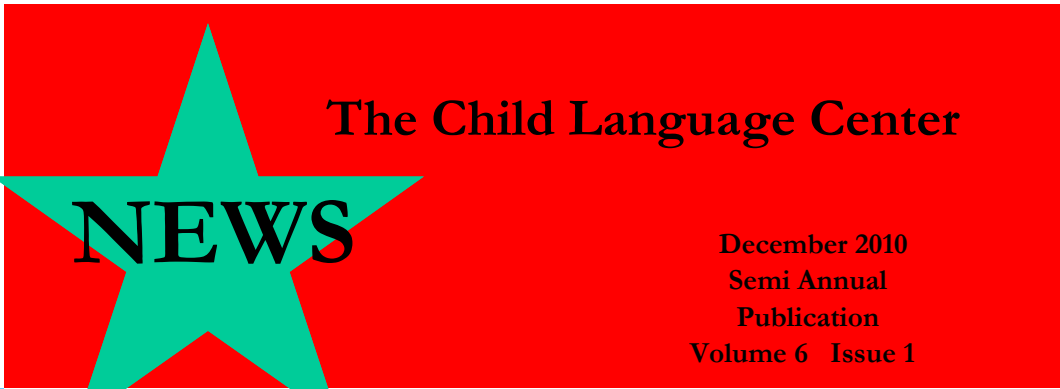




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## Special Thanks to Our Friends at:




# Happy Holidays One & All!



**A Season of Grateful Thanks!** Holiday greetings from Wings on Words! What a year 2010 has been! Our preschool classroom wing donated by Angel Charity for Children is now finished and four new state-of-the-art learning areas are up and running. The renovation of our original building has also been completed with a Child and Parent Center donated by the Tohono O’odam Nation, a new speech and language clinic donated by Catalina Rotary Club, and a brand new Toddler classroom and playground donated by First Things First. Staff offices and work area have also been added. Now that the “building” is finished, the “work” of serving even more children moves forward in earnest!



WOW Alumnus Kyle Shultz (lower red shirt), now 16, completed his Eagle Scout project by making gardening centers in playground.

But there are challenges as well, and they are not trivial. The economy has not yet improved, leaving many more families needing scholarships than ever before. And the City of Tucson, one of our most important partners, has had to eliminate much of its previous funding. Ironically, all this is happening when we have doubled our capacity to help children. That is good news for the future as the economic picture will surely improve. But, for the moment, we are faced with increasing needs and fewer resources. 

Fortunately, we are blessed with wonderful supporters who have stepped up to the plate and made this year possible. In addition to the corporations and foundations listed in the box above, there have been many, many individuals and families who have helped as well. We are hopeful that everyone can continue to help as we close this year and enter 2011. (See page 4 for some opportunities). The recession will pass, but the little ones at WOW will only be preschoolers once. We cannot let them down now, knowing that these years are the very best chance they have to develop the skills and self esteem that will help them make friends in school, enter into each learning experience with an “I can” attitude, and succeed in learning, reading and life! Thank you all so very much for helping to make the miracle of early intervention happen at WOW!

- Major Corporate & Foundation Gifts for 2010**
- Angel Charity for Children
  - Country Fair White Elephant
  - Delta Zeta Sorority
  - First Things First
  - John & Helen Murphey Fdn
  - Joseph Stanley Leed Fdn
  - Masonic Charities of Az
  - Midian Electronics
  - Nat’l Scottish Rite Fdn
  - Steven Leuthold Family Fdn
  - Tucson Scottish Rite
  - United Way of So. AZ
  - Vantage West Credit Union

**Special thanks to everyone who helped to make our WOW Raffle a great success, especially to Kay & Rob Dean for donating the Raffle Car.**





# What's New at WOW?



**Doves:** After more than 12 years surrounded by Hummingbirds, Quails, Owls, and Roadrunners, we have just opened our doors to Doves - an awesome program for 2-year-olds. We call it ToddlerU! What fun to have these very little ones with us! Their beautiful room is in our original building, all renovated thanks to a grant from First Things First. You'll have to come to visit! Its bright and airy spaces, both indoors and out, along with exciting learning materials create a perfect language- and literacy-enriched learning experience. If speech and language are delayed, our two speech-language pathologists, Tracy Kaplan and Lea Cuzner, are there to help too. Franny Furrier and Jamara Knight work together as co-teachers to make each and every day a special one as children learn about being away from home, explore their new world, play with friends, and talk about it all! Franny came to the Doves from WOW's Roadrunner program; Jamara joined our staff this fall with lots of prior experience in early childhood in other schools. The Dove's program takes place Monday - Thursday, 8:30—3:30. Thanks First Things First for making this very special program possible!



