

# P.R.O. People, Resources, and Organizations in Support of Neighborhoods Neighborhoods



## Parkway Terrace: A Neighborhood Youth Group with a Vision

*written by Monica Martinez, age 15 and Mounier Koussa, age 11*

Parkway Terrace Neighborhood Association received a PRO Neighborhoods' Youth-Led Community Change Award of \$600 for a neighborhood mural. The Youth Committee worked with a neighborhood artist to design and paint a neighborhood mural, "The Wall", near the Aviation Parkway bike path. The mural consists of seven pairs of dancers representing different ethnic groups from around the world.

Hi! We are from the Parkway Terrace Neighborhood Association Youth Committee.



*Parkway Terrace Youth Committee*

We range in age from six to seventeen years old and volunteer around the community. In the past, we've attended national neighborhood conferences, discussed issues with Mayor and City Council, attended summer youth forums, several leadership workshops and held fundraisers. We also helped host a block party in our neighborhood to celebrate our greatest accomplishment: "The Wall".

"The Wall" began as a small idea, and with the help of PRO Neighborhoods, became a reality. The painting and drawing process lasted several months and required all youth to make a commitment to come for a few hours to paint every week. When we finished our project, we held a block party in its honor which the Mayor attended and youth, as well as adults, received awards for their hard work and dedication throughout.

Pictures of each painting on the wall were taken and converted into notecards. This was one of our fundraisers this year. Other fundraisers have included can collecting, snack jars, day planners, raffles, and bake sales.

The money that is earned goes toward buying a lot that is located in our neighborhood. We hope to transform this lot into a "Neighborhood Home" where meetings would be held. We have had difficulties buying the lot because of buyer competition and lack of funds, but we were able to do something about our dark streets: we recently got lighting in our neighborhood. It was a topic of much controversy, but majority ruled. In the end, we got our street lights and now our mission is to buy that lot.



PRO Neighborhoods staff welcomes your stories, helpful comments, questions and requests for future newsletters. Call: 882-5885; e-mail: [prohoods@mindspring.com](mailto:prohoods@mindspring.com); write: 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, AZ 85745. Hablamos Español. PRO Neighborhoods is a partnership of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, City of Tucson and Pima County. Please let us know if you have moved or have a new phone/fax number or email so we can update our mailing list.

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## PRO NEIGHBORHOODS SUMMER WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### Managing Money in your Community Organization

A professional accountant and neighborhood association treasurer will demonstrate how small, grassroots groups can record and track income and expenses and develop and follow budgets.

**When: Saturday, July 21st, 9:30-11:30am**

### What would Work for your Neighborhood Group:

#### Taxable or Tax-exempt Nonprofit or Fiscal Sponsorship?

A local lawyer and neighborhood association leader will discuss different options available to neighborhood groups to obtain tax-exempt status from the IRS.

**When: Saturday, August 4th, 9:30-12:30am**

*Sign-in is at 9:00am. Both workshops will be held at 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Sentinel Building. Please call 882-5885 to register or if you require special accommodations.*

## WHAT IS PRO NEIGHBORHOODS ANYWAY?

The "PRO" in PRO Neighborhoods is an acronym for People, Resources and Organizations. We are a partnership funded by the City of Tucson, Pima County, Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

PRO Neighborhoods is a technical assistance and small grants program. We offer funds and resources to communities within Pima County seeking to solve problems, build internal assets and enrich their social connections. We encourage and support neighborhoods, barrios, tribal villages and rural communities to find their own solutions.

PRO Neighborhoods assists community groups by providing a variety of support services to build capacity and leadership, including: grant funding, a resource library and referral service, workshops, consultation, facilitation, grant management assistance, and project planning. We try to help foster partnerships between residents, faith communities, local businesses and schools.

Staff is available by appointment on weekdays, evenings or weekends to attend neighborhood meetings or visit anywhere in Pima County. Please call 882-5885 for more information.

