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AUGUST 23, 2014

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THEREFORE, the Members of the Arizona House of Representatives do hereby recognize and appreciate Portable Practical Education Preparation for 47 years of service to the great State of Arizona.

Dated this 4th Day of August, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy M. Tobin".

Andy M. Tobin
Speaker of the House
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan Carlos Escamilla".

Juan Carlos Escamilla
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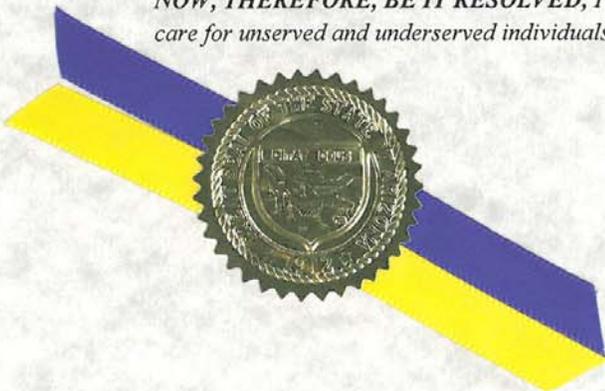
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I congratulate them on 47 successful years of compassionate care for unserved and underserved individuals throughout the State of Arizona.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2014

*Don Shooter
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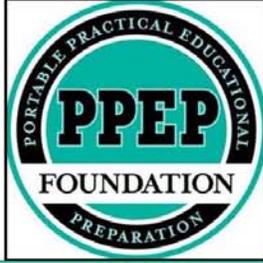
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Dear Riders:

Thank you for joining the journey with us that began 47 years ago aboard an old 1957 Chevy School bus named La Tortuga (the tortoise).

As a young man, he dreamed of founding a school to “Improve the quality of life” for his rural Bracero migrant farmworkers students. He was denied the amount of funding needed to found a “brick and mortar” school. However, a \$19,000 grant was awarded. This was enough funding to purchase a used 48 passenger school bus that was to become known as “La Tortuga.” The bus became the means to offer farmworkers education and assistance. In those early years of PPEP, Dr. Arnold was the mechanic, driver, and teacher. La Tortuga made its way in the evenings to the “Bracero” migrant farmworker camps in the Santa Cruz Valley south of Tucson. During the day, he taught practical educational skills to farmworkers offering them a better quality of rural life.

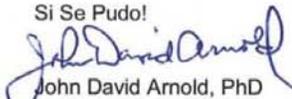
After 47 years, La Tortuga, the PPEP Corporation with nearly 600 employees and Dr. Arnold are still taking the journey. You can read more of our story, meet some of our many friends, and see how we have grown by visiting our website at www.ppep.org. Today, La Tortuga has retired and sits in the Farmworker Hall of Fame Museum (which has been recognized by the Smithsonian) and visited by hundreds from around the world). These visitors come to hear the story of how the legendary journey began and hear about the tens of thousands of lives that have been empowered through PPEP programs over the past four and a half decades. La Tortuga has been cited 10 times in the United States Congressional Record, by four sitting United States presidents and numerous kings of Africa and Mexico government.

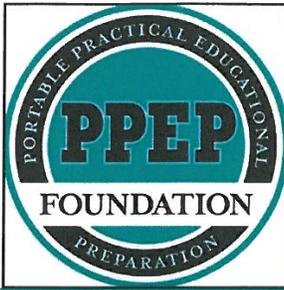
The humanitarian journey began 47 years ago, now spans beyond national borders to three continents (Africa, Mexico, and India). You can see some of the latest efforts toward self-sufficiency in Africa through this website:

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I invite you to view La Tortuga’s present journey and join the ride. Thank you for being part of this journey that we are undertaking to improve the quality of rural life. Enjoy the ride!

Si Se Pudo!


John David Arnold, PhD
CEO/Founder
“The Bus Driver”



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August 23, 2014

Dear Family and Friends:

Welcome to the 47th Anniversary of Portable Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP) Inc. In the early thirteenth century a Greek philosopher said, "Great things come from small beginnings." What better describes the extraordinary history of PPEP and its founder Dr. John David Arnold.

As Chairman of the PPEP Foundation, I am honored to serve as chairperson of this event, "La Tortuga Rolling to 50" PPEP's 47th Anniversary.

Over the past 47 years, from its humble beginning PPEP has positively touched the lives of thousands of individuals in the United States, Mexico, and Africa. Education, health care, and humanitarian aid have been the basis of PPEP Inc. and the PPEP Foundation.

We are appreciative of your participation in the 47th Anniversary Celebration. You are invited to join us in other Foundation programs, for information please visit the PPEP website www.ppep.org.

Sincerely,

Clarence Boykins
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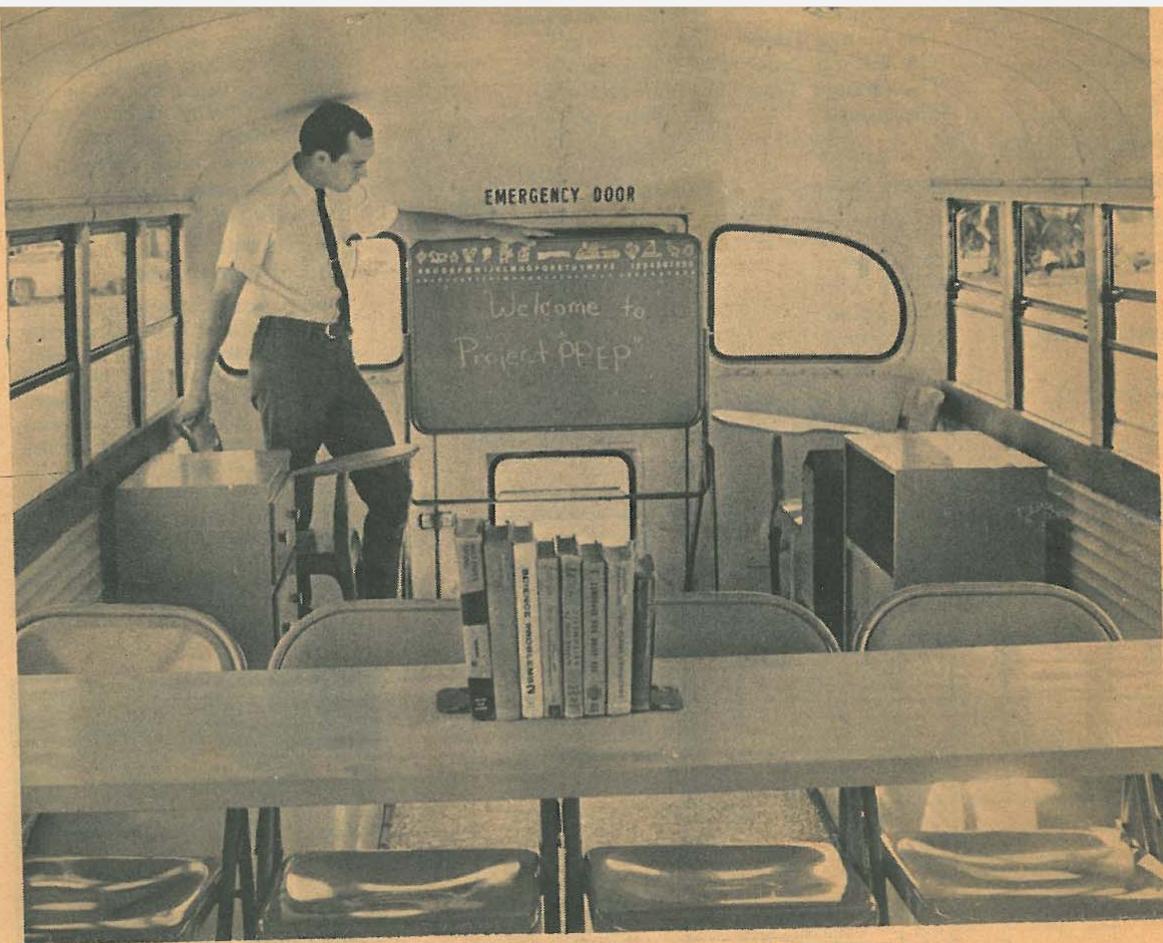
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Valley Volunteers Needed To Teach Mobile Classes

John Arnold, Coordinator of PPEP (Portable Practical Educational Preparation) in the mobile school room used in classes given under the program at Tubac, Continental School and Sahuarita.

Santa Cruz Valley residents are needed as literacy instructors for a "traveling classroom" serving migrant farm worker families and other poor persons in this area, according to John Arnold.

Arnold is coordinator for PPEP (Portable Practical Educational Preparation), poverty war program designed to bring educational opportunities and other services to poor families in rural areas.

