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NEWS RELEASE

Seton Students Donate \$5,000 to Boost a Foster Family *Sentinels Inspired by Teacher Who Became Foster Parent*



Boost a Foster Family's Donna Olson, left, and Jenny Cook, right, accept a check from Seton students Haden Meyers and Karen David.

Student Council designates a different charity each year, selecting Boost a Foster Family this year on the recommendation of teacher Jennifer Kohl of Gilbert.

Kohl, a member of the Campus Ministry team, and her husband are foster parents to a pair of young children, ages 3 and 5. Recalling the yearlong licensing process, Kohl said she and her husband were required to complete foster-parent training, pass background checks, and participate in a home study.

“One year ago, we got our first call,” Kohl said. “We had about two hours’ notice to prepare for not just one child, but two children. Foster children often arrive to the door step of complete strangers, aka their new foster family, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs.”

Family and friends provided clothes, shoes, diapers, and toys for the new arrivals, enabling the couple to stay focused on the children during the first critical weeks in their new home.

Kohl added, “It was the response and support of ‘our village’ that made it possible for us to enter into this Christian service.”

CHANDLER, Ariz., March 7, 2018 - Seton Catholic Prep students have donated proceeds from their recent Walk-A-Thon to Boost a Foster Family, an East Valley nonprofit that helps meet the needs of low-income families applying for foster care licensure.

The \$5,000 check was presented during a student assembly to Board Members Jenny Cook and Donna Olson, the parents of Seton alumni.

Seton students contribute their own funds to participate in the annual Walk-A-Thon as an expression of gratitude for their many blessings. The



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Boost a Foster Family frequently uses donations to purchase starter kits that contain key items required for licensure. A kit may include a fire extinguisher, smoke alarms, magnetic cabinet locks, lock boxes, pet immunization vouchers, and funds for medical physicals.

“We are grateful for Seton’s generosity,” Cook said. “We are run completely on donations and could not meet the ever-growing needs of the families we serve without help like this check from Seton. We appreciate the ‘extra mile’ each Sentinel walked to benefit our charity!”

About Seton Catholic Preparatory

A 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, Seton Catholic Preparatory is a diocesan, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. For more than 60 years, Seton Catholic has served the East Valley of Phoenix as the only Catholic college preparatory high school, serving young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds. Seton Catholic graduates earn scholarships to and attend an array of selective colleges and universities, including state, private and Ivy League schools as well as service academies. Seton Catholic is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. www.setoncatholic.org

About Boost a Foster Family

Boost a Foster Family was created to meet the needs of low-income kinship families applying for foster care licensure. We receive referrals from licensing agencies that are working with families experiencing financial difficulties. We believe that by helping to provide in-kind donations, (such as fire extinguishers and other home safety items), we can remove some of the obstacles that slow down the licensing process. Boost a Foster Family is an all-volunteer organization funded entirely by donations, is an incorporated 501c3 charity, and is a recognized Arizona Tax Credit Qualified Organization under the Foster Care Category.

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