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.

Impact

In 2017, thousands of Arizonans actively engaged in discussions about topics relevant to their communities at Town Hall programs. These programs are designed to galvanize participants who go on to implement changes in their communities and on a statewide basis.

- Community Outreach Programs were held on the topic of “Financing Arizona’s Future” in 8 counties and attended by nearly 300 community leaders.
- Future Leaders Town Halls throughout the state engaged approximately 1000 students in over 10 cities and 8 counties on the topic of “Funding preK-12 Education.”
- 16 Community Town Halls on “Funding preK-12 Education” were held that allowed over 1000 of Arizonans to engage in discussions and develop community specific recommendations.
- The first binational and bilingual Community Town Hall was held in Hermosillo, Mexico on the topic of strengthening Arizona and Sonora’s economic ties.
- The 110th statewide Town Hall hosted over 100 people from around the state on “Funding preK-12 Education.” Thousands of others were impacted by our publications and the extensive media coverage of 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. The impact of those gatherings is magnified by extensive media coverage and distribution of reports.

“The entire process is a learning experience, no matter how many times we have been through it. Seeing the shift from opposition to cooperation--marvelous to observe.”

Ray Newton, Professor Emeritus, Northern Arizona University

On the Cover: Top Row - Mare Mazur accepting the special award for Arizona PBS at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Phoenix; Second Row – Frank McCune, Cindy Mallory and Pam Rochford at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Phoenix; and Jonae Harrison and Jose Pombo at the 110th Arizona Town Hall on “Funding preK-12 Education,” Mesa; Third Row – Participants at the Chicanos Por La Causa Community Town Hall on “Funding preK-12 Education,” Phoenix; Fourth Row – John Arnold speaking to participants at the Tucson Community Town Hall on “Funding preK-12 Education;” and participants at the GenK “Give the Youth a Voice Town Hall,” Kingman.
Community Programs

Community Town Halls capture input from Arizona’s many diverse communities. Reports from Community Town Halls are acted on locally. They are also included with the participants’ background materials to further enrich discussions at the statewide Town Hall.

After the statewide Town Hall, recommendations are communicated to a broader audience through traditional and social media, published reports, and Community Outreach Programs held around the state.

Individuals who participated in the statewide Town Hall discussions serve as presenters for Community Outreach Programs and share their thoughts on the recommendations. Participants are invited to engage in a Town Hall-style discussion that sets priorities and action steps for their communities.

Publications

The Background Report provides fact-based research to inform the discussions and serve as a valuable resource for others interested in the topic.

Special thanks to Arizona Board of Regents’ John Arnold for serving as Editor of the “Funding preK-12 Education” Background Report.

Arizona Town Hall reports and recommendations are printed and widely distributed throughout Arizona. These reports are used by community and elected leaders as valuable resource materials.

Visit our website to download published reports.
Consulting Engagements: Increasing Revenue While Fulfilling Our Mission

During 2017, Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services to entities interested in solutions-based discussion, including Kingman Chamber of Commerce and Kingman City Council, Apache Junction, Arizona Charter Schools Association and others. Arizona Town Hall also conducted training sessions for organizations interested in learning the Town Hall process.

“Arizona Town Hall has been tremendous. Arizona Town Hall armed us with the means to generate attitudes and behaviors that will help create a better future for our community.”
- Gregg Martin, CEO, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce

Expanding Our Impact Through Traditional & Social Media

In 2017, Arizona Town Hall expanded it’s impact through various media efforts. Town Hall convenings were featured in nearly 80 print articles and televised and radio features. Most media links can be accessed from the Arizona Town Hall website.
2017 Income and Expenses

2017 Income Sources
- $50,000 Partners
  - Arizona Public Service (APS)

- $25,000 Partners
  - Salt River Project (SRP)

- $15,000 Partners
  - Arizona Lottery
  - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
  - Union Pacific

- $10,000 Partners
  - Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona
  - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
  - Helios Education Foundation

- $5,000 Partners
  - Agnese Nelms Haury Program
  - Chicanos Por La Causa
  - Jennings, Strouss & Salmon
  - LAUNCH Flagstaff
  - Perkins Coie
  - Snell & Wilmer LLP
  - TCI Wealth Advisors

- $2,500 Partners
  - Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
  - Gila County Board of Supervisors
  - Gila County Superintendent’s Office
  - HSL Properties
  - Maricopa Community Colleges
  - Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.
  - University of Phoenix
  - Yavapai Community College

2017 Expenses
- Program Expenses 93.3%
- Admin. Expenses 6.7%

2017 Corporate and Organizational Partners
(List includes specific and general partnerships)

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$1,000 Partners
  - Arizona Community Foundation of Cochise County
  - Arizona Rim Realty LLC
  - Arizona Water Company
  - Cochise College
  - DMB Associates
  - The NARBHA Institute
  - PICOR Commercial Real Estate
  - Pima Association of Governments
  - Risk Assessment Group, Inc.
  - Town of Marana
  - Town of Oro Valley

$500 Partners
  - AECOM
  - BDO Mexico
  - BeachFleischman PC
  - Central Arizona College
  - City of Cottonwood
  - Farmers Investment Company
  - Hufford, Horstman, Mongini, Parnell & Tucker PC
  - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
    - Local Union 640
  - Lambda Alpha International
  - Ray & Patty Newton Family Foundation
  - Pima Community College
  - Pinal Partnership
  - PUSD Education Foundation
  - Scottsdale Community College
  - Tapia, Robles, Cabrera y Moreno
  - Visit Tucson
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Lisa A. Atkins, recipient of the 2018 Shirley Agnos Legacy Award
at the 2017 Annual Meeting
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Participants at the Flagstaff Community Town Hall for the 110th Town Hall “Funding preK-12 Education”