The Doves read the book WHOSE HAT? then chose theirs!



Play at the Sensory Table is great fun There's so much to do there!



"Ready or not, here I come." Nothing like an old fashioned game of hide & seek!

**Yoga, Music, & Art:** Our afternoon program for Roadrunners (children who stay with us all day) has three new and exciting enrichment programs to stimulate, engage, and extend their learning. We chose these activities because they facilitate the very skills we know help speech, language, and learning grow. Mr. Inagi, a parent and doctoral student in music brings us music and movement, Nancy Williams, a Yoga expert and SLP, brings us Yoga, and UA student, Kathy Redden, brings us art. Parents help pay for these afternoon classes.



In Yoga, you need lots of concentration to balance balls on your toes!



In Art, exploring colors & materials gets the creative juices flowing!



In Music, moving with the beat, singing along, & making notes is great for the body, brain, & spirit!



# What Else is Going On?



Owls have fun in dramatic play re-enacting the Three Little Pigs.

## Owls, Quails, & Hummingbirds

Preschool classrooms are thriving in our new Angel Wing. Each day, learning experiences engage the children in exciting, hands-on activities that help them communicate with others, get ready to read and write, build their vocabulary, and explore concepts and ideas. Outdoor learning time in WOW's exciting new playground also helps them develop their muscles and coordination, just as it gives them lots to talk about with teachers and friends. Following directions in games, being the leader in activities, learning how to cross over the top of the jungle gym, and "pump" your way to new heights are just some of the fun and learning that goes on there! The best part is that children are developing confidence in themselves, learning to respect others, and looking forward daily to the world of school and learning!



Candy Kennelly uses our new attic ladder to get teaching materials.



Curious George comes to visit!



A master chef and proud Hummingbird dad came in during the food unit to help create the vegetable soup seen above (center). At first, not every child was sure about the mushrooms, but everyone loved their culinary concoction in the end!



After reading about masks painted by Old Masters, Quails paint their own!

## Speech & Language Therapy

Whether our SLPs work with children in the "speech" room, in the classroom, or on the playground, they help to build children's skills each and every day. Their focused and individualized therapy activities are supplemented with specially designed learning experiences in the classrooms to extend therapy gains there as well. Working closely with teachers and parents is one of the reasons why so much speech and language progress happens at WOW. The therapists also love their new Clinic donated by Catalina Rotary. There's lots of room to store materials, work with children individually or in small groups, and train UA graduate clinicians. These graduate students, along with the undergraduates who do independent studies in WOW's classrooms, tell us that their experience at WOW has made a unique contribution to their professional development. Each semester there are approximately 3 graduate & 14 undergraduates in our UA training program.

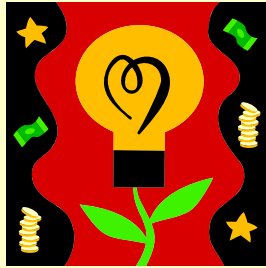


## Growing great ideas - How you can help!

### Arizona Tax Credit

#### Arizona Charitable 2010 Tax Credit

**A dollar-for-dollar reduction of your Arizona State Taxes!** (\$200 for individuals; \$400 for married couples filing jointly). **This is not a school credit** so you can give to your favorite school too. Just send in the form below. These wonderful donations provide scholarships, educational & clinical materials, and support for staff.



### Tiles for Tots

**Spring Tiles for Tots -  
Ready to order in April!**

**Colorful tiles to commemorate your special occasions & loved ones!**

A lasting (and beautiful) way to help children at WOW.  
Tiles are \$50 each.

### Much-Needed Supplies

**Supplies from home or office really stretch our dollars!**

Copy Paper.....Paper Towels.....Markers for kids.....Sharpies for adults.....Cardstock for crafts

### Gaslight Theater

**SAVE the DATE**

Back by popular demand! Come join us for a **Sunday matinee at the Gaslight on May 22 at 3:00 PM.** **The Curse of the Pirate's Gold** is guaranteed to steal the show! We'll celebrate the end of a very successful year and raise funds for summer camp scholarships. Fun, food, and fellowship too. Stay Tuned!

### Bequests

**Leaving a lasting legacy for the children can really help!**

The Center's financial planners and attorneys can help you consider **leaving a gift to the children as part of your legacy** to the future. Please call Rex Lee at 622-8364 for more information.

#### Donation Form

(Tear off and return with your donation)

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