## New Resource Packet:

### Obtaining nonprofit status

Is your neighborhood or rural community group considering filing as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization? If you are in the process of researching nonprofit, tax-exempt status, PRO Neighborhoods has created a resource packet to answer common questions to assist your group in your pursuit such as: What is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization? How do you apply for nonprofit status? How much does it cost? What is a fiscal sponsor? What are bylaws? The packet also includes how you might find a volunteer attorney, what tax forms to complete, and some sample bylaws and mission statements. We have also purchased a few straightforward guides on the subject that are available as a reference in our resource library.

**\*Please note:** We are **not** lawyers ourselves, so we cannot provide the legal assistance necessary in filing. However, we **can** help your group answer initial questions or direct you to other resources.

**We will be hosting a workshop on obtaining nonprofit status on August 4th (see notice at the top of page).**

## What's new at PRO Neighborhoods?



Our Project Director, **Pat DeVito**, resigned her post at PRO Neighborhoods in March. She will be sorely missed here as she travels through Spain and Italy. We wish her the best in her travels and professional endeavors!

**Attention!** Please send all email correspondence to our new email address: [prohoods@mindspring.com](mailto:prohoods@mindspring.com).

Visit our new website at [www.proneighborhoods.org](http://www.proneighborhoods.org) and find information on events, grants, community development, our resource library, and links to other helpful websites.

Are you interested in learning about community groups and grant writing? Become a volunteer grant reviewer for PRO Neighborhoods.

*Please attend our*

### Grant Review Orientation

on Thursday, August 23rd, 6:00 to 8:00pm,

• • *dinner provided* • •

**Location: 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Sentinel Building.**

*Volunteers are asked to give a few hours, 2 to 3 times a year.*

**Please call 882-5885 to register.**

# National Training for Community Organizers

Meeting with and learning from other organizers is one of the most powerful and reinvigorating parts of community organizing. The following three trainings are well-regarded for providing organizers and activists the skills, networks, and analysis to support effective and inclusive community movements. Each training has a registration fee; however, scholarships are available. If you are part of a neighborhood group in Pima County and interested in attending a training, please contact PRO Neighborhoods for fundraising ideas.

## Community Strategic Training Initiative, sponsored by the Western States Center, August 2-5, 2001 in Portland, OR

The CSTI is an annual summer event with intensive workshops in community organizing, racial justice, intergenerational organizing, toxic-free communities, nonprofit management, board development, and other issues and skills. At CSTI, activists and organizers are reminded that they are part of a larger movement of people working in solidarity across the country. For more information visit [www.westernstatescenter.org](http://www.westernstatescenter.org) or call (503)228-8866

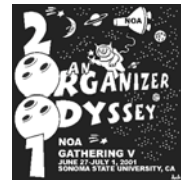


## Community Action Training, sponsored by the Center for Third World Organizing, fall dates to be announced

The CAT is an intensive weekend-long introduction for individuals interested in community organizing, including an actual in-the-field outreach experience. CAT provides hands-on training through discussions, role-plays, and work in the community. The agenda consists of skills and political training, including approaches to social change, building a social justice movement, doorknocking, direct action and fundraising. Trainings are in different locations throughout the west. For more information go to [www.ctwo.org](http://www.ctwo.org) or call (510)533-7583

## 2001: An Organizer Odyssey, National Organizers Alliance Gathering V June 27-July 1, 2001 in Sonoma, CA

The National Organizers Alliance annual gathering brings together organizers of every race, gender, class, generation, region, sexual orientation and organizing practice for the purpose of creating ties that can build a movement. Meet with hundreds of peers for five days of discussion, cultural insight, celebration and renewed community. Scheduled skill sessions include media, arts, databases, the Internet, power analysis, race and mentoring, Organizing 101, an Advanced Organizing clinic and a new Executive Director's Session. For more information: [www.noacentral.org](http://www.noacentral.org) or (202)543-6603



## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Fruitvale Community Garden* was awarded a grant for \$2765 from the Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program. The garden plans to use the funds to erect shade for their garden in the summer, and extend their growing season. Plots are now available for planting at this garden (located on Edith Street, just east of Country Club and north of Grant).

