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**Phoenix Indian Center's Silver & Turquoise Ball Presented by Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise Sets Fundraising and Attendance Records**

*Randy Kemp was Honored with the Leon Grant Spirit of Service Award*

**Phoenix, AZ** — Phoenix Indian Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball, presented by Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise, set records for fundraising and attendance for the second year, raising necessary dollars to support its vital programs and services. The event took place on October 20, 2023, at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, with the theme "Celebrating Our Voices."

"Each year, I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support for the Silver & Turquoise Ball benefitting the Phoenix Indian Center," said Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, CEO of Phoenix Indian Center. "From the artisans and businesses who donate to our auction, the patrons who show up year after year to celebrate us, and the team who puts this experience together for our guests, this is truly a community event. And it's because of these individuals, that the Phoenix Indian Center can continue to provide essential services and programming to the urban Native American population here in Phoenix."

The Silver & Turquoise Ball featured over 280 silent auction items — including American Indian art, jewelry, gifts, and services from local businesses — valued at over \$100,000. Native American painter, printmaker, and award-nominated flute player Randy Kemp (Choctaw/Muscogee-Creek/Euchee) was honored with the Leon Grant Spirit of the Community Award. Guests enjoyed live entertainment and an Indigenous-inspired dinner curated by featured Chef Denella Belin (Diné).

Setting history as the first tribally-owned enterprise, Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise served as the Presenting sponsor. Other noteworthy sponsors for the event include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Foundation for Community Health & Advancement, Desert Diamond Casino West Valley, AZ Central/The Arizona Republic, CKP Insurance, Diamond Sol, JPMorgan Chase & Co., ASU, Boeing, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Cox Communications, Casino Arizona at Talking Stick, Discover, Freeport-McMoRan, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, PENTA Building Group, and SRP.

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**About Phoenix Indian Center**

The Phoenix Indian Center, established in 1947, is the oldest and first social service agency in the United States dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all, with services targeted to American Indian people. The Center serves over 9,500 customers annually with intensive workforce development, prevention services, cultural enrichment, youth programming, and community engagement activities targeted toward adults and youth. Related outreach touches more than 30,000 urban American Indian children and their families annually. To learn more, visit [www.phxindcenter.org](http://www.phxindcenter.org).

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**About Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise**

Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise, created in 1941, was established as a guild to foster the artistry of the Navajo people through silversmithing, rug weaving, painting, and other Navajo art. Through the decades, NACE expanded into an enterprise of the Navajo Nation to build and support the local economy.