The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is celebrating 30 years of serving Arizona’s youth program providers.

**Join Us for a Global Day of Unity**

Donate to the Fund by May 5th | Apply for Relief Funding by **Today**

We believe generosity has the power to unite and heal communities in good times and bad. That’s why the AzCASE is joining #GivingTuesdayNow, a new global day of giving and unity that will take place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. It is an opportunity for the world to come together to thank, to give, to help, and to heal.

AzCASE is participating in this Global Day of Unity bringing community of Out-of-School Time programs together to join in the #GivingTuesdayNow Matching-Fund Initiative.

This joint giving and kindness campaign with our fundraising partners and recipients will leverage our community assets and ability to collaborate to cultivate solutions during these unprecedented times. All Funds raised by AzCASE Collective Fundraising Campaign will benefit the **Youth Development Emergency Relief Fund**. Additionally, AzCASE is matching up to $5,000 towards the fund.

**Apply for funding by TODAY at Noon!**

If your program is interested in participating as a fundraising partner and recipient of the Youth Development Emergency Relief Fund, there is still time to submit your application. Extended deadline closes today at noon! HINT: The application Form is fairly simple and we aren’t looking for long entries/answers.
COVID-19 Resources

AzCASE wants to help programs prepare for potential disruptions due to the spread of COVID 19. Governor Ducey has declared a state of emergency in the state of Arizona.

You can take precautions to decrease the spread of viruses and help keep kids safe. Afterschool programs, like schools, are important facets of the community and must understand the risk and properly prepare in order to keep students and staff safe.

Check out safety guidelines, resources to share with families, and funding / sustainability resources on our [website](#).

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[SURVEY] How is COVID-19 Impacting Your Program?

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is issuing this survey to better understand the impact the COVID-19 outbreak has had on afterschool programs and other youth serving institutions.

If you are facing financial and/or health impacts from the spread of the coronavirus, up to and including the closure of your program, please share your story here. The more we know, the more we can communicate with state policymakers about what's happening and what's needed to protect our state's critical out-of-school time infrastructure.

Please take a few minutes to enter your responses.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to [email us](#).

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Arizona Quality Out-of-School Time Programs

There is widespread agreement that while out-of-school time programs can be strong tools for youth development, this is only the case when these programs are of high quality. Quality programs come in a variety of shapes and sizes. There is no one program, style, curriculum, or method that meets the needs of all youth. Rather, a quality program is one that is a living organism, growing and adapting to meet the needs of all youth. Learn about the Arizona Continuous Quality Improvement [OST Quality Standards](#).
Process for out-of-school time programs on our [website here](#).

Need help or have questions about the Arizona Quality Standards? Just give us a call! 602.734.5434.