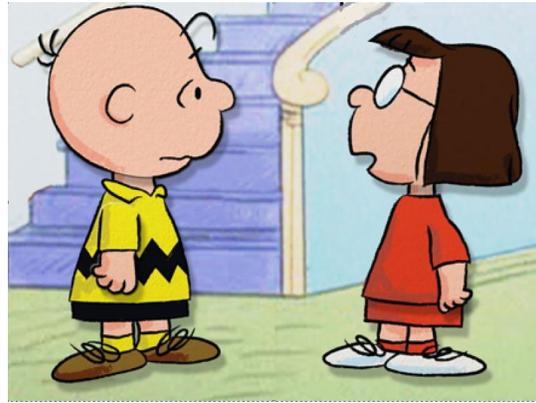


# LIVE UNITED



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"But Thanksgiving is more than eating, Chuck. You heard what Linus was saying out there. Those pilgrims were thankful for what had happened to them, and we should be thankful, too. We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown." - Marcy

## A Season of Blessing and Thankfulness!

### UWUC's Look at Literacy



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, hosted by the Sedona Rotary Club, is one of our Partner Agency Programs for the 2018-2019 Grant Cycle. It's a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five in participating communities within the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia.

Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, Dolly started her Imagination Library in 1995 for the children within her home county in Tennessee. Today, her program spans four countries and mails over 1 million free books each month to children around the world. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month.

The Sedona Rotary Club oversees the local chapter called the "Verde Valley Imagination Library". The Badgad Core Committee oversees the chapter servicing the communities of Bagdad, Hillside & Wikieup.

We are excited to help fund this amazing program and promote literacy to our youngest readers. Together, we are creating "results you can see"!

[For additional information about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, click here.](#)



## Meet our newest Board Member!

A warm United Way welcome to Katie Kinon, our newest Board Member. Katie has previously served on the UWYC Board in 2003 and has a background in finance/mortgages. She currently serves as a Senior Mortgage Consultant at "On Q Financial" and has been in the banking and financial services industry for 30 years. She is a fourth generation Prescottonian and has lived here since 1995. Katie enjoys travel, reading, going to the movies and to live performances of all kinds. She also enjoys watching football, most sports and spending time with family and friends. She is married and has four children and three adorable grandchildren.



Thank you Katie, for joining our team and sharing your expertise and passion for improving lives and building strong communities throughout Yavapai County.



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### Center for Nonprofit Excellence

### CNPE Grant Series Continues

### Reignite Your Passion

**Workshop Three:  
November 8: "Project Management"**

**Taught by Brad Newman of Yavapai  
Exceptional Industries on Dec. 6**

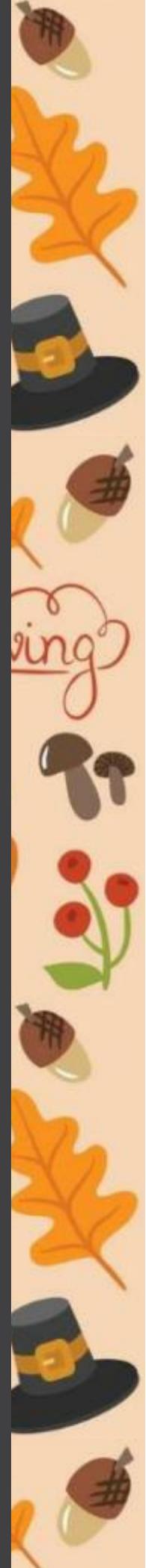


Learn how to develop a grant application system and proposal budget. Learn how to tell your Agency story and package your final proposal for a successful response. This workshop series is for agency grant writers or for agencies wishing to establish a grant writer for their team.

These amazing workshops have been led by Rose Vasquez of *Strategic Writing and Consulting*, with over 25 years of grant writing and nonprofit leadership experience.

November is a time of year we reflect on our accomplishments, our unmet goals and our purpose/mission in the community. As we do so, let's plan for a sizzling New Year with **Reignite Your Passion**, a workshop conducted by Brad Newman of Yavapai Exceptional Industries and brought to you by UWYC's, Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

Let's craft plans for making 2019, the best it can be together. Come join us for this lively, fun and engaging workshop!





## Donor In the Spotlight



The wonderful employees of the Town of Prescott Valley serve the community in many ways. They not only ensure the efficient running of the town, but many of them give above and beyond to help those in need. This week, I had a wonderful conversation with the town HR manager, Jamie Buckman. Jamie has been coordinating the United Way campaign for the city employees since 2010. Jamie hosts a variety of activities that get the employees involved in helping the community through United Way...and she makes it FUN! They host a week of Halloween/fall themed events and contests for the employees to participate in, including a chili cook-off, a dessert competition, costume contest, a "Mummy Wrap Monday" contest, pumpkin bowling, a cubical decoration contest and more. Jamie's efforts have brought the town employees together, as one caring community.

Jamie is a California transplant who has lived in the area since 2005. She has two grown children. Her son is an Army Sargent, and her daughter is the proud mother of an amazing one year old boy. This grandson shares Jamie's birthday, so they have a very special connection.

Thank you, Jamie and the amazing family of employees at the Town of Prescott Valley. You are changing lives and making a difference in our communities. Together, we are Living United!

[To learn more about the Town of Prescott Valley, click here.](#)

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