



Charitable Network

An Arizona Non Profit Corporation

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October 1, 2025

Dear Colleague,

Friends of Ward 3 (FoW3) was incorporated on July 23, 2024, and received our 501(c)(3) status a month later.

We are a charitable network serving the needs of residents of Ward 3 in the City of Tucson. We network, volunteer, and raise money to improve the lives of residents in Tucson's Ward 3 through charitable giving.

As an all-volunteer organization, we pride ourselves on having extremely low overhead.

Our "Five Quarter" report from July 23, 2024 to September 30, 2025 is attached.

We appreciate the support that we have received from our donors and volunteers.

We appreciate your interest in Friends of Ward 3 and look forward to a strong lasting partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Board of Directors of Friends of Ward 3

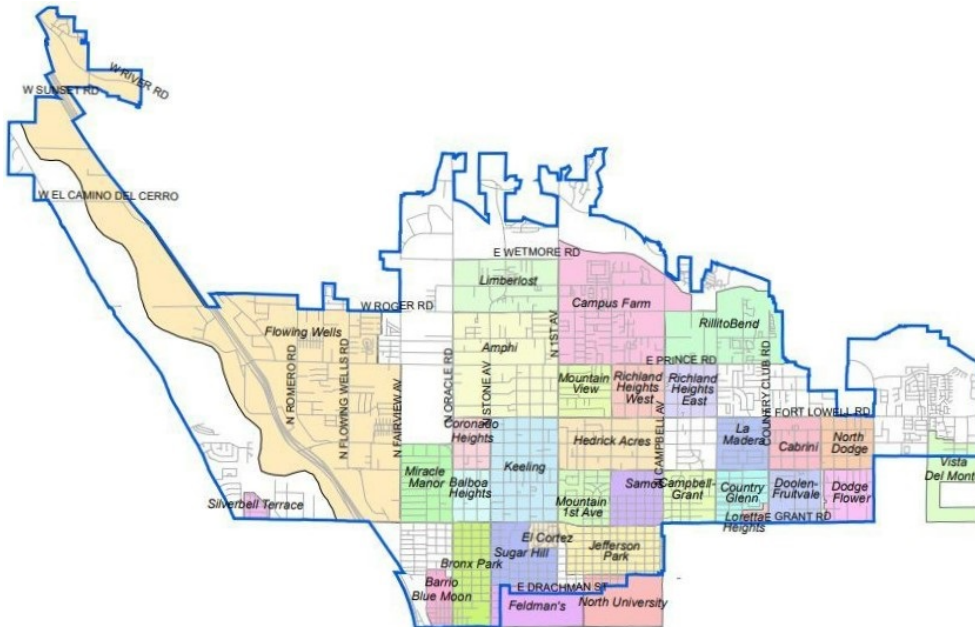
Friends of Ward 3 is a 501 (c) (3) Arizona non profit organization. Our Federal Tax Identification number is 99-4175063.

Board of Directors: Nigel Brooks, Daniel Dempsey, John Kovacik
Advisory Committee: Kevin Dahl, Chinna Garza, Samantha Kao, Marv Kirchler



Five Quarter Report

July 23, 2024 - September 30, 2025



Ward 3 is Our Home





Aspirational Statements

A 501 (c) (3) charitable network serving the needs of residents of Ward 3 in the City of Tucson.

Mission

We network, volunteer, and raise money to improve the lives of residents in Tucson's Ward 3 through charitable giving.

Vision

A Ward 3 where every resident has the resources and opportunities needed for a fulfilling life in a thriving, safe, and sustainable environment.

Values

- Volunteerism: Contributing to our local community to provide a solid support system.
- Collaboration: Partnering with local organizations and stakeholders to maximize resources and outcomes.
- Community: Building strong and sustainable relationships within Ward 3.
- Impact: Making meaning and lasting contributions to the community.
- Inclusivity: Ensuring that our efforts reach the diverse populations of Ward 3.
- Integrity: Conducting our work with transparency and ethical practices

Areas of focus

- Social welfare
- Health
- Environment
- Education



Friends of Ward 3 has provided...

Sanitary and socks kits for the homeless



Christmas presents for disadvantaged children





Friends of Ward 3 is the fiscal sponsor for Friends of Danny Lopez Park...



Danny Lopez Park is a unique environment along the Santa Cruz River. It is a wildlife habitat, migratory corridor, and riparian area. It is named in honor of Tohono O'odham Elder and Leader Danny Lopez - fodlp.org.

Friends of Ward 3 is working with the various neighborhood associations in Ward 3, including...

- Amphi - administrative assistance
- Dodge Flower - traffic circle upgrades
- Hedrick Acres - mural assistance
- Limberlost - administrative assistance
- Miracle Manor- speed hump planning

and other community groups, such as the Fort Lowell Corridor Crime and Safety meetings.



