

## Updates From Your Chapter



### **SACC Hug-A-Bears A Gift That Lasts Forever**

Teddy bears are synonymous with childhood. For many kids, they are soft, cuddly friends to play and sleep with – or simply shower with hugs and kisses. But to other children who have suffered a traumatic event or injury, a teddy bear can be a lifeline of emotional support.

We would like to introduce you to Harrison and his new best friend! In February of this year, we received a beautiful message from the family of Harrison about how he and his new best friend met.

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## NMCC - Annual Children's Christmas Party

The New Mexico Combined Club's Annual Children's Christmas Party was a huge success this year! Each year the Club provide a Christmas party and gifts for children from three Children's Homes. Our dedicated team consisted of 26 volunteers who spent an incredible 353 hours shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating and doing whatever was needed. As a result, they were able to give 98 kids ranging in age from 6 months to 19 years a Christmas to remember.

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## PTCC - Acacia Elementary Read To Ride Program

The year was 2010. Acacia Elementary School was struggling. Enrollment was down, students were underperforming. The school district was considering closing the school. With Principal Christine Hollingsworth and Pioneer Tom Nelson leading our many other volunteers, the Phoenix Thunderbird Combined Club (PTCC) started helping the school with the goal to help it and its students succeed.

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## 2023 Pioneers Don MacKenzie Grants

Chapter 66 has been awarded the following 2023 Pioneers Don MacKenzie Charitable Foundation Fund Grants awarded from [PioneersVolunteer.Org](https://www.pioneersvolunteer.org).

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