

# State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) November Newsletter

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## IN OTHER NEWS

### SECC Clay Target Fun Shoot

**Who:** Each year the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Arizona Game & Fish Department and the Arizona Department of Transportation host a clay target shoot at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center sponsored by the Arizona State Credit Union. Our event beneficiaries this year will be the 100 Club of Arizona and Wildlife for Tomorrow.

**When:** **November 17, 2014**

**What:** A full day of clay target shooting competition, silent and live auctions, lunch, and much more.

**Cost:** Registration is \$65 and includes:  
Range Fees for 25 Trap and 50 Sporting Clays, T-Shirt and Lunch!

## SECC Campaign Updates

State Employees have donated over \$352,000!! There is still time to make your donation. Our official pledge date ends on **November 28, 2014**. The SECC serves the needs of non-profit organizations in our communities, state, nation and world. We encourage all state employees to become involved in this great cause. You can play a part through payroll deductions, one time gifts, and special events. You can make a donation at <https://donatesecc.az.gov/donate/login.aspx>. A list of participating charities is located at <https://secc.az.gov/participating-charities>.

## Congratulations to our SECC Weekly Prize Winners

**Week 1** - iPad Mini Retina Display 16GB, Cheryl Karp, Dept. of Transportation

**Week 2** - Vacation Package (Value up to \$400), Rebecca Matthews, Dept. of Economic Security

**Week 3** - GoPro Hero 3 White Edition, Brenda Hays, AHCCCS  
- Samsung Digital Camera, Sharon Lange, AHCCCS

**Week 4** - Night out Package (Value up to \$400). Winner TBD

**Week 5** - HP Chromebook. Winner TBD

- U.S. Airways \$250 gift certificate. Winner TBD

Eligible employees must donate \$52 or more and submit their pledge either online or through the paper pledge form to the SECC office by close of business on Friday of each week. Once \$52 or more is donated, an employee's name will remain in the drawing each week. Prizes Donated by the Arizona State Credit Union.

For registration information or to purchase Dream Vacation Raffle Tickets see <https://secc.az.gov/clayshoot>.

### SECC Contact Info

To learn more about the SECC, special events, etc, please contact the SECC office at [secc@azdoa.gov](mailto:secc@azdoa.gov) or see our webpage at <https://secc.az.gov/>.

## SECC Prize Squad Giveaway

Ten (10) lucky state employee winners will receive a HUGE \$500 check from the SECC Prize Squad. The winner will take home \$250 and staying true to the SECC mission, the winner will donate the other \$250 to an SECC participating charity of their choosing. Prize Eligibility rules are as follows:

Donation of \$2 - \$4.99 per pay period or \$52 - \$129.99 annually = 1 entry.

Donation of \$5 - \$9.99 per pay period or \$130 - \$259.99 annually = 2 entries.

Donation of \$10 or more per pay period or \$260 - \$999.99 annually = 3 entries.

Donation of \$1000 or more annually or 1 hour of pay per pay period = 4 entries (supergivers & leadership givers).

To be eligible for this giveaway, online pledges must be submitted online or paper pledges must be received in the SECC office no later than November 28th, 2014. The ten winners will be drawn by an audited selection process via a random number generator around December 8th, 2014. The winner must be a State of Arizona employee or retiree at the time of the drawing. The prizes are donated by the Arizona State Credit Union.

## Volunteer of the Month, Lupita Higuera

**Name:** Lupita Higuera

**Current job title:** Senior Benefits Advisor for Arizona State Retirement System (Tucson)

**How long have you participated with SECC and what you like most about it:** Almost 5 years and I enjoy interacting with people from all over Arizona. I serve as the SECC Southern Regional Coordinator.

**Volunteer activities:** Assist with neighborhood (HOA) youth activities and after school care at a nearby elementary school.

**What you like to do in your spare time:** Play tennis, cook exotic



dishes, travel and spend time with family/friends.

## Charity Spotlight-Happy Tails Service Dogs



Happy Tails Service Dogs is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was formed in Phoenix, Arizona in 1996. Happy Tails teaches persons who have physical disabilities and/or a hearing loss how to train their dog to become a service/hearing dog as

recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act. All services are free to our students.

Students make a commitment to attend a two hour class each week for a period of approximately fifteen months. Upon completion of the program, the student's dog will have learned necessary skills which provide increased opportunities for the person with a disability to function more independently in his/her home and community.

Graduate students are given the opportunity to become peer mentors for new students coming into the program and/or participate in presentations which help educate the community on the rights of an disabled individual who uses a service dog. Students who graduate each year are recognized at the annual Christmas party.

Happy Tails relies on the generosity of donations to cover the cost for instructors, interpreters, training tools and some administrative costs. More information can be found at <http://happytailsservicedogs.com/>