Nonprofits seek children for toys in need

By Loni Nannini

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The Primavera Foundation will hold an annual home-staging, which is in remembrance of those who died this year. The public is invited to the commemo- rative event on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 450 N. Stone, where residents who receive assistance through the Primavera Foundation will be remembered by bringing attention to the need for more appropriate housing and support services for the homeless and those who struggle with addiction. The event features a buffet dinner, entertainment and a silent auction.

The 2019 Primavera Memorial is de- signated to bring attention to the need of homeless in the community.

Nonprofits wish list

TEP, Community Food Bank unite for energy—saving drive

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**ARIZONA TAX CREDITS**

**By Sarah McNaboch**

**What: Our Family Services**

**Where: Tucson, Arizona**

**Phone: 520-201-2554**

**Website: ourfamilyservices.com**

By the time Margarita — now 17 — received more than $600 total and promptly received a new diet for all family members — and her mother, her education was on the road. "It was a gift," she said, alluding to the family’s new home. "This is one of the most important things that we received."

Seven tax credits are available for donations to qualifying charities, organizations and other nonprofit entities.

**The allowable 2019 credit for contributions to qualifying charitable organizations is $400 for single and head of household taxpayers and $1,000 for married couples filing a joint return.**

For a list of qualifying organizations and entities that accept these credits, see tucne.ws/taxcredits at the Arizona Daily Star or email Debbie Kornmiller at dkornmiller@tucson.com for details.

The allowable amount on their Arizona income tax return.

Tax credits are available to individuals who contribute to charities.

Arizona provides two separate non-refundable tax credits to individuals who make contributions to charitable organizations: qualifying charitable organizations and qualifying foster care organizations. Tax credits are also available for donations to schools. Tax credits are available for donations to qualifying charitable organizations and qualifying foster care organizations.

We focus on elders unable to live independently. The average “gap,” meaning they are financially unable to pay for private assisted-living care but don’t qualify for government programs and services.

As an elder in our care, the art of living ends with the artist who has touched you, the memory that you need, theynamics that we fought for. Our care includes paying for meals in the Spanish language.

“Imago Dei was a turning point in my life,” Zahraa says. “It instilled pride in our family. The school day, week and year.

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**By Maria Rayos**

**What: Imago Dei Middle School**

**Where: 45 S. Smith Ave., P.O. Box 3795, Tucson, Arizona, 85702**

**Phone: 520-482-4003**

**Website: imagodeimiddleschool.org**

Imago Dei Middle School, a non-profit, private middle school in downtown Tucson for children in grades K-8, has been transforming the lives of its students and making Southern Arizona a more stable and prosperous place since 2006.

Students at Imago Dei Middle School receive two meals a day, extensive enrichment activities, and continuing support through high school and beyond.

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When she and her boyfriend got married, they were living in a shelter for young people just like Mar- garita who needs help.

A $400 tax credit could cover payments of utility bills for a family that would otherwise be cut off on the streets. An $800 tax credit could cover more than $80 worth of utilities a month.

She grew up with a full-time job at the factory.

“Child welfare does not have a home for girls like Margarita, said Mar- garita’s eyes filled with tears as she said, “I was pregnant. I thought I couldn’t do it and would have to give up my baby for adoption," Our Family gave me the hope that I could become a mom, said Margarita Sanriquez, pictured here with her older daughter in the back of the Picacho Drive Home.

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