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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

200+ Valley Partnership Volunteers Will Transform Florence Crittenton Scottsdale Girls Ranch Campus on Saturday, November 7

PHOENIX, AZ (May 29, 2015) – Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona today was selected as recipient of the 2015 Valley Partnership Community Project. The event is Nov. 7 at the Scottsdale Girls Ranch Campus, 8204 E. Monterey Way.

For more than 118 years, Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona has been dedicated to serving at-risk and underserved girls and young women. It provides them with safety, hope, and the opportunity to succeed.

“Our girls will celebrate and definitely understand how the community – as well as us – believes in their full potential,” said Dr. Kellie M. Warren, CEO of Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona. “And that despite what they have gone through, their future is promising and that there are partners out there that see the potential of what they can do. We are humbled and honored to be selected. Valley Partnership just made our day.”

The Scottsdale facility has up to 15 teenage mothers with their children who call the campus home. The vast majority of these girls and young women are referred from Arizona Department of Child Safety and are foster children (76 percent). Annually, approximately 1,000 individuals are served.

“I am so excited that this will be the first community project in the City of Scottsdale,” said Dena Jones, Valley Partnership Community Project Leadership Chair. “Valley Partnership has a great opportunity to improve the environment at Florence Crittenton, which will truly impact the lives of the girls they serve by showing them that they are cared for and that they matter.”

Olsson Associates has agreed to produce a master plan design of the project.

The other finalists for the 2015 Community Project were Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development, Save the Family Bridge campus, and Fresh Start Women's Foundation.

One of Valley Partnership's cornerstones is community service. Each year, it selects a non-profit organization that can benefit from the skills, efforts and supplies provided by its partners to renovate and enhance facilities for children and those in need. Over the past 26 years, Valley Partnership has contributed more than \$3.7 million to the community through these projects. For its 2014 Community Project, Valley Partnership selected Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped in Phoenix.

"It was an honor to be here and to see the surprise on their faces," Valley Partnership President and CEO Cheryl Lombard said. "It will be a wonderful project for both of our organizations. It truly will be a community project."



Members of the Valley Partnership Community Project committee celebrate the announcement of the 2015 recipient, Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona.



About Valley Partnership

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP IS THE VALLEY OF THE SUN'S PREMIER ADVOCACY GROUP FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT. For more than 25 years, Valley Partnership has represented the commercial, industrial and master-planned community industries and presented a balanced, pro-development perspective. Valley Partnership provides the best education and networking opportunities for commercial real estate professionals.