

Arizona Town Hall

Annual Report 2014





Our Mission Educate, Engage, Connect and Empower

Arizona Town Hall educates, engages, connects, and empowers people to resolve important issues through consensus, not division, using a process based on respectful dialogue that values diverse perspectives, builds relationships, and fosters leadership development.

Expanding Our Impact in 2014

Thousands of Arizonans actively engaged in discussions about topics relevant to their communities at Town Hall programs:

- Two statewide Town Halls
- Two Future Leader Town Halls with satellite locations throughout the state
- Over 25 outreach events

Town Hall gatherings are designed to empower participants to be constructive members of their communities and to engage with others to address community issues.

In 2014 Arizona Town Hall began to include in the proceedings of the statewide Town Halls additional input from Future Leader Town Hall satellite locations, pre-Town Hall surveys and regional meetings. These efforts will continue in 2015.

Town Halls

Each year Arizona Town Hall addresses important issues that affect Arizona. In the spring, Arizona Town Hall met in Tucson to address *Vulnerable Populations*. In the fall, Arizona Town Hall met at the Grand Canyon to address *Arizona's Economy*. Both Town Halls were well attended. The Spring Town Hall was particularly noteworthy because of its focus on vulnerability, a condition that affects diverse groups of people who are vulnerable to loss or injury for different reasons.



105th Town Hall, Arizona's Economy, Grand Canyon

"I truly enjoyed the entire Arizona Town Hall experience! From networking and engaging in meaningful discussions on early education to creating a final recommendation report to be proud of, it was all very insightful and truly inspiring!"

Melanie Martin Early Childhood Specialist Children's Museum of Phoenix

On the Cover: Top Row - Jim Huntwork and participants at the 105th Town Hall, Arizona's Economy, Grand Canyon; Second Row - Len Kirschner, Peggy Kirschner, Wendy Respardo, Patrick Orion, Xiomara Millay, and Holly Cook at the 104th Town Hall, Vulnerable Populations, Tucson; Thrid Row - Gwen Calhoun, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Amelia Cramer at the104th Town Hall, Vulnerable Populations, Tucson; Bottom Row - Jamsheed Mehta, Cliff Potts, and Steve Cleveland at 105th Town Hall, Arizona's Economy, Grand Canyon.

Engaging Future Leaders

Hundreds of high school and college students from around Arizona experienced civic participation first hand using Arizona Town Hall's model of civil discourse at Future Leaders Town Halls on the topics of *Vulnerable Populations* and *Arizona's Economy.* These events consistently receive rave reviews and have engaged the next generation of leaders in the Town Hall process, discussions and recommendations.



105th Future Leaders Town Hall, Peoria

"Not only was I able to voice my opinion, I also had the chance to hear other's views. Some issues had never occurred to me before then and I now have a clearer view."

Calvin Woods, Berean Academy

Community Outreach

After each Town Hall, the recommendations are communicated to a broader audience through news media reports, a highlights piece, and Community Outreach Programs held around the state. Hundreds of Arizonans participate in the 60-90 minute presentations and discussions.

Individuals who participated in the Town Hall discussions serve as presenters for the Community Outreach Programs and share their thoughts on the recommendations. The audience members receive the printed highlights piece and are invited to engage in a Town Hall style discussion about the priorities described in the piece. Consensus recommendations are generated at each Outreach Program.

Publications

Arizona Town Hall reports, recommendations, and highlights pieces were printed and widely distributed throughout Arizona. These reports are often used by teachers, legislators and others as resource materials.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts by Arizona State University for both the Vulnerable Populations and Arizona's Economy Town Halls, fact-based research informed the discussions and remains a valuable resource for others interested in these topics.



105th Community Outreach Program, Tucson

"[The Town Hall report] proved to be a great learning tool for our youth, adults and seniors."

Eva O. Olivas Executive Director/CEO Phoenix Revitalization Corporation

Visit our website's "Past Town Halls" page to download the reports from the *Vulnerable Populations* and the *Arizona's Economy* Town Halls.

Consulting Engagements: Increasing Revenue While Fulfilling Our Mission

During 2014, Arizona Town Hall conducted several training events for organizations interested in learning the Town Hall process. In addition, Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services using the Town Hall process to solve local community issues or to plan for the future. Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services for the City of Scottsdale, Arizona State University, Maricopa Community Colleges and an Arizona Public Service (APS) Town Hall Summit. These consulting and training engagements expand the reach of Town Hall and help support other Town Hall activities.

Arizona Town Hall helps organizations to prioritize the most effective action items for change. I would use the Arizona Town Hall for any business or organization that needs to bring people together, develop new ideas and move them to action. What is unique about the Arizona Town Hall process is that everyone has a voice and becomes engaged.

Cathy Chiang, Customer Assistance Programs - Energy Delivery Analysts Sr., Arizona Public Service (APS)

Impacting the State through Statewide Membership

Arizona Town Hall's work over five decades has guided our state's civic, political, business and community leadership in identifying and implementing policies to shape, grow and improve Arizona. We owe this success to our members.

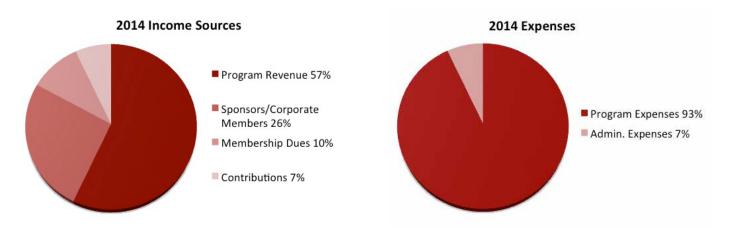
People are the key ingredient of the Arizona Town Hall: people with open minds, knowledge of current issues facing our state and willingness to examine all sides of those issues.

Find a listing of all Town Hall members in the Member Directory under our website's "About Us" tab.

We offer a special thanks to our Life Members:

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104th Town Hall, Vulnerable Populations, Tucson

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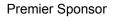
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105th Town Hall, Arizona's Economy, Grand Canyon



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