Arnold is seeking volunteers for

an 18-hour Laubach Method literacy instructor course, designed to produce more instructors for the program. Persons interested in the course are asked to telephone him at 624-3658 in Tucson or write him at 2232 S. Campbell Ave.

PPEP instruction courses are held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at Continental School and at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Tubac Elementary School. PPEP's portable school instruction bus also

holds classes at 7 p.m. each Monday at St. Martin's Hall in Sahuarita, as well as other classes near the Farmers Investment Co. office in Sahuarita.

Classes cover citizenship, driver training, health, sanitation, first aid and preparation for high school equivalency tests.

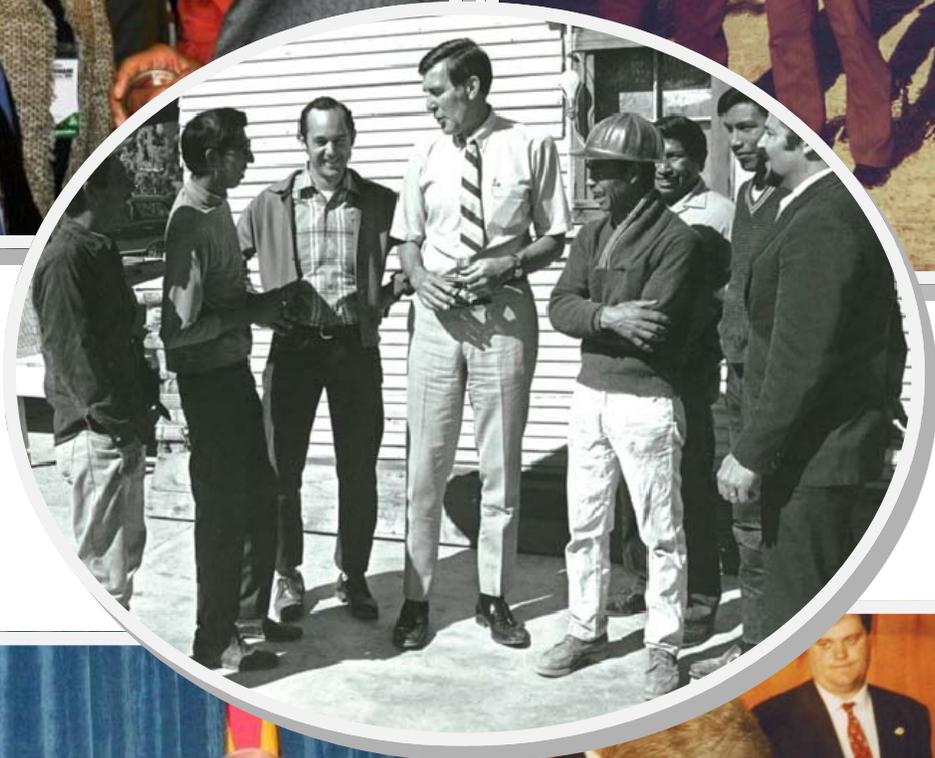
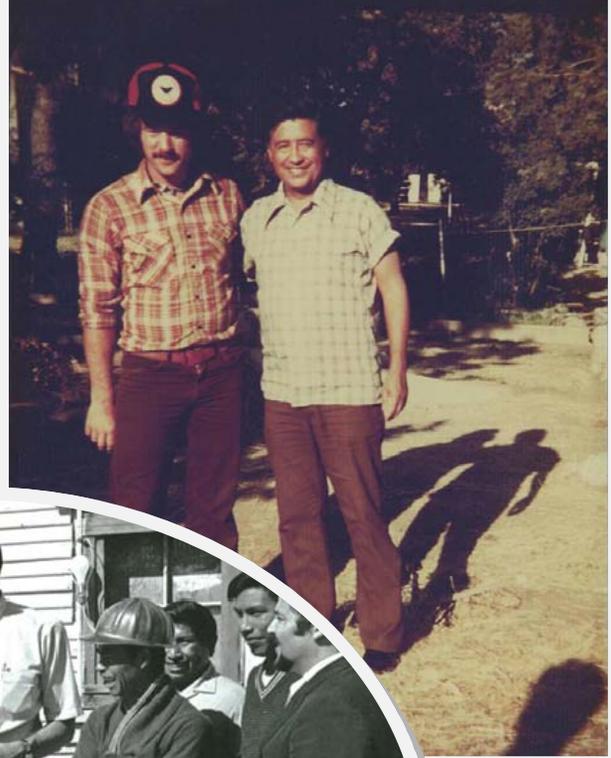
Interested citizens are invited to monitor the classes.

Frank Gomez and Mrs. Mary Dominguez are part-time aides in Sahuarita. Mrs. Louise Moseby holds a similar position in Continental, while Miss Norma Figueroa is a parttime aide in Tubac.

Mrs. Berta Tellez assists Arnold as a fulltime social worker-aide.

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MICHAEL B. ENZI
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United States Senate
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August 15, 2014



Dear Friends:

Congratulations! You have a great deal to be proud of as you mark your 47th anniversary. This is a noteworthy milestone, an opportunity to recognize you for your remarkable history and the important results you continue to achieve.

The story of Portable Practical Educational Preparation begins with John Arnold and his vision of what could be done to address the problems being faced by the poor and those who came to America in search of a better life. His response was to roll up his sleeves and get to work. He knew an education would be the key they would need to create a better life for themselves and their families. Over the past 47 years the success he began in that and so many other efforts has been nothing short of extraordinary.

The work that began in Arizona proved to be just the beginning. You have since reached out to those in need across the country and around the world. When Hurricane Katrina devastated so much of our southern states, you were there to help provide those whose lives were forever changed with a reason to hope for a better future because you cared enough to help. Other projects have reached out to people in Africa to provide them with the resources they needed to improve their lives, their communities and their countries.

As has been said before, John Arnold leads the best way – by example. By so doing, he has provided us with a chance to see what can be done if we are sufficiently motivated and determined to take on the greatest challenge of them all – changing the world – and creative and enthusiastic enough to make it happen.

Congratulations, John and all those who have worked with you over the years. You have made so many things happen we're all looking forward to seeing what you will take up in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Mike Enzi".

Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator
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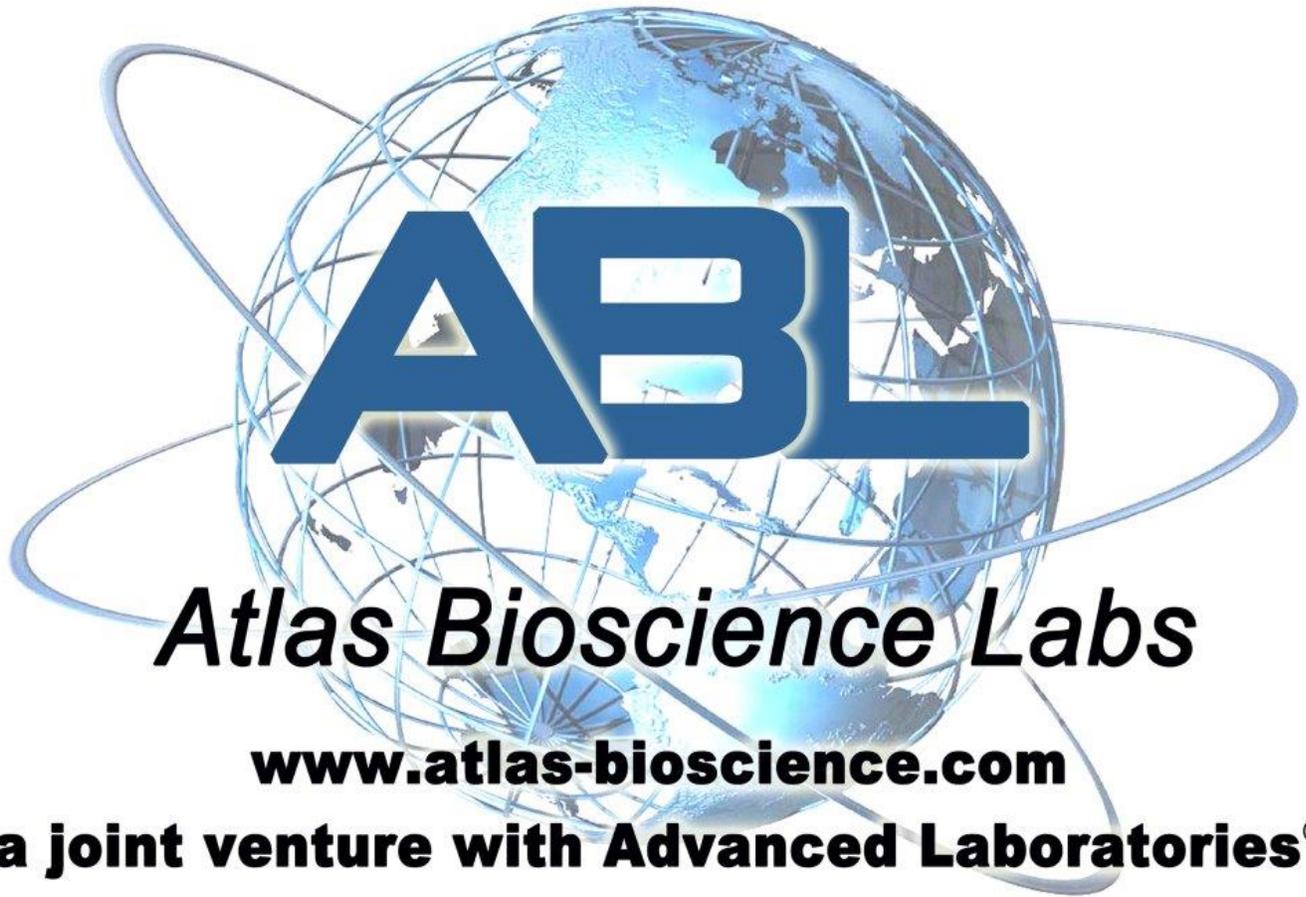
On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), I am pleased to salute PPEP, Inc. on its 47th Anniversary. For the past four decades, PPEP has worked diligently in rural communities, improving the lives and futures of the people it serves. PPEP has been steadfast in its service to the rural poor, the disenfranchised, and the developmentally disabled, at risk youth, as well as the migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families.