The *Vista del Sahuaro Neighborhood Association's* Computer Instruction Lab was awarded \$3500 by the City of Tucson Public Access Grant Program of the Department of Information and Technology. The group plans to purchase new computers for its lab at the Broadway Proper Retirement Home, where neighborhood youth tutor elderly residents.

## Grant Opportunities

*WalMart* sometimes matches fundraising by local non-profit organizations up to \$1,000, for programs that support children and families through education, health and economic development in local communities. Contact the closest *WalMart* store near you for information; ask for the Community Involvement Coordinator or visit: [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org).

*The Tucson-Pima Arts Council* offers a Neighborhood Initiative & Cultural Heritage Mini-Grant Program. The program intends to fund projects that are for the betterment of a community and/or neighborhood group and reflect the rich cultural heritage and/or diversity of the community. The maximum request is \$600. Funds can be used for artists' fees, supplies, or other expenses. Call Annabelle Nuñez at 624-0595x23 for current funding information.

*The Home Depot* has grants for projects addressing youth or environmental issues. Proposals are reviewed each winter for funding in the Spring. Visit [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com) and click on "company information", then "community involvement".

"Questioning is a basic tool for rebellion.

It breaks open the stagnant hardened shells of the present, opening up options to be explored." *Fran Peavey*



## ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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# .... Community Information Exchange ....

**Pirate radio movement and the FCC** is offering licenses to operate low powered radio stations. There is one remaining FCC filing window from June 5-11, 2001. To apply, contact the Center for Democratic Communications of the Nat'l Lawyers Guild at <http://www.nlgcdc.org/>, (415.522.9814), or [lpfm\\_info@nlg.org](mailto:lpfm_info@nlg.org). CDC helps you find out if a frequency is available in your community, but you need to act quickly!

**Tucson-Pima Public Library** offers Grants Collection Orientations, *Part 1*: June 7 or June 30, 9:15-11am; *Part 2*: July 28, 9:15-11am. Orientations are at the Tucson-Pima Public Main Library. To register call 791-4393 or visit [www.lib.ci.tucson.az.us/grants](http://www.lib.ci.tucson.az.us/grants).

**Andy Robinson**, Donna Levy, Pamela Ewing, and Charles Johnson will present *Fund Raising Basics*, June 9, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost is \$20.00. To register or for more information contact Donna Levy at 290-0073.

**UA Extended University** in partnership with Grants USA and Arizona Guide to Giving will offer a non-credit Grantsmanship Certification Program in Fall 2001. To request a brochure call 626-2235.

**Southern Arizona Grants Network** will sponsor Grants for Educational Institutions on September 19. Facilitators: Eric Lybeck and Georgia Ehlers. Call 791-5620 to confirm date, time, location, and topic.

**Get website help** creating your own free neighborhood website. Visit [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com) for information and ideas.

**Southern Arizona Grants Network** is sponsoring Grants for Native Americans in Southern Arizona on November 14. Facilitator: Jacob Bernal, Tucson Indian Center. Call 791-5620 to confirm date, time, location, and topic.

**Southern Arizona Volunteer Management Association** is a group that promotes excellence in volunteer program management. Free meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, 11:30am-1pm at Casa de los Niños. Call Mary Harvey at 326-9850 for more information.

**Neighborhood Activists** are setting up networking opportunities. For more information call: in North Tucson, Richard Silva-Stump of Vista del Monte 326-7178; in South Tucson, Pat Martin of Myers/SNAPP 748-1150; in Midtown, Christine Curtis of Sam Hughes 325-5138; in East Tucson, Elliott Mitchell of Stella-Mann 745-2295.

**Creative Ambassadors** is a program that is designed to build community through public art. Create a mural, a mosaic or a public art garden for your own neighborhood or school. If you want to start a project call 798-0995 (English) or 882-8423 (Español).

**Volunteer Center of Tucson** is issuing 2001-2002 "Mentoring Partnership Partners" request for proposals for groups and organizations that agree to work together to address the need for youth mentoring in their communities. For more information please contact Jennifer Soyka at 881-3300x109.

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