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## **Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona Elects Five New Members to the Board of Trustees**

**Tucson, AZ (July 27, 2017)**—The Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona is pleased to announce the election of new officers and the election of five new members to its Board of Trustees.

Deborah Dale, CFRE, was recently elected chair. The Women's Foundation also welcomes five new Trustees: Linda Immerman-Stoffers, First Vice President-Financial Advisor at Schaefer, Present and Stoffers Investment Group, Grace Liatti, student at The University of Arizona, Linda J. Lopez, Retired State Senator, Rosenda Ruelas Castro, student at Canyon del Oro High School and Dr. Sarah E. Schram, Dermatologic Surgeon at Pima Dermatology.

Several long-serving Trustees completed two terms of service with the Women's Foundation this past June. Impressively, they have a combined 35+ years of board service to their credit.

The Foundation staff and board wish to extend our appreciation to the following outgoing Trustees for their dedication and commitment to the Foundation: Gabriela Cervantes, MBA, Marketing Manager/Quality Systems Administrator at AGM Container Controls, Lynn Jonen, Ph.D., psychologist at Sierra Tucson, Margie Lannon, CSA, Owner of Homewatch Caregivers, Caitlin McCormick, student at Barnard College, Allison M. Vaillancourt, Ph.D., Vice President for Business Affairs and Human Resources at The University of Arizona (immediate past chair) and Roxanne Veliz, Partner at Snell and Wilmer.

### *About our New Trustees*

#### **Grace Liatti**

Grace Liatti is a Tucson native and incoming student of the University of Arizona. Growing up in a family where she is the youngest of three girls, she has always admired the determination, persistence, and independence of women. In her own words, "to pay respect to her upbringing, I'm passionate about using my skills in communication, teamwork, and problem solving to help promote the advancement and

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equality of women and girls in our society.” An honor student, Grace participated in the Unidas Girls’ Leadership and Philanthropy Program from 2015-2017 and served as a featured guest speaker at the 2017 Women’s Foundation Annual Luncheon.

### **Linda Immerman-Stoffers**

A certified financial planner, Linda Immerman-Stoffers is the First Vice President-Financial Advisor at Schaefer, Present and Stoffers Investment Group in Tucson, Arizona. With more than 20 years’ experience in the financial industry, Linda specializes in client development and specialty client portfolios. An active volunteer in the community, Linda has served on numerous boards, chaired galas for the Tucson Heart Ball, Jewish Family & Children Services and is a Board Member at El Rio Health Center Foundation. Linda is married to Bill Stoffers and parent to five daughters, with eight beautiful grandchildren. Since 2016, Linda has served on the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona Finance & Investment Committee.

### **Senator Linda J. Lopez, Retired**

Senator Lopez served as a member of the Arizona Legislature from 2001 – 2014. During her tenure, she held caucus leadership positions in both the Senate and House. Among her committee assignments were Appropriations, Health, Human Services, and Joint Legislative Budget Committee. She provided the language and leadership for the successful Smoke Free Arizona Initiative. Lopez is known for her legislative leadership on women’s issues including reproductive health, children and family issues, accessible/affordable health care for all Arizonans, services for Arizonans with disabilities, and education Pre-K through University. She held leadership positions for Easter Seals Blake Foundation and La Frontera Arizona. She volunteers on several boards including the Foundation for Blended and Online Learning and the Arizona Virtual Academy. She and her husband, Rudy Jones, have a blended family that includes her son and two daughters and Rudy’s three sons. Together they have 11 grandsons with a twelfth due in October. Linda J. Lopez is a member of the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona Community Impact Committee since 2016.

### **Rosenda (Rosie) Ruelas Castro**

Rosenda Ruelas Castro is an incoming senior at Canyon del Oro High School in Oro Valley, Arizona. Rosenda plans to attend the University of Arizona to earn a degree in Archaeology and Environmental Sciences as well as Forensic Anthropology. Bilingual in Spanish and English, Rosie is the recipient of many awards and honors, including the “Linking Hispanic Heritage Through Archaeology 2017” Award. Rosie participated in the Unidas Program in 2017, and plans to play a leadership role in Unidas in 2018.

### **Sarah E. Schram, MD**

Sarah E. Schram, MD earned her Doctor of Medicine Degree at the *University of Minnesota Medical School*. She achieved academic honors with the Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement and was elected to the prestigious *Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*. She completed her Dermatology Residency at the *University of Minnesota Medical School* and received extensive training in Mohs and Laser Surgery during a Procedural Dermatology Fellowship at the *University of Minnesota*.

Prior to joining Pima Dermatology in September 2015, Dr. Schram was a Dermatologic Surgeon / Assistant Professor at the *University of Minnesota Medical School*. Board Certified by the *American Board of Dermatology*, Dr. Schram specializes in Mohs Skin Cancer Surgery, with special interest in Cutaneous Oncology and Cosmetic Dermatology. She is thoroughly skilled in Surgical Dermatology, Cosmetic Dermatology, and Lasers. She is a Fellow Member of the *American College of Mohs Surgery*. In addition, she has contributed to a variety of medical journals and publications. Dr. Schram served as a volunteer Grants Evaluator with the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona in 2016-2017.

*About the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona*

*The Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona collaborates to achieve social, political and economic change that empowers women and girls. The Women's Foundation empowers women and girls through research, advocacy and grantmaking. Leadership development is built into all aspects of the organizations from the nationally recognized Unidas philanthropy program for high school girls to shaping public policy through research and advocacy. With "The Self-Sufficiency Standard" research report, the Women's Foundation educates policy makers about the economic realities facing women and girls. In 2017, the Women's Foundation awarded over \$700,000 in grants to more than 20 organizations, covering a wide range of needs. Grants are made from annual competitive grant cycles, recommended from donor advised funds and allocated through Unidas. **More information:** [www.womengiving.org](http://www.womengiving.org).*

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