As the leader of LULAC, the largest and most widely respected Hispanic organization in the United States of America and Puerto Rico it is a real privilege to acknowledge PPEP, Inc. as we are proud of PPEP's longstanding commitment and involvement in education, community service, and humanitarian efforts spanning over four decades.

We congratulate PPEP, Inc. on 47 years of success and look forward to many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Margaret Moran
LULAC National President



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WHEREAS, *due to support from PPEP, many migrant workers, low-income families and the rural poor are building homes, building businesses and building communities of opportunity;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 23, 2014, to be*

Portable Practical Educational Preparation's 47th Anniversary

in this community, and encourage all our citizens to celebrate this milestone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 23rd day of August, 2014.*




Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor

ATTEST:


Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk



Office of the Mayor

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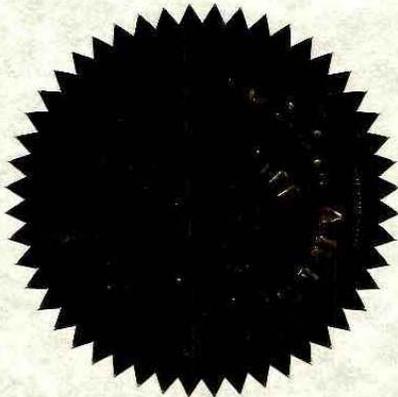
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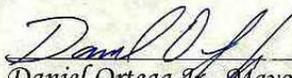
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NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that I, Danny Ortega Jr., Mayor and on behalf of the City of Douglas, Arizona, do hereby congratulate PPEP for its 47th Anniversary.

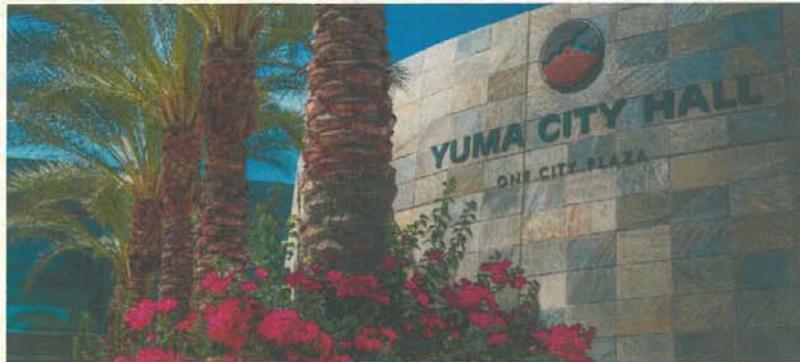


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 4th day of August, 2014.


Daniel Ortega Jr., Mayor

DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS
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“Project PPEP, Inc. Day”
August 23, 2014

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NOW THEREFORE, *I, DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS, Mayor of the City of Yuma, Arizona, hereby declare August 23, 2014 as “Project PPEP, Inc. Day.”*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Yuma, Arizona, 5th day of August 2014.

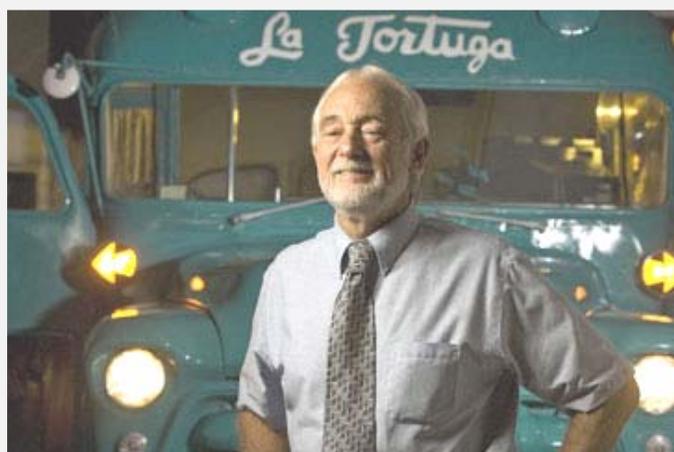
DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS
Mayor
 City of Yuma



DR. JOHN DAVID ARNOLD

Dr. John David Arnold was born in 'Pennsylvania Dutch Country' on a small farm located near Doylestown in Bucks County. His late father whose family dates from the early 1600's was a writer and inventor, who wrote the first motor tourist guide of Mexico for Triple A and Popular Mechanics Magazines in the 1950's. His mother was an artist, sculptor, and micro business owner of Grayce's Gift Shop in Patagonia, Arizona until age of 97. Dr. Arnold has two sisters, Janie & Elaine. Dr. Arnold has been a resident of Arizona for over five decades and presently resides in both Tucson and Patagonia, Arizona. Dr. Arnold is a single parent with three daughters and one stepson; Loree, Renato, (born in Lima, Peru) Chaska, and Tika. All four have attended and excelled in traditional and public charter schools. Dr. Arnold moved to Guadalajara, Mexico with his family when he was six years old, and attended elementary school at *Colegio Cervantes*. He moved to Nogales, Arizona after five years in Guadalajara. His family then moved to Tucson's south side circa 1958 where he attended Wakefield Junior High and Pueblo High School. Subsequently, Dr. Arnold graduated from the University of Arizona, with a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Sociology, two Master's Degrees in Administration and Education, (M. Ed) with a Ph.D. in the same fields. At age 12, because he spoke Spanish he was invited by his church's bus ministry to go to the Bracero farmworker camps as an interpreter. At age 16, he drove his own church bus and established the migrant ministries in Santa Cruz Valley, Rillito, and Marana, Arizona. At age 18, he was ordained and pastored the First Southern Baptist Church in Catalina, Arizona. His teaching and coaching career was in private schools where he organized the Arizona Independent High School Athletic Association. His basketball, football, track and baseball teams all won state championships in 1966.

In 1967, while working for the Head Start Program, Dr. Arnold wrote the first PPEP, Inc. grant proposal submitted to the Tucson War on Poverty Program, which was initiated by the Kennedy/Johnson Administrations. The initial funding was for \$19,000, from which he bought a 48



passenger 1957 Chevrolet school bus known as "La Tortuga" (the tortoise). Dr. Arnold was the driver, mechanic and school teacher imparting practical educational teachings to help the Bracero farmworkers prepare themselves to be productive in our society. Having lived in Mexico, he understood first-hand what it was to live and study in an unfamiliar society with a different language and culture.

From PPEP's humble beginnings aboard La Tortuga 47 years ago, Dr. Arnold, the PPEP Board of Directors and dedicated staff have sought to carry out the dreams to "Improve the quality of life" of the farmworkers and rural poor whom visited the bus in those formative years. His work has been cited as national models 10 times in U.S. Congressional Records, including citations by U.S. Congressmen Udall, Kolbe, Pastor, Grijalva, Giffords, and Senators: DeConcini, McCain, Kyl and Enzi of Wyoming. His programs have been honored twice at the White House, among numerous other recognitions nationally and internationally. US Congressman, Ed Pastor wrote "It is your vision and energy that transformed 'La Tortuga' into a major force for 'Improving the quality of life in Arizona and the world.'" US Senator, Mike Enzi wrote, "You may be the most innovative person I know. It's always fascinating to learn of your new and intriguing advances, plus being a being a voice for the migrant farmworker and their kids." Senator McCain stated, "Ultimately much of our future depends on programs such as PPEP."