Net Assets

Net Assets as of September 30, 2025

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ |
| Cash | 8,662.23 |
| Inventory – restricted for future award | 107.61 |
| Total Net Assets | <u>8,769.84</u> |

Fund Balances

Fund balances as of September 30, 2025

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ |
| Reserves – general | 500.00 |
| Reserves – allocated | 1,700.00 |
| Restricted | 5,448.44 |
| Unrestricted | 1,121.40 |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>8,769.84</u> |

Allocation of Fund Balances

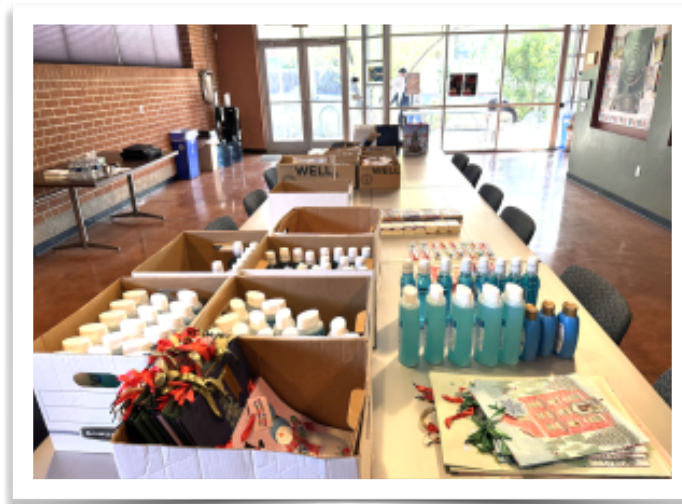
Fund allocations as of September 30, 2025

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Unallocated Funds: | |
| | \$ |
| Unallocated Reserve Funds | 500.00 |
| Unrestricted Funds | 1,121.40 |
| Total Unallocated Funds | <u>1,621.40</u> |
| Allocated Reserve Funds | <u>1,700.00</u> |
| Restricted Funds: | |
| Total Friends of Ward 3 Designated Funds | 3,208.37 |
| Total Friends of Danny Lopez Park Designated Funds | 2,240.07 |
| Total Restricted Funds | <u>5,448.44</u> |
| Total Funds | <u>8,769.84</u> |



Friends of Ward 3...

- Organizes “Friendraisers” - an opportunity to make friends and network while donating and volunteering at events and on projects



- Provides educational materials - the future of Ward 3 is with its children





Statement of Activity

Statement of Activity from July 23, 2024 to September 30, 2025

| | \$ | % |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Gross Revenue: | | |
| Contributions/donations – reserves | 2,200.00 | 13.43% |
| Contributions/donations – restricted | 9,463.91 | 57.79% |
| Contributions/donations – unrestricted | 4,753.89 | 29.03% |
| Interest and dividends earned (unrestricted funds) | 2.09 | 0.01% |
| Total Gross Revenue | 16,419.89 | 100.27% |
| Cost of Gross Revenue | 44.18 | 0.27% |
| Net Revenue | 16,375.71 | 100.00% |
| Expenses: | | |
| Awards | 6,556.98 | 40.04% |
| Operating | 698.89 | 4.27% |
| Organizational cost | 350.00 | 2.14% |
| Total Expenses | 7,605.87 | 46.45% |
| Increase in Net Assets | 8,769.84 | 53.55% |

Awards

Awards Granted as of September 30, 2025

Allocated Reserves:

Ward 3 Traffic Circles
Ward 3 Speed Humps

Allocated Restricted Funds, Unrestricted Funds, and Inventory:

Amphi Neighborhood Association
Amphi Women and Girls Union
City of Tucson Parks and Recreation
City of Tucson Unsheltered Program
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
Friends of Danny Lopez Park
St Francis Shelter Community
Tucson Food Share
Tucson Medical Center/TC3
We Care Tucson
Wildcat Inn Bike Fund
Wildcat Inn Kits and Toys
STAR Village – Women’s Sanctioned Empowerment



Guiding Principles

- Having shared mission, vision, and values.
- Treating everybody equitably.
- Helping others to reach their full potential.
- Striving for environmental sustainability.
- Leveraging opportunities between individuals and organizations for economic development and employment.
- Building strong social networks with the community to make Ward 3 a safe and welcoming place.
- Making fact-based decisions through open discussions.
- Managing our resources conservatively.

Value Propositions

For volunteers - a great learning opportunity:

- Doing good and making a difference - leading to positive societal impact.
- Gaining knowledge about the Ward 3 community and acquiring personal development skills.

For donors - an opportunity to put back:

- Partnering with an all volunteer organization with very limited overhead.
- Responding directly to the needs of the local community - tackling homelessness, poverty, and supporting low income families with children.
- Improving infrastructure for safety, security, and shade.



