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**THE FIRST TEE OF PHOENIX RECEIVES  
GRANT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARITIES**

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** – The First Tee of Phoenix, owned and operated by The Thunderbirds, announced today they will receive a \$5,000 grant from Executive Council Charities (ECC). The 2015 ECC Grant Process received over 100 applications.

“We’re delighted to see so many organizations support our chapter,” said Kevin Terry, Executive Director, The First Tee of Phoenix. “ECC’s contribution to The First Tee of Phoenix will help tremendously, and their commitment to support local youth mirrors our goal to promote learning through the game of golf.”

Executive Council Charities is an Arizona nonprofit corporation which provides grants to programs and charity organizations focused on helping youth in Arizona overcome adversity.

“With so many requests, it is a challenging job for our Giving Committee to analyze each application,” said Chris Marshall, Executive Director of the ECC. “I am pleased to announce The First Tee of Phoenix application was well received and we are thrilled to continue our support for the cause.”

To learn more, visit The First Tee of Phoenix, visit [www.TheFirstTeePhoenix.org](http://www.TheFirstTeePhoenix.org).

**About The First Tee of Phoenix**

First Tee of Phoenix is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by The Thunderbirds for the purpose of providing affordable access to golf and golf learning facilities for young people in Maricopa County from all walks of life, particularly those who otherwise might not have an opportunity to play. As one of the largest chapters in The First Tee Network impacting more than 100,000 youth annually, The First Tee of Phoenix offers classes, special monthly family events and tournaments as part of its programming. Now with 13 locations in the Valley – Legacy, Talking Stick, Desert Mirage, Papago, Falcon Dunes, Longbow, Lone Tree, Cave Creek, Encanto, Maryvale, Augila, Palm Valley and Augusta Ranch – The First Tee of Phoenix programming sites serve as conveniently located places for participants to learn valuable life skills and character-building lessons through creative activities and instructional programs that incorporate the fundamental teachings of golf. For more information on The First Tee of Phoenix call 602-305-7655, or log on to their website at [www.thefirstteephoenix.org](http://www.thefirstteephoenix.org).

**About The Thunderbirds**

The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. Consisting of 55 “active” members and more than 250 “life” members, The Thunderbirds host the Waste Management Phoenix Open; the best-attended golf tournament in the world, which to date has raised more than \$100 million for Valley charities, including The First Tee of Phoenix. With its unmatched fan participation and rich history dating back more than 80 years, the Waste Management Phoenix Open has gained legendary status for being a unique stop on the PGA. To learn more about The Thunderbirds or Thunderbirds Charities visit <http://thunderbirdscharities.org/>

**About Executive Council Charities**

Executive Council Charities is an Arizona 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to helping the youth of the community. Our goal is to provide grants to programs and non-profit organizations focused on helping the youth of Arizona reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Funds are raised through events like the Original Taste, The Holiday Classic and The Cantina along with direct contributions through Support Arizona Youth to Executive Council Charities. With the help of numerous partners and the support of the community, Executive Council Charities is able to meet charitable goals. Visit [www.eccharities.org](http://www.eccharities.org) to learn more.