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## **Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation Appoints John Keane as Board Chair**

*Foster Nonprofit's New Board Chair Brings Mentorship, Education, Leadership Skill Set*

**PHOENIX** – [Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation](https://www.affcf.org), a Phoenix-headquartered nonprofit serving Arizona's foster community, recently appointed John Keane to be its new board chair. Keane has served on AFFCF's board of directors since 2018 and has served as vice chair since 2022.

“John brings a wealth of expertise in and outside of the foster care space that will be instrumental in helping AFFCF maintain the momentum and sustain the transformation we have undertaken over the past several years,” said Luis De La Cruz, CEO and president of Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation.

Beyond his participation on AFFCF's board of directors, Keane brings decades of experience working directly with youth experiencing Arizona's foster care system. He has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate since 2017, a volunteer role which sees trained individuals appointed by dependency court judges investigate the circumstances of children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

Keane has also educated youth about critical money management skills for a variety of organizations – he has served as a financial literacy teacher for Foster Arizona since 2022, EVIT since 2024, and Sunshine Acres Children's Home since 2025. He is a technical assistant for Silver Lining Mentoring based in Boston, and in that role, has spoken nationally about the importance of developing financial literacy programs for foster youth.

In addition to his role as an educator, Keane also boasts mentorship experience. He established a foster care ministry at McDowell Church in 2018 and was the camp director at Teen Reach Adventure Camp from 2019-2023. He was a mentor at Aid to Adoption of Special Kids from 2022-2023, served in the mentoring program at Teach One to Lead One from 2019-2022, and was a Hope and a Future mentor from 2018-2020.

Prior to his work with AFFCF, Keane was chairman of ShelterBox USA from 2015-2017.

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation is a Phoenix-based 501c3 that serves to enrich, educate and empower the lives of Arizona's children and youth in foster care. The nonprofit has three primary focus areas – its Childhood Activities Program, which funds moments of joy and normalcy for youth aged 0-20, its Post-Secondary Program, which offers scholarships and funding to foster youth aged 18-26 pursuing trades or higher education, and its Keys to Success program for participants aged 16-26, which addresses the unique needs and challenges facing youth transitioning from foster care.

For more information about AFFCF and to learn more about the nonprofit's leadership, please visit [affcf.org](https://www.affcf.org).

### **About AFFCF**

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) provides foster care support by closing critical funding and service gaps. AFFCF has over 40 years of experience ensuring Arizona's foster care population can participate in the same activities as their non-foster care peers, achieve self-sufficiency through employment, education, and housing programs and pursue post-secondary success. AFFCF is dedicated to changing the story of foster care in Arizona and qualifies for the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit. Visit [affcf.org](https://www.affcf.org) for more information.

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