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## 9 honorees are chosen for Hon Kachina awards

### Volunteers are 'ordinary individuals doing extraordinary things' for others

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Nine Arizona residents will be recognized for their volunteerism at an annual awards presentation by a group of business people and professionals.

The 33rd annual Hon Kachina Volunteer Awards recognizes "ordinary individuals doing extraordinary things" by helping to improve the lives of others. The event is presented by the Hon Kachina Council and sponsored by St. Luke's Health Initiatives.

The event will be Sept. 26 at the Camelback Inn. Those being honored were selected by the Hon Kachina Council and a volunteer Board of Governors.

The winners are:

» **Audrey Alderson**, founder of Audrey's Angels. The group of

artists conducts sing-alongs and arts-and-crafts activities at group homes and day-care centers to help stimulate memories and encourage communication. [www.audreysangels.org](http://www.audreysangels.org).

» **Fatimah Halim**, founder of Life Paradigms. The group promotes the mental, spiritual and physical development of women and their children in disenfranchised communities. [www.blueprintforwomanhood.com](http://www.blueprintforwomanhood.com).

» **Janet Olson**, founder of Arizonans for the Protection of Exploited Children and Adults. The organization fights sexual exploitation and abuse of teens. It offers support services, life-skills workshops and activity nights for teens recovering from self-injury and abuse. [www.protectchild.org](http://www.protectchild.org).

» **Kim Sloan**, chairwoman of the Veterans & Family Support

Program for FVW Auxiliary 10188. The group supports military families. E-mail [auxvfw.arizona@msn.com](mailto:auxvfw.arizona@msn.com).

» **Ken Brunk**, established Andrea's Closet. The group provides toys for children hospitalized with such things as cancer, leukemia and burns. [www.andreascloset.org](http://www.andreascloset.org).

» **Barbara Kavanagh**, founder of the Arizona Myeloma Network. The organization provides education, awareness and advocacy for people with myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow, and their families. [www.azmyeloma.network.org](http://www.azmyeloma.network.org).

» **Kaye McCarthy**, founder of Arizonans for Children. The group provides places where foster children and their birth parents get together for family reunification meetings outside

an institutional setting. [www.arizonansforchildren.org](http://www.arizonansforchildren.org).

» **Sharon Stinard**, founder of the Community Alliance Against Family Abuse. The group offers services to people affected by domestic violence. [www.caafaaz.org](http://www.caafaaz.org).

» **Dr. Joan Rankin Shapiro**, vice president of clinical research at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. She developed the Scientific Enrichment Program for Students, which lets high-school students participate in scientific research, and Kids Brain Matter Too, which teaches children and teenagers about brain development and brain injury. E-mail [jeanette.hermann@chw.edu](mailto:jeanette.hermann@chw.edu).

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#### About Hon Kachina

The Hon Kachina Council is a group of business and professional people, affiliated with St. Luke's Health Initiatives, that promotes and supports community volunteerism. The Hon Kachina Volunteer Awards is celebrating its 33rd year of recognizing outstanding volunteer service and increasing public awareness of volunteering.

The Hon Kachina Council will present the awards at a black-tie-optional dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Camelback Inn in Paradise Valley.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Pam Betz at 480-905-1578 or [betzco@cox.net](mailto:betzco@cox.net). More event information: [www.honkachina.org](http://www.honkachina.org).

View a slide show of the winners at [phoenix.azcentral.com](http://phoenix.azcentral.com).