Dr. Arnold served on the Tucson Metropolitan Education Council for ten years (1990 to 2000). He has been instrumental in establishing eleven farmworker, rural and inner city PPEP TEC charter high schools, which have graduated 3,500 at-risk students with full high school diplomas.

In 2003, PPEP partnered with K-12 Inc. and established the Arizona Virtual Academy. This is a K – 12 grade on-line instructional programs with over 4,000 students (www.AZVA.org). In 2007, a partnership with Insight affiliated with the University of Phoenix has opened virtual charter high schools in California and Idaho. Insight Arizona in 2012. In 1985, Dr. Arnold organized one of the first micro business programs in the US with a model imported from Mexico. To date, this program has lent over 22 million dollars to micro business located primarily on the US Mexico border region. Dr. Arnold has also served on the National Farmworker Advisory Council for the U.S. Department of Labor under three US Secretaries, providing consultation. Most recently, he has been active in the formation of The Bi National Trade Council promoting import and export and expositions of microbusiness products, which has been called the “Mini or Micro NAFTA.” In 1990, a donation of \$5,000 was made to FAI de Sonora to capitalize their rural micro loan fund, which presently is one of the largest in Mexico, based in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora. There a farmworker Hall of Fame was named for his efforts. Most recently participated with Tucson Mexico Sister Cities project. In 2007, he organized a major humanitarian relief effort among the Yaqui and Mayo tribes’ victims of Mexico’s Hurricane Henriette this coupled with similar efforts in the Tabasco and Jimena disasters. In 2008, LULAC created a National Humanitarian Award in his name. Moreover, he negotiated 3.25 million in scholarships benefiting 100 Latino students with University of Phoenix.

Today the legacy of the “La Tortuga” school bus lives on through the over 550 employees in 35 field and job training offices statewide. Furthermore, PPEP Inc. has been recognized the 92nd largest employer in Southern Arizona. PPEP provides pass-through funds to farmworker grass roots affordable housing programs in the Rocky Mountain States and Hawaii. PPEP’s largest program, which has a special place in Dr. Arnold heart, provides services to the developmentally disabled. PPEP has established 18 group homes, residential, and work sites across rural Arizona. The Arizona Star Editorial stated “Arnold is a wizard at stretching money from government and private sources to get the most out of them and aid the rural needy as well as give them dignity in their lives, “that is the best service money can buy.” The Maui Connection was a term given to PPEP’s migration of dozens Hispanic farmworkers to the Island of Maui to work the pineapple and cane fields in 1990’s. Later, a micro loan program was established there, which now covers all the islands.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded PPEP the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), a second five-year contract to assist adult migrant farmworkers to obtain their GED certification. To date, some 1,000 farmworker adults have graduated from the HEP program in Yuma County alone. The HUD funded Youth Build Program has served 158 drop outs with construction skills and jobs building and rehabilitating over 120 and built 30 new farmworker homes in San Luis and Somerton, Arizona.

In the mid 1980’s PPEP, Inc. was the Navajo Nation’s largest sub-contractor in job training, affordable housing and computer training schools. In 2000, he organized the Farmworker LULAC Council #1088, which was the nation’s largest adult council. Furthermore, he organized dozens of LULAC Youth, LULAC KIDZ, and adult LULAC councils, mostly among Arizona’s farmworker and rural regions. In 2013, the LULAC National President Margaret Moran re-appointed Dr. Arnold as both LULAC National Chair of Education and Chair of International Relations for a seventh terms, which are among the League of United Latin America Citizens highest priorities. In 2007, Dr. Arnold organized LULAC’s first international council in Hermosillo, Mexico, later, followed by India and Africa.

Dr. Arnold manages on the weekends in Patagonia, Arizona, Grayce’s Gift and Candle Shop as well as the *Dia de Los Muertos* Museum which the Smithsonian Institute has recognized as the, “First of its kind in North America” www.grayces.com. At PPEP, Inc. the old bus “La Tortuga” has been restored and placed in the Farmworker Hall of Fame also recognized by the Smithsonian with visitors worldwide. Between 2010 and 2012, he conducted seminars along with Dr. Gabriel Cousens on the natural cure of Diabetes/sustainable organic farming Ghana, Nigeria, and Ethiopia and December 2013 in Cameroon.

In 2005, he organized the Hurricanes Katrina/Rita Farmworker Relief partnership that included World Care, LULAC, and Mississippi Delta Council that NBC News called “The largest non-governmental, interstate relief effort of its kind, ever.” This relief effort was documented in five pages of the US Congressional Record. Also in 2008, Dr. Arnold established Africa’s first three micro credit/cooperative “Hybrid” loan funds in Nigeria and Ghana www.ghanaoldbaika.org. In 2011, he established the West African Rural Empowerment Society that oversees schools economic development, nutrition and cultural projects. www.africawaresdonate.org. These efforts were reported in the West African Daily Sun News; “Philanthropy with a Difference; How an American Touched the Lives of Millions.” He met with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at his residence in Dharamsala, India met with the President of Ethiopia 2011. Also in 2012, he established nutrition, micro credit, sustainable farming projects in Cameroon and Ethiopia. In 2010, two ballads one in English and one in Spanish were composed recorded on his life pathway. Coined the motivational sayings; Si Se Pudo y Si se Podrá!



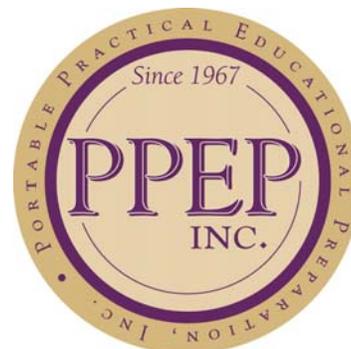
PPEP'S HISTORY



In 1967, while working for the Head Start program, Dr. Arnold wrote a grant proposal and submitted it to the Tucson War on Poverty Program, which was funded by grants initiated by the Kennedy/Johnson administration. The grant was funded at \$19,000 and PPEP was born. Dr. Arnold purchased a 1957, 48-passenger, school bus and equipped it with educational books and supplies. He painted it green and named it "La Tortuga." He was the driver, mechanic and school teacher, all rolled into one. Having lived in Mexico, he knew first-hand what it was like to live in an unfamiliar society with a different language and culture. So, he began teaching English and basic education, in his portable classroom, to the same Bracero farm-workers he had ministered to in the past, helping them prepare for life in America, by gaining a practical education. Hence, "Portable, Practical Educational Preparation" began.



First Staff
(Top L-R) Angie Dominguez, Barbara Garcia, Bertha Tolosa, Linda...
(Bottom L-R) Gilbert Garcia, John D. Arnold © PPEP, Inc.



PPEP AND AFFILIATES CORPORATION



In 1967, the Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. (PPEP) was formed by Dr. John David Arnold and three original incorporators: Mercy Teso, Gertha Brown, and Ted Turkin. The actual date of incorporation was December 10, 1969, above the old fire station in Nogales, Arizona.

In 1975, PPEP, Inc. formed the PPEP Housing Development Corporation (PMHDC) as its affordable housing and economic development arm. This was at the request of our funder to have housing as a separate board. There are no interlocking members. PPEP's cognizant agency United States Department of Labor (USDOL) recognized both entities as completely separate as USDOL contracts with both entities PPEP and PMHDC as separate entities since 1980.

Over the years, other entities were formed for specific projects. For example, the PPEP Senior Housing Services Corporation (PSHSC) was formed specifically to build the La Ramona Morales Senior Independent living (31 units) in Benson, Arizona. Later the PPEP First American Services Corporation was formed for a specific advocacy role for the Native (First) Americans (FARS). The for-profit arm of PPEP is PPEP Rural Business Development Corporation (PRBDC) that gives PPEP's mission the flexibility to have for-profit venues.

Other boards formed over the years are primarily for the on-line education schools (K-12) in Arizona and California. The PPEP California and PHDC California were formed in Brawley, California, in 1985 for a specific grant purpose that was not funded. Therefore, they remained vacant until eight (8) years ago, when Insight a subsidiary of the University of Phoenix approached PPEP to form a partnership to start an on-line high school in the Los Angeles area. In 2002, K-12, Inc. approached PPEP, Inc. about a similar partnership to start an online Kindergarten – High School program in Arizona. This L.L.C. is known as the Arizona Virtual Academy (AZVA). All of the above are separate boards of directors, but these boards all have a common interest to improve the quality of life of those we have the privilege of serving. The PPEP Foundation was created as the arm for PPEP to secure major donations such as trusts, endowments, real property, equipment, and other donations.

