MISSION
Supporting students on their path to graduation by engaging communities to fulfill the needs of school clubs and teams.

VISION
Together, we equalize the opportunity gap by ensuring students are properly equipped to participate, explore, and succeed in school clubs and teams.

OBJECTIVE
For all students to participate in extracurricular activities, regardless of socioeconomic status.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

This school year has tested all of us in ways we never expected. While we will not ignore the challenges that lie ahead, we are embracing the opportunity it has given us to think creatively, to imagine new solutions, and to plant our feet even more firmly in our advocacy for the importance of engaged extracurricular opportunities – whether on campus, or at home.

As of print date, we do not know the status of in-person and on-campus activities. What we do know is the importance of clubs and teams as an outlet, a connection to peers, and a path to higher education and careers. We are prepared for many scenarios and will be nimble, accommodating, and proactive in our mission to ensure that ALL students are able to participate, explore, and succeed.

It is for all of these reasons that we have chosen to focus the upcoming year on one of our favorite SMC culture tenets:

Be The Change.

We hope that you will join us in equalizing the opportunity gap.

Amy Armstrong
Founder and Board Chair
PHILANTHROPY BAR 9.0

Our 9th Philanthropy Bar took place on September 26, 2019 and was a huge success! This signature event brought together education advocates, community leaders, and students for an evening of philanthropy. Support My Club was honored to welcome 4 high school clubs - Paradise Valley Culinary Club, Phoenix Coding Academy Robotics, VACTE Skills USA & Central High HOSA who showcased their skills to an eager audience.

Two awards were presented to exemplary members of the community for their commitment to student engagement: Sydney Sprenger, Spring Training Activation & Community Manager for The Oakland Athletics, and Mario Malaby, Special Education Teacher and Weightlifting Coach.

The evening was filled with delicious food, stories of hope, and inspiration for all. We can’t wait for next year’s event - our 10th year will be BIG!

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Nothing prepared the basketball team at Betty H. Fairfax High School for the devastating news they received one evening - the loss of their captain in a car accident left everyone shocked and saddened. Varsity Head Coach and Math Teacher, Josh Wray says, "Basketball is my boys’ outlet. Regardless of what is happening in their lives, the gym is the one place where they can block everything out and just focus on what they love. The loss of our captain happened a couple weeks before the start of the season. There are no words to accurately describe how devastated the boys and I were. Basketball was the only thing that got us through that tough time."

In partnership with the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA), Support My Club was able to fulfill a longtime wish-list item for the team, a Shoot-A-Way machine. Wray says, "The Shoot-A-Way is a game-changer for my program. It is a state-of-the-art piece of equipment that is used at the highest levels. It allows players to practice efficiently and provides player data. It gets my kids excited to get in the gym and work."

The collaboration between Support My Club and AZSTA has spanned over 3 years and impacted over 5,000 students within Maricopa County. We are proud to partner with AZSTA and look forward to supporting our local communities further with the continued support of donors like you!
CLUBS & TEAMS AT A GLANCE

2019-2020 School Year:

163
CLUBS/TEAMS SERVED

55
TOTAL SCHOOLS

94%
UNDER-RESOURCED CLUBS/TEAMS

WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE COMMUNITIES WHO NEED US MOST!

1,017
ITEMS SUPPORTED

GRATITUDE

Students perform community service in gratitude. $100 of donations = 1 hour.
Numbers since inception:

38,469
SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED

$1,508,107
SERVICE VALUE (MIN WAGE)
The Adventure Club takes monthly trips to beautiful places around the Southwestern United States. Past trips include hiking the Grand Canyon, rock climbing, surfing in San Diego and sleeping under the stars.

Jeff Sing, US Government Teacher and Club Sponsor says, “While hiking the Grand Canyon, we picked up trash along the Bright Angel trail. Students learned about the impact trash has on our environment and the importance of ‘Leave No Trace’ principles. They realized that not everyone follows these rules, however, they can step up to improve the environment, leaving it better than the way we found it. Adventure Club isn’t just about exploring nature, we get the opportunity to create a family. We help each other overcome obstacles, fears, and shyness while improving physical endurance.”

Support My Club equipped the Adventure Club with more than $650 worth of tents, lanterns, camping stoves, and waterproof cameras!
The mission of Spartan Paws is to provide a service-learning opportunity for students by working with support dogs in training. Club members enhance the lives of people with disabilities, including wounded veterans, through socialization and intensive training. Ayla Peterson, the Vice President of Spartan Paws, helped train six service dogs since the club was founded. She took the dogs to her classes and events before the dogs headed off to serve their forever home.

English Teacher & Club Sponsor, Valerie Newman says, “Dedicated Spartan Paws members come early every morning to walk our service dogs in training. Today was a late start and students didn’t need to be on campus until 9am. These two students arrived at 7am to work with Joy and George before the bell rang.”

Support My Club equipped Spartan Paws with over $550 worth of dog toys, feeding supplies, training equipment and more!
Thank you so much for donating the Glow Germ Kit to our club! This item provided a fun learning opportunity helping students understand the importance of appropriate hand washing techniques when working in the healthcare field. We learned how quickly germs can (and do!) spread with this interactive tool.

**ANNETTE WRIGHT-SMITH**
Pharmacy Services Teacher & Future Health Professionals Club Sponsor

Future Health Professionals Club provides a unique program of leadership development, healthcare education, and recognition to students interests in pursuing a career in health professions. The rapidly changing health care system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leadership role as a member of a health care team.
COVID-19 NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

When COVID-19 caused all school extracurriculars to cease, SMC temporarily pivoted our mission to help ensure that small, local nonprofits were supported during uncertain times.

Our 10 week long COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Program utilized our e-commerce site to display the most pressing needs of 14 nonprofits – the items that directly allowed them to perform their missions and programs.

14 NONPROFITS  $6,728 DONATIONS

Thanks to multiple generous donors and matching funds, we provided groceries, school supplies and personal hygiene essentials to those most impacted by COVID-19.
This year, the global pandemic affected our work in dramatic ways. While it brought the opportunity to be creative, it also brought reduced revenues and interrupted strategic plans. However, our fiscally conservative behaviors of the past allowed for us to have a safety net during this challenging time. Thank you to our supporters and board of directors for ensuring that we were prepared for anything.
PARTNERS & MATCHING
Gifts between July 2019 - June 2020
At FineMark, people always come first. From our associates to our clients to our communities, we value giving back and taking care of people. FineMark is a proud supporter of Support My Club.