

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GVR Foundation (GVRF), an IRC 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit established in 2015 is distinct from Green Valley Recreation, Inc. The Foundation's positive impact on our community is only possible with generous tax-deductible gifts from individuals, planned giving, corporate sponsorship, grants, and volunteerism.

OUR MISSION - STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

Our focus is on charitable giving and enhancing, enriching and supporting the community through programs, advocacy, and financial support that promote health and wellness in Green Valley, Arizona.

LONG TERM STRATEGIC GOALS

- Expand fundraising for the Member Assistance Program (MAP) for GVR members with financial need
- Develop recreation and social programs for special needs populations
- Launch health and wellness initiatives that support GVR members and the Green Valley community
- Leverage collaboration and partnerships with businesses and other nonprofits that bring greater good to Green Valley
- Assist sports programs & facilities development for active adults
- Improve access to and availability of transportation services
- Encourage tourism and economic development
- Offer support for distinctive projects and initiatives for clubs and other special interest groups of Green Valley Recreation, Inc.

BRIEF HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT OF GVR FOUNDATION

- Established in 2015 from desire of GVR Board to support activities that directly affect GVR members, Green Valley residents, and special needs of our community
- Established and maintains relationship with the Greater Green Valley Community Foundation (GGVCF) using their expertise to set administrative functions; received 2015 grant for strategic planning
- Repaid \$15,000 GVR start-up loan in 2016 early with interest (\$787.50)
- Reached resource sharing agreement between GVR and GVRF (four levels of review: GVR legal counsel, non-profit tax attorney, independent CPA auditor, & insurance specialist)
- Restructured GVRF Board to include two GVR 'Appointed Directors' (2017)
- Received matching grant (\$12,500) from GGVCF to establish a new endowment fund (2017)
- Amended and Restated Bylaws of GVR Foundation (2017)
- Received \$171,000 in grants between 2015-2018 from GGVCF, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation (FMM), The Country Fair White Elephant, and Walmart. Grants supported MAP, Southern Arizona Senior Games, RetireArizona.org website development, and GVR Pickleball Center.

2019 GVR FOUNDATION GOALS

- Continue to develop RetireArizona.org website and implement financial sustainability strategies
- Conduct an Annual Giving Campaign
- Develop a Capital Campaign for a GVR Pickleball Center
- Determine future GVRF staffing needs
- Continue development of donation and giving policies

HIGHLIGHTS OF GVR FOUNDATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- **Capital Fundraising Campaign for GVR Pickleball Center**
In March 2018, GVR Board and GVRF Board signed an *'Agreement in Support of Capital Campaign'* to jointly support development of a GVR Pickleball Center. GVR has approved the Pickleball Center concept and the Foundation secured a \$50,000 grant from FMM Foundation to assist that effort.

- **Member Assistance Program (MAP)**

GVRF assumed responsibility for raising necessary funds for MAP in 2015 to help alleviate financial stress of GVR members in need. Thanks to individual donations and a grant from The Country Fair White Elephant, MAP provided \$19,967 to assist 45 members in paying annual dues in 2019. We continue to fundraise for the MAP Endowment.

- **RetireArizona.org Website**

Launched in January 2018, this exciting new website promotes the Greater Green Valley community. Made possible by generous start-up grants from the FMM Foundation, the community-wide website enhances economic development and tourism in and around Green Valley.

- **Southern Arizona Senior Games**

Annual three-week event in March for adults 50+ features more than 30 different sports and recreation competitions, attracting 1,000 participants (approx.) and volunteers from 37 U.S. States, Canada and Mexico. GVRF assumed responsibility for the Senior Games in 2015, with GVR the Presenting Sponsor.

- **SoAZ CultureFest**

Annual celebration in March of people, music, art & food of Southern Arizona, including interactive performances. Proceeds benefit GVRF and GGVCF.

- **Write-A-Will Workshops**

Complimentary programs sponsored by GVRF and GGVCF and presented by expert estate planners and financial advisors about how to prepare or revise wills and manage an estate for charitable giving. Sessions held in 2018 and 2019 saw over 100 members attend this popular program.

- **Sun Shuttle**

GVRF sponsored five (5) forums to assist Green Valley residents in signing up for a senior pass on a SunGo ID & Card. All forums were filled to capacity, with over 150 Green Valley residents obtaining cards.