This is not typical for corrections agencies nationally," said Director Ryan. "The Arizona Department of Corrections is among a handful of systems in the U.S. that have taken the bold step of implementing a fully accredited high school tied to state standards. It's quite an accomplishment, and I am very proud of the work that was begun by Dr. Perry Hill and which Mark Jones and the rest of ADC's education professionals have done."

ADC began the process in 2013 and established LifeLearning Academy, which currently has 57 students at ASPC-Tucson and three at ASPC-Perryville. Full accreditation was met on January 20 of this year, just in time for Inmate Gibbons to accept her diploma.

Unlike the high school equivalency program (formerly known as GED), the LifeLearning Academy is tied to the same state educational standards all Arizona public students must meet, including the AIMS graduation standards.

Central to the Academy's mission is professional development for ADC education staff. This includes training and resources on instructional best practices, unwrapping state standards, and data-driven instruction.

"I am extremely pleased that the LifeLearning Academy has seen its first graduate," added Director Ryan. "One of the most important programs this agency can offer is a chance for offenders to get an education, and the LifeLearning Academy is an important milestone."

The goal is to have LifeLearning Academy established statewide for all inmates 18-21.

## New “MAP” Enhancements

ADOA recently announced new processes to make the MAP closeout easier, to improve the MAP process for employees transferring within the same job classification, and the creation of auto email notifications and reminders for supervisors and employees. You can learn the details about these changes and print them for future reference by visiting:

[http://10.6.0.30/HomePage/Map\\_Planner\\_guidelines.asp](http://10.6.0.30/HomePage/Map_Planner_guidelines.asp)

and clicking on the December 2014

End of Year MAP Enhancement link.

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION & BENEFICIARY WELFARE CHECK

*Article provided by ESA Tina Wilson*

It's the new year and many of us have once again created a list of New Year's resolutions we hope to achieve in the upcoming year. This year, start off right by ensuring your personal information is up to date and current by accessing the “Your Employee Services (YES)” website to review your personal information. By logging into “YES,” you can verify and change your home address, personal telephone numbers, and emergency contact information. You can even change your tax withholdings!

While on the site, take a minute to check your life insurance beneficiaries. Having an ex-spouse or a past fiancé identified as a beneficiary will only cause grief and hardship on your family should you no longer be here! Note: Changing your beneficiary on “YES” WILL NOT auto-update your retirement beneficiary. You must log into your retirement account to make changes.

**If you are an AZ State Retirement System (ASRS) Member, log onto:**

<https://www.azasrs.gov/web/Login.do>

**If you are in the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP), log onto:**

<https://members2.psprs.com/ASPMembers/default.aspx>



Need help accessing “YES?” ADC HR Offices statewide are on site and ready to help! So, take a moment and get that personal information and welfare check completed! Make this a New Year's resolution you can actually keep!

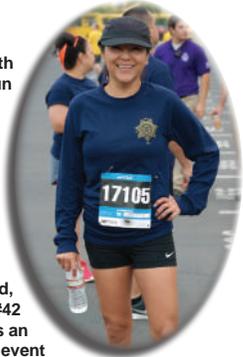
**MARK  
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CALENDAR!**



## 11TH Annual Pat's Run



On April 25th, join us to celebrate the 11th Annual Pat's Run in Tempe. The 4.2 mile Run/Walk to honor Pat winds through Tempe to Sun Devil Stadium, ending at the 42-yard line of Frank Kush Field, symbolic of the #42 jersey Pat wore as an ASU Sun Devil. The event



raises scholarship funds for Tillman Military Scholars who, in Pat's name, strive to make a significant impact for our country and communities. Register now and start your fundraising page to support the next class of Tillman Military Scholars.



Please visit [www.patillmanfoundation.org/pats-run/](http://www.patillmanfoundation.org/pats-run/) to register.



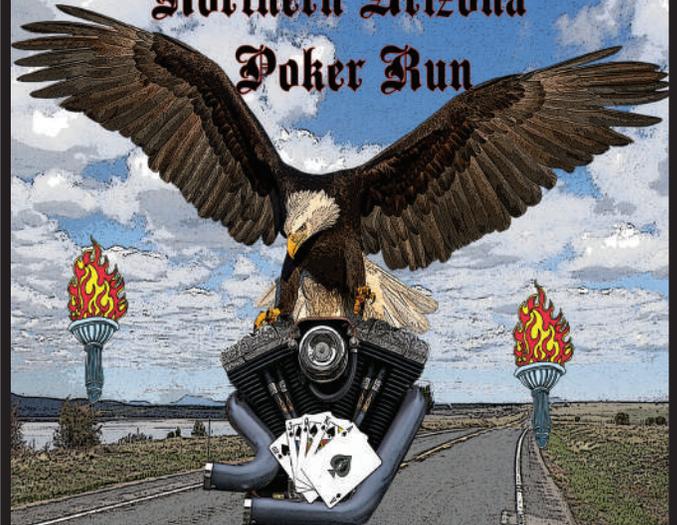
**When:** Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Main Street Park, Florence AZ

**Why:** Fundraiser for Special Olympics Arizona

**Who:** Rosemary Cordova @ 520-868-0201 X 6107

## The 16th Annual Northern Arizona Poker Run



**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Cruisers Route 66 Cafe, Williams AZ

**Why:** Fundraiser for Special Olympics Arizona

**Who:** Heather Prueff @ 928-289-9551 X 42700