The Board of Directors are highly qualified due to their professional experience to carry out the wishes of the donors. PPEP, Inc. has an excellent track record with accountability and very clean consistent audits.

PPEP & AFFILIATES BOARD PRESIDENTS



Gertha Brown-Hurd, PPEP President

Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation: Providing education, training and practical life skills to empower people, so that they can take the knowledge and skills acquired with them, wherever they go, and deal with every-day problems and challenges, as they occur. PPEP helps people learn to be more self-sufficient and successful and to help their community make progress. It connects when dedicated professional staff connect with its rural/farm worker clients and provide opportunities to achieve upward mobility. PPEP provides creativity, innovation, and forward thinking in its approach to alleviate poverty.



Edgar Granillo, PMHDC President

PPEP's Micro Business Loans have funded over \$19 Million in business start-ups since its inception. PPEP's Housing Department develops and builds affordable housing in rural areas.



Jorge Valenzuela, FARS President

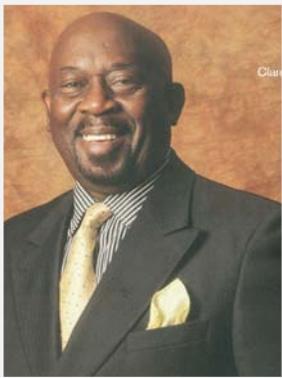
The First American Services (FARS) Corporation was constituted by PPEP, Inc. for the purpose for providing our Native American (First Americans) a platform for advocacy and resource mobilization to support education, socio/economic, cultural, and traditional heritages.

The FARS Corporation's mission embodies the above coupled with the enduring spirit of one of its founders Dr. Alice Paul, who dedicated her life to education. Some of their major initiatives have been advocating for education and mental health services on the Nations (reservations) and programs that address the Natural Cure and prevention of Diabetes.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez, PRBDC President

PRBDC is a for profit corporation seeking to develop social economic development through for profit ventures. PRBDC fulfills a special need among the PPEP Affiliates in that it can enter into for profit world to develop revenues. Many corporate funders prefer doing business with other for-profit entities.

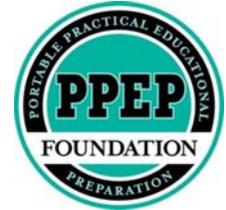
PRBDC gives that vital connection. Even though PRBDC is for profit its proceeds go exclusively to support humanitarian efforts at home and abroad. The board of directors is made up of business, governmental, community based individuals and entities. These members use their business contacts to be mentors, funding sources, as well as lend their business expertise for the benefit of the nonprofit entities involved in improving the quality of rural life at home and abroad. For example members of the banking industry serve on a microbusiness loan review committee overseeing that lending process, providing mentoring to the benefit of the borrowers and technical assistance to the micro lender. PRBDC also refers their business contacts to the nonprofit entities in order that they may receive charitable donations for humanitarian projects.



Clarence Boykins, PPEP Foundation

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Arizona non-profit corporation and its related entities both home and abroad. The present PPEP Foundation Board has defined three main categories as priorities. First, scholarships for at-risk students, including rural, farmworkers, international, and Southern Arizona border area students. The second area of priority is mobilizing resources to provide business development training and technical assistance to micro borrowers. The third area of priority is that of humanitarian work both at home and abroad.



Program

No host Cocktails

Welcoming Remarks

Wavalene Romero, Vice Chairwoman

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild

Posting of Colors

Desert View High School ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Tika Arnold

National Anthem

Marilia Mena

Invocation

Dr. Johnson Bia, PMHDC Board Member and Former Director of PPEP TEC

Historical - Farmworker Hall of Fame

Ralph Romero

Dinner

Program (continued)

Entertainment

Mariachi Aztlan

Basilea and Marilia Mena Duo

Greetings and Recognitions

Dr. John David Arnold, CEO

PPEP, Inc. and Affiliates Pioneers

Fernando Chavez, Guest of Honor

Keynote Speaker

Roger Rocha, Jr., LULAC National President's Special Assistant

Entertainment

Folklorico Tapatio Group

Live Auction

Civil Rights Overview

Mel Hannah

Congratulatory - Testimonials

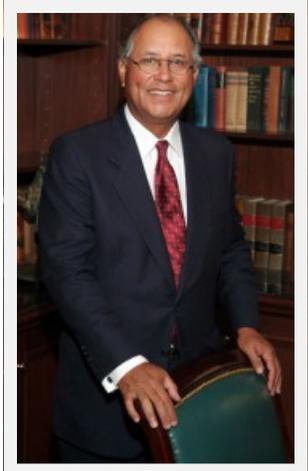
Oscar Tellez

Dr. Gabriel Cousens

Jorge Valenzuela, FAI - Mexico

Diego Granillo

FERNANDO CHAVEZ



Mr. Fernando Chávez, like his father César Chávez, is a leading civil rights activist committed to bringing positive social change in the lives of Latinos and other immigrants in the United States. Mr. Chávez has pursued justice his entire life, working with his father's organization, the United Farm Workers' Union, as a child. Throughout his career, Mr. Chávez has relentlessly pursued social justice, from his **\$57 million judgment** for a Hispanic immigrant, to petitioning *The New York Times* to stop using the term "Illegal Alien."

Mr. Chávez studied political science at Antioch College, in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He then earned his master's degree in urban and regional planning from San Jose State University. Following that, Mr. Chávez attended Santa Clara School of Law and obtained his Juris Doctorate in 1978. Since being admitted to the California Bar in 1979, Fernando Chávez has been pursuing justice and pushing for nationwide social change in the legal system.



"Once you're educated, no one can take that away from you"

ROGER C. ROCHA, JR.



Mr. Roger C. Rocha, Jr. currently resides in Laredo, Texas, and serves as the Senior Advisor to the LULAC National President Mrs. Margaret Moran. Mr. Rocha believes in giving back to the community through service, professional excellence and assisting those who wish to continue with their educational dreams. He has served in numerous positions within LULAC such as the State Director for Texas LULAC and National Treasurer. He currently serves on the LULAC National Board, the LULAC National Education Service Centers (LNESEC) Board of Directors, the Ser Jobs for Progress National Board of Directors and The Laredo Next Generation Rotary Club Board of Directors.

He earned his undergraduate degree in History with a minor in Political Science in 1993 and received his Masters degree in Business Administration from Texas A&M University in Laredo, Texas in 2010. His professional career began by working for AT&T for 16 years and currently he owns Rocha Primary Care, LLC which is a licensed Home Health Care facility that provides medical services to our Nation's Veterans.

He has received numerous professional recognition awards from AT&T and personal awards from LULAC such as the Texas LULAC Man of the Year in 2000, the LNESEC recognition award for Service and Commitment, was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Laredo Next Generation Rotary Club, The Leadership Award for Community Service from The American GI Forum, the Young Leaders Award from the Island of Puerto Rico and from The U.S. State Department it's Distinguished Citizen Diplomat Recognition.



MARIACHI AZTLAN - PUEBLO HIGH SCHOOL



Marilia Lohr Mena
Besame Mucho



Basilia Mena



BALLET FOLKLORICO TAPATIO

EL ORGULLO DE TUCSON



Mom has mastered time management

By CHRISTINA SAMPSON Casa Grande Dispatch | Posted: Tuesday, May 6, 2014 8:33 am

Some high school graduates have their sights set on a future profession when they walk down the aisle to get their diploma.

Juliana Hernandez, an 18-year-old PPEP-Tec High School graduate, has her sights set on two.

"I want to do a variety of jobs, but my main one is to become a pharmacist," Hernandez said.

For Hernandez, graduating on time is a significant accomplishment. She became pregnant when she was 16 and left high school to take care of her daughter, Alexiana Nevaeh.

"I was working, but then I decided to come back to school," Hernandez said.

Though Hernandez had already conquered the challenges of being a working mother, coming back to school after missing an entire academic year was daunting.

"I didn't think I was going to graduate on time," Hernandez said.

She returned to school with just seven credits but, with a renewed focus on school, she successfully earned all the credits she needed to graduate.

Still, "it was pretty hard" going to school and raising a baby, Hernandez said.

"I would come home and I'd have to play with baby and feed her and take care of her," Hernandez said. "I couldn't start my homework until late."

Juggling school and her daughter taught Hernandez the importance of time management.

"Before, I would just go with the flow," Hernandez said. "Now everything is set."

Hernandez wants to become a pharmacist, a profession she became interested in after her daughter was born. She likes the idea of helping to treat people, especially children.

"I want to become a pharmacist because, like if my baby is sick, I want to help cure her," Hernandez said.

She plans to take all the basic, required courses for her pharmacy degree at Central Arizona College while simultaneously earning a cosmetology certification. Once a certified cosmetologist, Hernandez plans to channel her passion for designing elaborate manicure designs into a side job while working toward her pharmacy doctorate.

