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PCAO GRATEFUL FOR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTERS

FLORENCE, AZ (3/31/16) – Thanks to the generosity of our Pinal community members, the Pinal County Attorney’s Office constantly receives numerous donations of stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and other comfort items to our Family Advocacy Centers.

Every month, an average of 60 children arrive at one of PCAO’s FACs for a forensic interview and medical examination as part of a law enforcement investigation. These children show up scared, fearful, and often times humiliated after suffering through trauma. To ease their pain, after completing their disclosure, FAC staff provide the children with blankets, teddy bears, and other toys to help these victims find something positive from this process.

These donations also allow the team to provide 72-hour kits to children and their families who must abruptly leave their dangerous environments. Kits often include, clothing, toiletries, and meal vouchers to help sustain them until they can find a safe place to go.

Groups like, Amberly’s Place, Quilting Angels, Rural Metro Fire Station #842, Soroptimist International of Gold Canyon, Robson Ranch Material Girls, Senior Hands and Caring Hearts, Pinal County Sheriff’s Office and their Citizens on Patrol, Eagle Scout Travis Burnham, and the Arizona Department of Corrections, among many others contributed to our centers last year.

“I wish I could tell each person who has donated items how their generosity has impacted the lives of so many. Our Family Advocacy team is grateful for every single act of kindness that has lightened the struggle of a child who has often endured extreme stress,” said PCAO Family Advocacy Director, Dr. Tasha Spears.

“It amazes me the amount of generosity within the people of Pinal County. While our Family Advocacy Centers remain a vital part of the Pinal County Attorney’s Office, they run on limited budgets. So to receive these donations, throughout the year, definitely makes a big difference, not only for the centers, but for our Pinal children. You continuously open your hearts and it humbles me to know our community always steps up for our littlest of victims,” said Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles.

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