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**VANTAGE WEST AWARDS \$20K IN ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHARITABLE GRANTS**

TUCSON, Ariz. (December 16, 2016) – Vantage West Credit Union, southern Arizona’s largest credit union, has announced the recipients of \$20,000 in charitable holiday grants designed to support deserving organizations that make an impact throughout the Tucson area. As is tradition, Vantage West employees nominated 10 organizations that they believe deserve one of the \$2,000 grants.

The nomination process calls for employees to nominate organizations they feel have made an impact on the community, themselves or loved ones. The chosen organizations were recognized for their commitment to the local community during Vantage West’s holiday party held on December 3.

The following organizations received a \$2,000 grant this year as a part of this annual tradition:

Children’s Clinics of Tucson

I am you 360

ICM Food and Clothing Bank

Lead Guitar/UpBeat

Marana Police

No Kid Hungry

Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome (SANDS)

Santa’s Workshop

Team Hoyt Arizona

Tucson Cold Wet Noses

The charitable holiday grants are one of many ways Vantage West and its employees give back to the community. Vantage West also supports many year round civic and charitable events both financially and through volunteer support efforts, as well. Each employee is also provided the opportunity to use up to 16 paid hours each year (above and beyond regular paid time off) to volunteer at a nonprofit organization of their choice.

**About Vantage West Credit Union**

*Vantage West Credit Union is a \$1.6-billion financial institution in Arizona, which serves a growing membership of more than 140,000. Vantage West has 17 branches in Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties and serves its vast global membership via online channels, as well. Vantage West is a full-service financial institution, offering consumer and business loans, credit cards, and deposit products, as well as retirement accounts and other financial services. Vantage West is federally insured by NCUA. [vantagewest.org](http://vantagewest.org)*