As the year—and the decade—draw to a close, a gourmet coalition wants to encourage Arizonans to remember to monetarily donate to select local charities to provide quality, dollar-for-dollar credits on 2019 state incomes.

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Coalition is comprised of a group of nearly 50 nonprofit organizations that have come together to promote the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit for qualifying Charitable Organizations and Qualifying Foster Care Organizations.

A charitable tax credit allows a dollar-for-dollar credit of up to $400 for single or up to $800 for married taxpayers filing jointly on 2019 Arizona state tax. This tax credit can allow an additional $200 on an Arizona tax return lead-of-lombard or $1,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly.

The coalition uses the tagline and website of GiveLocalKeepLocal.com to promote its message on the benefits of supporting local, qualified nonprofits, according to Chairman Scott Matlick.

“The line ‘Give Local. Keep Local.’ helps to remind people that there is the option to keep their state tax dollars working in the local community. You have the opportunity to choose a particular cause that is important to you and keep that money right here in the community,” Matlick, who is also the director of business development for Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, said. “The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Coalition is comprised of the organizations represented on the coalition. It’s a wonderful idea to help them get money together to get into their new building, and then they can use that money to help those that are older, those that are on income, to come home.”

The charities address needs ranging from hunger to health challenges, and much more.

The organization includes The Hannon Recovery Center, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona, and the Tucson Humane Society, among others.

With the year-end closing in, the coalition is using the tagline, “Give Local. Keep Local. (www.givelocalkeeplocal.org)” as its call to action. “Give Local. Keep Local.” helps to remind people that there is the option to keep their state tax dollars working in the local community,” Matlick said. “Lots of people think that it is too good to be true, but we can get that monetary contribution that the coalition is advocating for right there on your income taxes. ‘The power of the coalition is that we all are chipping in to help get it to zero. It is not monolithic collaboration for the good of the community.’”

Tax credits often take on significance at year-end, when many people are planning for charitable giving. “To that end, the coalition helps to promote details about timelines, including a reminder that monetary contributions to the qualifying organizations must reach through April 30, 2020, can be applied to 2019 Arizona income taxes. However, Internal Revenue Service form deadlines for federal credits and deductions differ from state deadlines and ‘must be made by the end of year’ are not required, according to Matlick.”

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Tu Nidito is there for families dealing with major health issues

By Becky Slade

According to Tu Nidito's executive director, Liz Cooler, many people are unaware of Tu Nidito's services until they really need them. Approximately one in every 15 children in Arizona will experience the death of a lovedone. When a child loses a lovedone, they personally need Tu Nidito's services until they receive them. Tu Nidito provides emotional support programming to children, teens, young adults and their families through one-on-one and group-based services designed for children, young adults and families impacted by the diagnosis of a serious medical condition or the death of a lovedone.

Devereux’s tax credits

Devereux’s tax credits:

• Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations:
  - Single taxpayers: $400
  - Married taxpayers: $800
  - Head of household taxpayers: $600

The allowable 2019 credit for contributions to Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations is $400 for single taxpayers, $800 for married taxpayers and $600 for head of household taxpayers. Tu Nidito Children’s Home qualifies as a Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization. Contributions are tax deductible for those in a tax bracket.

Devereux’s Advanced Behavioral Health is a local nonprofit behavioral health agency that supports and nurtures human potential for individuals living with emotional, behavioral or cognitive differences. Devereux has been providing programs and services for some of the most underserved members of our Arizona communities since 1962.

Devereux is an Arizona qualifier for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit program, which enables Arizona residents to support nonprofit organizations as a vital resource for their families.

Devereux services are available to one in every 13 children in Arizona.

Devereux Arizona Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations:

- Devereux Arizona: Tucson 85719
- Devereux Arizona Child and Family Services: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health: Tucson 85727
- Devereux for Kids: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Arizona-Deer Valley: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Arizona-Desert Vista: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Arizona-Midtown: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Arizona-Valleymont: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Arizona-West Valley: Tucson 85727
- Devereux Arizona-Western Tucson: Tucson 85727

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health in Arizona offers services in a variety of locations and provides programs and services to one in every 13 children in Arizona. For more information about Devereux services, visit their website or call their hotline.

Make Way for Books works to prevent children from dropping out of school due to economic disparity, and it worked on Sarah, a single mother of three, who was struggling to make ends meet.

Sarah, a single mother of three, lost her job and fell behind on her bills from the HOPE fund. Sarah’s story had a happy ending because of donations from other families.

Devereux’s tax credits allow you to support organizations that are important to you, knowing that your dollar-for-dollar tax return will go to supporting children in Arizona.