Hernandez is confident about her ability to work, attend college and raise her daughter.

"Anyone can be successful, you just have to step up to it," Hernandez said.



Juliana Hernandez

Juliana Hernandez will graduate on time after becoming pregnant when she was 16 and taking time off to take care of her daughter.



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porque Dios había puesto
tus pies en este camino.

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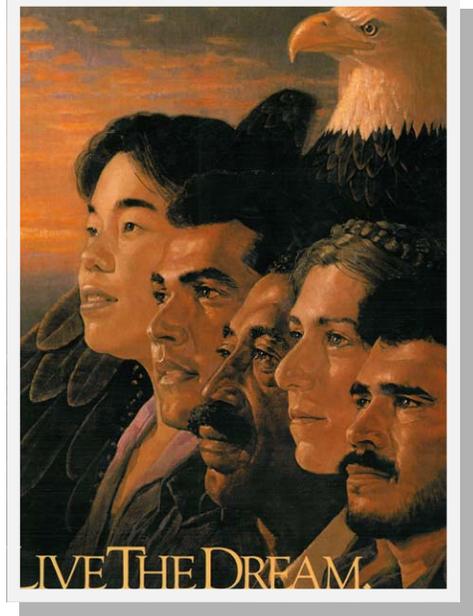
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PPEP, Inc.
On your
47th Anniversary!*

PPEP AFFILIATES & COMMITTEES

The various listed corporations share the common mission, "To improve the quality of rural life." These same corporations are populated with visionary and committed board members. They bring to the table their expertise, professional experience, and resources to impact our entire service delivery area.

Furthermore, we use their expertise to provide governance, oversight, and direction to the staff responsible for carrying out the "mission" and their directives.

Board members range from a farmworker background to a PhD with everything in between. Also, there are members representative of community based groups with a similar mission that seek to be part of PPEP, Inc. activities. This diversity insures that the policies developed have relevance to, and community based input from those it seeks to serve. To further enhance the grassroots contact, the various boards can form committees such as the refugees, veterans, and youth committees for direct impact. Also, there exists a finance, human resources, and loan review committee to provide direction and input to the overall board and agency operations. Finally, 46 years plus of rural experience and constant input from the grass roots community insures a great platform for present and future success.



PPEP'S PROGRAMS

PPEP operates a variety of educational, behavioral health, human services, and employment and training programs for both Youth and Adults. One of its divisions, called Encompass, provides services for people with disabilities. There is also a financial division, called PPEP Microbusiness & Housing Development Corporation (PMHDC).

Through PMHDC, PPEP provides not only financial services to American small business-owners, but to businesses in the global market as well.

PPEP is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Igualdad de Oportunidades Empleador/Programas se le hará disponible cuando solicite ayuda auxiliar y servicios adicionales para personas incapacitadas.



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Arizona Virtual Academy/
Behavioral Health
Encompass
Human Services
International
PPEP California
PMHDC
PPEP TEC
Youth

PPEP Executive Team

Barbara Coronado, Chief Operations Officer



Barbara Coronado joined the PPEP administration in 1999; bringing over 20 years experience in finance for non-profit organizations. Prior to joining PPEP, she was a Contract/Audit specialist for Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Inc. In 2002, Barbara was appointed Director of Finance for PPEP Inc. responsible for the overall financial operations of the organization. In 2006 she was named a Chief Administrative Officer and appointed to PPEP's Management Team.

In 2012 Barbara was appointed as PPEP's Chief Operations Officer, responsible for the daily operations of all PPEP office functions and managing the organization's day-to-day operations and reporting them to the Chief Executive Officer.

Barbara was awarded the PPEP Employee of the Year in 2003. A native Tucsonan, she is active in her community and volunteers by providing accounting services and assistance to various small businesses.

Kari Hogan, Chief Administrative Officer



In July of 1987 Kari started working with PPEP, Inc. Kari began her career as a Program Coordinator for the Developmentally Disabled programs and after six years, she then transferred to the employment and training division, working with farmworkers and other disadvantaged populations. Throughout the past 25 years working with PPEP, Inc. Kari has moved through the ranks and is currently a Chief Administrative Officer. Kari currently oversees and manages 10 programs, 16 grants, and 10 offices for employment, training, housing, and education throughout a nine county area; working with both youth and adult populations through federal, state, and county programs. She supports the farmworker movement, as she is actively involved in two regional associations, where she is President of the RMHI Coalition and Secretary/Treasurer of the WAFA Association. She is actively involved with the AFOP National Association and sits on the Executive Board. She is actively engaged and sits on WIA boards, the Arizona Community Action Board, and other community coalitions that support youth and adults within the communities she serves in Arizona.

Susan Marsett, CAO - HR Director



Susan Marsett is Director of Human Resources and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for PPEP, Inc. She was appointed Director of Human Resources in October of 2007 and made CAO in March of 2012. Susan has held various positions within PPEP Human Resources, dating back to 2001.

As Director of Human Resources & CAO, she sets the strategy for the company's human resources operations, including staffing and recruiting, rewards, recognition and employee benefits, employee communications, learning and development, and strategic change.

In 2006, Susan was voted Overall Employee of the year at PPEP, Inc. Susan supports several educational and nonprofit organizations, is active in her community and volunteers for a non-profit fundraising group called Toast to Teachers. Susan is also a member of the Human Resource Providers Group for Behavioral Health Services and the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Gina Judy, Chief Administrator Officer

Gina K. Judy, Chief Administrative Officer for PPEP, Inc. ENCOMPASS, brings over 30 years of experience and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities to PPEP, Inc. Ms. Judy holds a Masters of Arts degree in Organizational Management and is presently completing her research for her doctoral dissertation on Organizational Leadership. Ms. Judy is internationally recognized as one of the leading experts in individualized program development for individuals with unique challenges. She has developed and implemented a wide variety of services for individuals in rural communities that have been recognized as model programs in the field of developmental disabilities. Ms. Judy holds several state appointments including an appointment on Arizona's Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council and an executive officer position with the Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities. On a national level, Ms. Judy serves as Arizona's representative to the American Network of Community Options and Resources These offices and a past position as Executive Director of the Tulsa Association for Retarded Citizens has given Ms. Judy an excellent foundation to continue her strong advocacy role for children and adults with developmental disabilities here at PPEP, Inc. and in the state of Arizona.



Gary Kleopfer, CAO Property & Insurance



The primary goal of the Property, Insurance & Transportation Department is to support all the other programs in meeting their facility and vehicle needs. In accomplishing this goal the men and women of our department responds to more than four thousand maintenance or service request annually. This includes service request after normal work hours and weekends when needed.

Our department does everything from changing light bulbs to total renovation of facilities. This department does all the phone and data line installation throughout PPEP. By not out-sourcing this service there is an annual savings of several thousand dollars each year.

Randy Kempton, Superintendent PPEP TEC

Randy joined the PPEP TEC High School (PTHS) team in September of 1999. He began his career at PTHS as a Social Studies Teacher for two years. He spent the next five years as a Lead Teacher for three different Tucson locations before being named Director of School Operations in 2007. In 2009, Randy was named Superintendent of PPEP TEC High School. Originally from Tampa, Florida, Randy spent the first 15 years of his life as the son of a career military member moving throughout the eastern United States. When his father retired from the US Air Force in 1975, Randy and his family moved to Ohio where he spent the next 24 years until moving to Tucson in 1999. Randy earned two AAS degrees from Hocking Technical College in 1983 in Heat Processing and Ceramic Engineering. Randy earned his BSED in Social Studies Comprehensive in June of 1996 from Ohio University and an M.Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Phoenix in May of 2011.



PPEP FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

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PPEP FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES





PPEP TEC HIGH SCHOOL

PPEP TEC High School is available for families looking for an alternative to a “traditional” education. The combination of direct instruction and self-paced curriculum allows students to progress effectively through their coursework. With small student-to-teacher ratios, PPEP Tec teachers are able to provide a more personalized learning experience.