Donors

as of September 30, 2025

Andrew Mendoza**

Anonymous (1)

Anonymous (1)***

Anonymous (1)****

Barbara Jones*

Chinna Garza

Christine Curtis

Dan Chandler

Daniel Dempsey

Eric Rudnick

Jennifer Shopland*

John Kovacik

Juan Carlos Llamas**

Kevin Dahl

Limell Lawson

Marv Kirchler

Maxine Goodman

Nigel Brooks

Richard B. Meyer and Judith D. Meyer Charitable Fund*

Southwest Gas Corporation

Stephen and Lindy Brigham Charitable Fund

Tucson Organic Gardeners*

Western Winds Homeowners Association

*** Restricted donation to Friends of Danny Lopez Park**

**** Restricted donation to St. Francis Shelter Community**

***** Restricted donation to Wildcat Inn Bike Fund**

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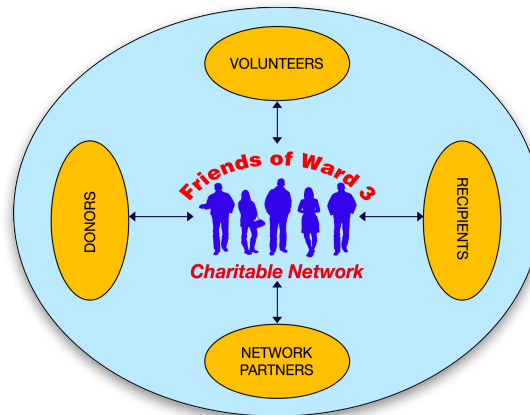
Relationship with the Ward 3 Office



- Friends of Ward is an entity with 501 (c) (3) status independent from the City of Tucson, and more specifically, the Ward 3 office.
- However, Friends of Ward 3 has a special relationship with the Ward 3 office:
 - General updates on activities and issues within the Ward.
 - Referrals from the Ward 3 staff for assistance with the neighborhood associations and within the community in general.
 - Use of the community room for business meetings and fundraisers.
 - Articles in Ward 3 newsletter.



Strategy



Position and posture:

- As a charitable network of volunteers, Friends of Ward 3 addresses local needs and fosters community development by partnering with individuals and organizations, including the Ward 3 office, neighborhood associations, the community-at-large, for-profit businesses, and other non profit organizations.

Our work focuses on funding local initiatives that promote social welfare, health, the environment, and education.

- Friends of Ward 3 also participate in “friendraisers” - network events and projects to help local communities, mixing fun and purpose.

Differentiating factors:

- Friends of Ward 3 differentiates itself from others by being a “hands-on” volunteer organization with limited overhead, which contributes financially to the causes in which it believes. Friends of Ward 3 fosters a special relationship with the Ward 3 office.
- Friends of Ward 3 narrows the gap between where the community is and its possibilities by transforming aspirations into better lives.

Our network partners are neighborhood associations, communities-at-large, for-profit businesses, and other non profit organizations.

Our recipients are individuals and families, communities-at-large, neighborhood associations, and other non profit organizations.

Our awards consist of grants, kits, and projects.



In The News

KGUN9:

Swim lessons offer empowerment and skillbuilding for Afghan refugee girls in Tucson

Lighthouse/City YMCA hosts program kickstarted by the Amphi Women and Girls Union to teach skills and promote self-advocacy among Tucson's refugee population

Local nonprofit [Friends of Ward 3](#) also donated swimwear and gear, along with the Green Valley Masters Swim Team.

Nigel Brooks, president of Friends of Ward 3, believes the lessons serve a larger purpose. "It helps them adjust to living in this country," he said. "Swimming is a major sport in the U.S., and this is a way they can learn and participate."

The classes offer more than physical education. They provide confidence and a profound sense of agency.

Ward 3 newsletter:

Friends Of Ward 3



By [Arnie Bermudez](#)

Some of the most stressed environments in the entire City are within Ward 3. It has the highest number of encampments and the highest rate of homelessness. There is also substance misuse and elevated incidents of crime. The City is busy doing its best to address these issues; we all know that is still not enough. So, as the famous Beatles song goes, Ward 3 needs "a little help from its friends." This is how the non-profit "Friends of Ward 3" (FOW3) was born. We covered its founding in our August 13, 2024, newsletter, and the non-profit has since been busy.



Donations

Donations are accepted on the Friends of Ward 3 website:

fow3.org:

Please donate what you can
to help people in need.

You can make a restricted or unrestricted
donation to Friends of Ward 3, or a
restricted donation to network partner of
Friends of Ward 3.

If making a donation to a network partner,
indicate the name in the transaction notes,
or send a supporting email instructions.

Participating network partners (with supporting emails) include

- Friends of Danny Lopez Park: fodlp@fow3.org fodlp.org
- Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association: hana@fow3.org

The website accepts donations by PayPal and Zelle.

Checks payable to Friends of Ward 3 can be mailed to:

405 East Wetmore Road, # 117-178, Tucson, Arizona 85705

Indicate on the check if the donation is unrestricted or restricted (including donations to Friends of Danny Lopez Park).

Volunteers

Email: friends@fow3.org to express interest.

Award and Project Requests

Email: friends@fow3.org with a brief description of need.



Board of Directors



Nigel Brooks - President
Daniel Dempsey - Vice President
John Kovacik - Treasurer

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