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### **TUCSON FOUNDATIONS AWARDS \$250,000 GRANT TO DV COALITION**

On February 28, 2018, the *Tucson Foundations*, directed by the Lohse family, awarded \$250,000 for the *Risk Assessment, Management, and Prevention (RAMP) Program* to reduce the severity and frequency of Domestic Violence (DV) in Pima County. In doing so, it became the leading philanthropic partner with RAMP. This is amazing seed funding, and it is the goal of the *Tucson Foundations* and Linda Lohse to challenge others in the community to also step forward to support the RAMP project.

RAMP is an innovative collaboration among the Pima County Attorney's Office; Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse; Southern Arizona Legal Aid; and numerous law enforcement agencies, including the Tucson Police Department, the Pima County Sheriff's Office, and others. RAMP takes a multidisciplinary approach to the problem of DV at each stage in the criminal justice process. The *Tucson Foundations'* award will be used for law enforcement training, crisis advocates to assist victims at crime scenes and in court proceedings, temporary shelter for victims and their children, and social services to help victims plan for their ongoing safety and recovery.

The *Tucson Foundations'* gift will be the cornerstone to the implementation of an important new tool called APRAIS, the Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System. This is a simple and scientifically proven questionnaire that will assist officers and deputies in evaluating the degree of ongoing risk of violence to victims and in prioritizing services for victims at greatest risk. Using this tool will assist victims and their children. It will also help judges in determining conditions of release, bail, and probation for DV offenders.

Simply put, APRAIS is used to assess a victim's chance of suffering serious physical injury or dying at the hands of an abusive partner. In Pima County, DV is the most common violent crime, and the second most frequent call for service. DV is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Local law enforcement agencies respond to about 13,000 DV calls annually. The goals of the collaboration are two-fold: 1) reduce the frequency and severity of domestic violence in our community; and, 2) eliminate domestic violence deaths in Pima County.

We believe RAMP shows promise to become a model for other communities throughout Arizona and the United States. Currently, thousands of domestic violence victims do not receive the support services they need – services that could literally save their lives – **and the Tucson Foundations' gift helps to change that.**

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