

LIVE UNITED™



VISIT [VSUW.ORG](http://VSUW.ORG) TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Valley of the Sun United Way  
1515 East Osborn Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85014  
602.631.4800  
Fax: 602.631.4809



## HELPING THE WORKING POOR

**HELP WORKING FAMILIES ACHIEVE GREATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY;  
RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT FOR YOURSELF**

Valley of the Sun United Way's *Helping the Working Poor* fund helps provide job-skills training, affordable childcare, educational opportunities and more to the working poor in our community.

The working poor include individuals and families with low wage jobs who struggle to make ends meet. By investing a portion of your United Way contribution in *Helping the Working Poor*, you help provide the means to increase self-sufficiency, and you could receive an Arizona state tax credit of up to \$400.\*

In order to take advantage of the *Helping the Working Poor* state tax credit, you must:

- Itemize your charitable contributions
- Direct up to \$400\* to United Way's *Helping the Working Poor* fund
- Provide your name, home address and phone number on your pledge card in order to receive an acknowledgement for your tax records

For more information about the *Helping the Working Poor* fund or the State of Arizona tax credit call 602.631.4800.

\*Arizona State Income Tax credits of between \$200 and \$400 are available based on your income tax filing status. Valley of the Sun United Way is not a tax advisor. As with any financial recommendation, contact a qualified tax professional for expert advice on your specific tax situation.

---

### HELPING THE WORKING POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY

According to 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data, more than one-fifth of Arizonans live in poverty, a figure higher than anywhere else in the nation except Mississippi. Children here are particularly hard-hit. The Census Bureau puts the poverty level of those younger than 18 at 31.3 percent, again, second only to Mississippi and tied with the District of Columbia. Children who live in poverty are more likely to repeat a grade in school and more likely to drop out before completing high school.

### SEEING RESULTS

In 2010, Valley of the Sun United Way partner agencies assisted 3,300 individuals in obtaining employment and provided more than 3,800 people access to job training programs through the support of the *Helping the Working Poor* fund.

