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Foundation for Blind Children Receives \$61,000 Grant from Thunderbirds Charities

Phoenix, AZ – The Foundation for Blind Children is pleased to announce it has received a \$61,000 grant from Thunderbirds Charities. These funds will support FBC’s Teen to Work program and serve approximately 18 visually impaired teens, ages 15-19.

The Teen to Work program is a six-week residential program on the campus of ASU that prepares students for their first experience in the job market. Students will gain real life experience in working and living on their own.

“Thunderbirds Charities have been a part of blind students’ lives every step of the way: to the top of mountains, across canyons and into college,” said Marc Ashton, CEO Foundation for Blind Children. “Only 30% of blind adults in the U.S. work. We know our adults can work. Our graduates are engineers, judges, attorneys, teachers, business owners and even doctors.”

Thunderbirds Charities was established in 1986 as the charitable arm of the Phoenix Thunderbirds. Its purpose is to grant funds generated by the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities.

Each year, Thunderbirds Charities solicits grant proposals that support at-risk youth and families, community outreach/quality of life, education, improving the lives of the physically and mentally challenged or works to eliminate domestic violence, homelessness and poverty.



About the Foundation for Blind Children:

Through education, tools and services, the [Foundation for Blind Children](https://www.seeitourway.org) creates opportunity for anyone with vision loss to achieve greater independence. FBC serves the blind and visually impaired of all ages, from birth to currently 104 years old. With three Valley locations (East, West and Central Phoenix), we strive to be "the" community resource for blind, visually impaired, and multi-handicapped children, adults, and their families. We believe that vision loss is a diagnoses, not a disability.