Through an updated combination of instructional methods, our students receive a High School Diploma and are held to the same Arizona academic standards and AIMS testing requirements as all other schools in Arizona. *All education provided at PPEP TEC High School is FREE to the student. If you don't feel like a preppie, try being a “PPEPie.”*





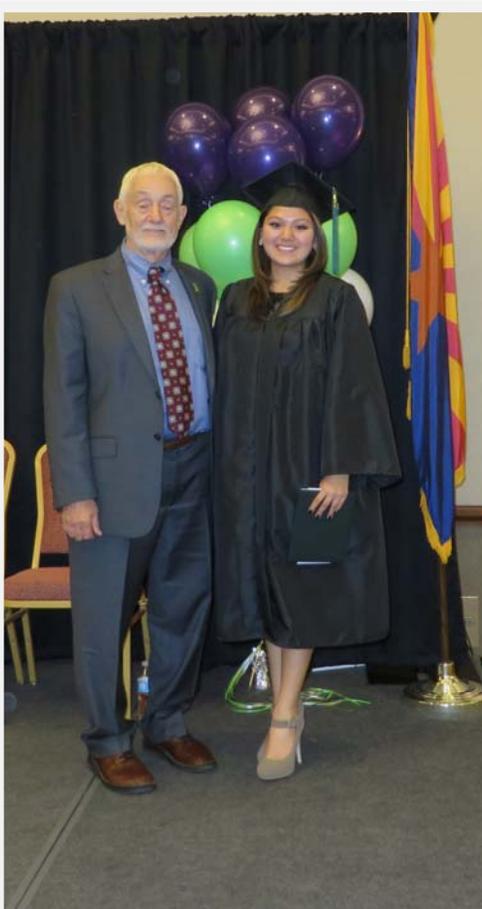
AZVA/INSIGHT

The AZVA, LLC was created in 2003 for the purposes of providing free online classes for students elementary through high school age. The school was conceived by Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. Arizona (PPEP, Inc.) and K-12, Inc.

PPEP, Inc. had previously been designated by the Arizona Department of Education as a public- charter on-line 'pilot demonstration' high school . Its brick-and-mortar charter high schools were among the first charters granted for the 1995-1996 school year when PPEP Tec opened seven (7) high school sites statewide. Their focus was reaching out to rural, farmworker, inner city, military, as well as other at -risk student populations with direct instruction using highly qualified teachers.

K-12, Inc. founded by Ron Packard, which is a re-known nationwide internet school curriculum network was contracted by PPEP, Arizona, to provide the online instruction. PPEP Arizona provided the charter, technical assistance along with joint oversight and audit.

In 2012, AZVA reported over 5000 students grades K-12. In 2013, K-12, Inc. added the Insight High School to our collaborative efforts in 2013. The schools are accredited by NCA and CASI. AZVA is a program of PPEP Inc. For more details consult www.azva.org.



EMPLOYMENT & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

PPEP's Adult Employment and Vocational Training Programs provide a variety of education, employment and training services. Target populations are Adults, Dislocated Workers, Older Workers, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers and their dependents. It also includes a High School Equivalency Program (HEP) for person 16 and older. Services vary from county to county.

PPEP works with over 800 employers statewide, by referring qualified job applicants and offering incentives for hiring.



PPEP BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

PPEP Behavioral Health Counseling services is a state licensed provider for Substance Abuse, General Mental Health, Children services, Title XIX, DUI Treatment, Education, and Screenings, as well as Domestic Violence. PPEP employs staffs who are Bilingual, bi-cultural, Master's level and State Certified.

Beyond the court required services, PPEP Behavioral Health focuses on the mental well-being of youth in the rural communities by providing school based counseling to twelve rural schools, Life Skills classes to twelve PPEP Charter High Schools and counseling of Youth referred by the Juvenile Court system.

No client is denied services due to inability to pay. State Sliding Fee scale is assigned to those who qualify. PPEP will also assist individuals in the application process for possible state assistance, Kids Care, or Premium Share benefits.



ENCOMPASS



PPEP Encompass' Mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities throughout Arizona. Encompass helps people move towards economic and social self-sufficiency through an integrated service delivery system. Those services include: Habilitation, Day Treatment and Training, Vocational Training, Job Coaching, Specialized Transportation, Individual Attendance Care and Respite.



DOLORES HUERTA PRE-SCHOOL

This is one of PPEP's new program that was created this year, The Dolores Huerta Preschool in under the ENCOMPASS Program. Led by Preschool Director, Kristina Ramirez, the preschool is an example of the ENCOMPASS Spirit of Learning! This phrase provides the foundation and the guide for the ENCOMPASS preschool.

The ENCOMPASS Preschool is located in Somerton, Arizona and is designed to serve children from the ages of 3 to 5. The students work on increasing age-appropriate interactions within the home and school environments. Family members are involved in the educational process and working relationships within the community are promoted. The program provides an environment where children can explore and discover the world around them where they learn respect and are respected as individuals.

The program integrates elements from early childhood development and active play. There is a strong emphasis on language acquisition and development. The following goals have been established for all children who participate in the program.

- To provide experiences throughout the school day to enhance communication skills. To provide opportunities for developing fine and gross motor skills. To encourage an accepting and caring attitude towards others.
- To provide opportunities and encourage development of a positive self-concept.
- To provide opportunities for development of appropriate interactive skills between peers.
- To provide guidance and support in the development of self-control and independence.
- To provide opportunities for creative expression.
- To provide a safe and positive preschool experience.
- To provide needed support and assistance to parents.
- To provide opportunities for making choices, develop problem-solving skills and growing intellectually.

During the preschool day, children participate in a rich variety of activities in which they experience many opportunities for learning. Each day children take part in circle time, small group activities, large group activities, independent playtime, story time, and movement activities. A variety of trained staff are present throughout the day and a team approach is used while working with the children.



ARIVACA ACTION CENTER



A space offering opportunities which embrace rural living



FOCUS: EDUCATION, HOSPITALITY, WELLNESS, SUSTAINABILITY, THE ARTS

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AACI Beginnings

In 2011, John Arnold from PPEP Inc. met with a group of Arivaca community members to see if there was interest in acquiring the former Carivaca Assisted Living Facility as a space to meet the existing needs of the Arivaca community. So many diverse purposes came to mind during this meeting and within the next few months, the Arivaca Action Center Inc. formed and the creativity began. The following achievements were accomplished with the help of John Arnold and the PPEP organization, the statewide First Things First system supporting high quality early childhood education, and numerous volunteers who offered their time, expertise and enthusiasm to make our mission a reality.

- The Early Learning Center, an education program for young children, is up and running with ADHS preschool licensing and infant/toddler licensing soon to come.
- We helped organize and execute this year's Arivaca Artists' Studio Tour.
- Hospitality rooms are available for overnight stays to members and visiting guests.
- Our Wellness center is regularly put to use for massages and an exercise space.
- Computer classes are offered weekly to the community.
- Various community groups make use of the facility for meetings and workshops.
- Our 'crop circle has been productive, mainly for native corns.
- Two summers of the U of M Field Studies students program have been based out of the Action Center.
- In September 2012 we received our 501(c)(3) status
- The entire building inside and out was painted by volunteers with paint donations.
- In August 2013 we received our Star Rating for Preschool scholarships eligibility.



Annual Membership Appreciation

Come celebrate with us at our Open House on Sunday, November 10, 3-5 pm. Tour the Action Center, enjoy some snacks; become a member, renew a membership or make a donation. At 4:30 we will draw the raffle winners for two beautiful handmade quilts – one full size made by Janis, and one baby sized made by Nathalie.

ARIVACA GARDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Arivaca Community Garden is approaching its fifteenth year of operation and continues to produce a variety of different produce for the community. The focus of the program is to provide fresh produce to low income individuals through farmers markets in low income communities and by donating fresh produce to the local community food bank. Each month fresh produce donated give opportunity for fresh vegetables to be put in the food boxes.

This program continues to move in a direction with amazing foresight and increased crop production. Garden Manager Bill Stern and garden staff David Keller and Joe Kleinholz, along with Carlotta Wray and community volunteers continue to come up with new innovative ways to increase production and get more fresh food communities in need.

The Arivaca Community Garden is just a little over four acres, producing organic vegetables. The garden has grown into a very well equipped operation, with three greenhouses, an extensive irrigation system, all the tools needed to produce high quality, certified organic vegetables, and a bath and wash house for visitors and volunteers from abroad.

We continue to host the WOOFER program that brings volunteers from around the world that work in the community garden and bring their knowledge as well.

Over the past year, garden staffs have attended new training that has given new knowledge in producing techniques. Farming is always a learning experience and this last year was no different. It provided many lessons and opportunities to improve what we do at the garden. Staffs wealth of knowledge continues to enhance the Arivaca garden project and bring new and innovative ideas to the table. It also helps us to increase our yield and provide for low income communities. This past year the garden produced over 15,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and 40% of that yield (6,000 pounds) was donated to the Green Valley community food bank. The rest was sold at market to low income individuals that were able to use their WIC and Snap benefits to purchase local fresh produce for their families.

In the pictures below you can see the increase in our harvests and the quality of the produce that is being produced from the garden project. This year the only thing that set us back was an early freeze. When this happens it cuts into our harvest, as our mature plants are the ones that produce the most in the months of September and October. Therefore, we continue to look at other ways to grow and to protect our corps to get the best yields.



