

## SAHBA CARES: Courtney's Courage

We begin with a story that's personal to me, and one that many longtime SAHBA members will remember: **Courtney's Courage** (formerly known as *Tee Up For Tots*). This organization has been near and dear to my heart for over 25 years.

Some of you might recall when, 26 years ago, Bill Walker and Jerry Zillman from The WLB Group launched a golf tournament to support pediatric cancer research. Tee Up For Tots was even a beneficiary of the SAHBA Charity Golf Classic. I remember pitching our case in the SAHBA board room, hopeful that the funds raised could go toward something that truly mattered. And they did.

What started as a small effort has grown into **Courtney's Courage**, named for a little girl whose brave battle with cancer inspired a legacy of hope. Today, this entirely volunteer-run nonprofit raises critical funds for pediatric cancer research and provides year-round financial and emotional support to families right here in Southern Arizona through programs at **Diamond Children's Medical Center**.

To give you a sense of the impact:

- **96%** of every dollar donated goes directly to programming.
- Their **Family Support Services** help **80 to 100 families per year** by covering rent, utilities, and everyday essentials like groceries and gas.
- **Courtney's Paks** and **Sibling Paks** offer care, comfort, and dignity to children and their siblings navigating a cancer diagnosis.
- Programs like **Mom's Dinner**, **Teen and Young Adult Support Groups**, and the **Hope & Healing Retreat** build connection and healing where it's needed most.

I started as a sponsor. Then I became a volunteer. I joined the board. I served as president. But most importantly, I've witnessed firsthand the hope this organization brings to families during the darkest of times.

I invite you to join us at the [Annual Courtney's Courage Golf Tournament](#) on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ventana Canyon. There are still spots for foursomes and sponsorships available—and your support can truly change lives.

And please—if you or your company is involved in giving back to the community, we want to hear about it! Let's build something meaningful—together.

**Hope to see you in August.**

Warm regards,

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