Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors

AZGA Leaders Travel To Washington D.C. for 5th GrandRally!

Grandparents: Raising Our Voices With Members of Congress!

Hundreds of grandparents and other relative caregivers from across the country traveled to Washington D.C. for the Fifth National Grand Rally: Building a Community of Hope, a nationwide gathering for grandparents and kinship caregivers. Two Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors, Sherry Griffin and Margaret Buzzard, joined elected leaders and community advocates to recognize and celebrate the critical role kinship families play in providing safe, loving, permanent families. They also helped educate lawmakers about the important role federal policies and programs play in ensuring essential support for kinship families.

On the first day, Margaret and Sherry networked with grand families from across the nation, attended advocacy trainings and a special dinner honoring grand families. The second day, after the rally on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol, Margaret and Sherry met with Arizona Senator Jeff Flake and his staff, and with staff members from the offices of Trent Franks, David Schweikert and Senator John McCain, discussing policy priorities for kinship families such as: better mental health care; considering the special needs of older caregivers; ensuring a full range of safety-net supports; maximizing the effectiveness of federal support; as well as financial support for a national kinship program.

AZGA Member Honored

Long time AZGA Grandmother Vickki Gray was honored by national organization Generations United for her tireless advocacy on behalf of kinship caregivers. Vickki and her family traveled to Milwaukee, WI this past June to accept the Generations United 2017 Grandfamily Award for her outstanding service and dedication.

Register ASAP for Arizona Kinship Caregiver Summit

Saturday, September 9th, 2017
from 8:30 am to 3 pm
The Phoenix Salvation Army Kroc Center
1375 E Broadway Rd, Phoenix, AZ

The AZGA Summit is a day of advocacy, networking, education and fun! Come prepared to listen, learn and share.

To Register Please Go To:
https://2017azgasummit.eventbrite.com or
www.facebook.com/azgrandparents

Maricopa: Contact Sherry Griffin (602) 456-0762 or centralAZGA@gmail.com
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AZGA Members

Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors are a statewide coalition of grandparents raising their grandchildren. We stepped up to keep our families together and strong. We are the reason our grandchildren are not in foster care, group homes, or other non-familial settings. Our mission is to support, mobilize, educate, and advocate for Arizona’s grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and to work with elected leaders to develop better laws and policies that enable us to care for and raise strong, resilient children.