YOUTHBUILD/AMERICORPS

The YouthBuild/AmeriCorps program is located in Yuma County where it serves approximately 24 at-risk youth per year in education and skill development. Students attend GED classes and build affordable housing for low income families through housing partnerships, as well as attend community college courses. Through the AmeriCorps arm of the program, youth are given opportunities to give back to their community through service and earn education scholarships for college. Leadership development and civic engagement are strong components of the program.



“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader, for the very essence of leadership is that you have a vision”

YOUTH BUILD (TUCSON)

YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In YouthBuild programs, low-income youth, ages 17-24, work toward their GED diploma, learn job skills, and leadership development, while serving their communities; by building affordable housing and providing community services. In the process transforming their lives and their roles in society. This program is typically funded through USDOL. PPEP's Youthbuild program is currently funded through Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

YouthBuild is an opportunity to be a part of something that is bigger than you. It is hard work, it is learning, and it is earning your way. YouthBuild makes a difference in all the lives it touches, whether you are the student in the program, the family receiving a new home, or the recipient of a community service activity. It is being part of a community for the greater good of everyone involved and showing that positive change is always possible. It is getting up at 5:00am to be on a job site learning valuable work skills or it is showing up for GED classes at 7:00am. It is leadership development, youth councils, and getting involved in oneself and the community.

Every Friday, YouthBuild students will participate in Community Service activities throughout Tucson, as well as Leadership and Professional Development workshops. These workshops are designed to reinforce the soft skills training learned throughout the week; these workshops will consist of resume development, social justice training, post secondary education readiness, etc.



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WEST AFRICAN RURAL EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY HISTORY - W.A.R.E.S -

Dr. John David Arnold and PPEP founded WARES in 2011 to become the international arm for social investors and donor organizations such as PPEP and the Tree of Life Rejuvenation Center. Its roots date to the summer of 2008. In that year Dr. John David Arnold was invited to Owerri, Nigeria



WARES Inaugural ceremony

to conduct workshops on micro credit to two groups: The WAAST National Pastors Conference and the Nigeria Women's Conference of which there were several thousand attendees. The conferences were sponsored by Eric and Carol Smith Pastors of the South Valley Community Christian Church in



Mountain Hike to Baika ancestral home

Gilroy California and Pastor Casmir of the WAAST ministries in Owerri. From those conferences two microcredit programs emerged as well as West Africa's first pastors' survey on micro business as

their means of sustenance. Also the WAAST Micro Credit Program was organized that combined the micro credit with the cooperative lending societies in Nigeria. This innovative, cost effective, 'hybrid' lending model is now being widely used in West Africa and beyond. Subsequently, the John David

Arnold Academy for Success primary school Project was initiated with an emphasis on cultural music and dance. The following year the Awo Mberi Kingdom Women's Palm nut oil processing plant was inaugurated that now employs 20 women. In 2010, Dr. Arnold was invited to

Old Baika and the Bueman Kingdom in Ghana by the King-Nana Otpong Otibribi III. Since then two 'clean' drinking water bore holes with submersible pumps have been installed. Two schools renovated in New and Old Baika, and the Gabriel Cousens Nutrition Center nutrition center that feeds

350 school children. The Eagle's Nest was built which welcomes visitors and serves as operational base for Dr. Arnold and PPEP programs. In 2012 a Humanitarian/ Eco-tourism project was initiated to bring professional volunteers with their talent from abroad

to do community service work during their vacations. The Baika Tourist Center was opened and transportation vehicles introduced to facilitate contacts with the Kingdom's rich culture, traditions,

and historical sites. The Ghana Tourism Ministry has also been engaged and the Deputy Minister Dr. Sonnie paid a days visit to certify the site. In 2011, Ethiopia opened its doors to PPEP and WARES including a meeting with the President which invited WARES to expand its work there. Subsequent a senior nutrition and Diabetes education center in Holeta was established and renovated by PPEP Inc. The Tree of Life is providing funding the on-going organic senior feeding program and establishing a Tree of Life operation there. A botanical garden in Awassa was established with seed funds from PPEP with an international partnership with CEDES from Mexico. In December 2012, Dr. Arnold and Dr. Cousens take their messages about the Natural Cure of Diabetes and Sustainable Organic Farming to Ethiopia based on the successful seminars conducted in Nigeria and Ghana. In both countries a strong commitment to the youth has been made in the area of education, jobs, sports, ecology, the arts traditional music and dance to preserve their rich cultural heritage.

The West African country Cameroon came into focus the summer of 2012 when Dr. Arnold was invited to the Bambui Kingdom (NW) and Limbe on the Atlantic coast. Support for two microcredit programs and five corn grinding machines coupled with technical



Alpha Micro Credit Association

assistance resulted from that visit. WARES itself is now incorporated and being designated by the IRS as a 501-C-3 charitable organization with its own Trade Mark. The WARES Board of Directors is made up of both Africans and other concerned individual with strong commitment to rural empowerment and humanitarianism. Recently WARES was referred to by the international media as an NGO of 'ideas' and producing innovative solutions not centered on money to solve human problems. Thereby, furthering its mission 'to empower rural people to be creative and self-sufficient'. PPEP, WARES, and Tree of Life welcome any individual or organization with similar beliefs and commitment to join our efforts. Those interested in participating with for WARES International Humanitarian Tourism project can also contact us at: Dr. John David Arnold Email: jarnold@ppep.org, Phone: 520-622-3553, Address: 802 E. 46th Street, Tucson, AZ 85713.



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PPEP INTERNATIONAL - MEXICO

PPEP, Inc. has had a presence in a variety of initiatives in Mexico going back to its formative period in 1970's. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, freezes, and other calamities affecting our neighbors to the south have generated major relief efforts. Such items as: Clothing, food, vehicles, volunteers, medical supplies, and drinking water have been collected, transported, and distributed by PPEP, Inc. volunteers. Some of these efforts have been in cooperation with World Care.

Major initiatives to form micro credit programs on the border have been realized including capitalizing the FAISON micro credit fund in 1990. Several Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) with entities such as FAI, CEDES, FONAES, CONASUPO and educational institutions such as Universidad de Kino have been signed. Exchange programs with students contributing volunteer efforts during vacation time including cultural, athletics, youth orphanages, and construction of ecological housing have been realized.



PPEP, Inc. sponsored the International Microbusiness Summit in Cd. Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, in 1990 and the International Microbusiness Trade Expo in 2008 highlighting cross border trade.

Support of orphanages such as those living in *Casa Hogar El Reino de los Niños* in Imuris, Sonora, and other children's relief programs have been established reaching border orphans. Additionally, numerous used vehicles some handicap equipped have been donated for cancer



screening, Diabetes and developmentally disabled programs. Other cross the border initiatives include services to the elderly, handicapped, developmentally disabled, and Diabetes prevention. All initiatives have been well received and have addressed major issues in Mexico.

In 2008, the Mexican Congress in Hermosillo passed a resolution commending PPEP's long standing contributions and services to the US/ Mexico border region.



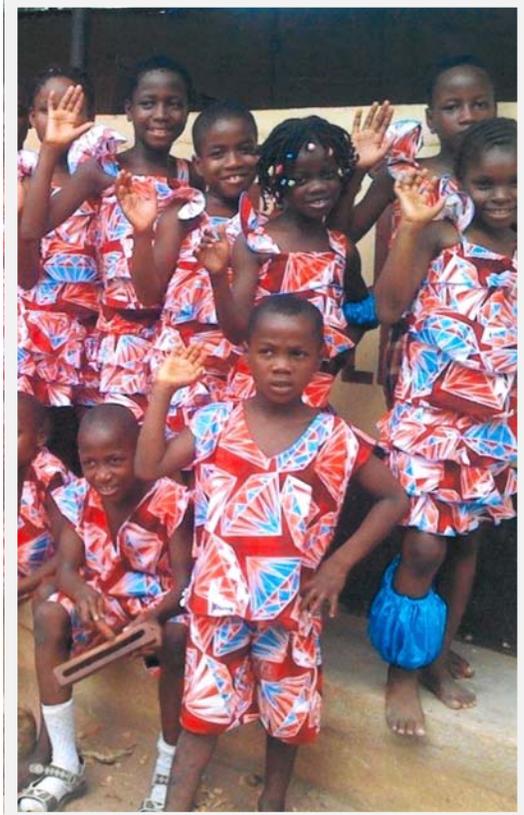
In addition, affordable housing, economic development, and solar summits have been conducted sharing ideas on how to improve the quality of life of its people. PPEP, Inc. has worked closely with the Mexican Congress, Sonora State Government, and the *Municipios* to promote socioeconomic programs for farmworkers and rural Mexicans. PMHDC has participated in two National FONAES Expos in Mexico City. On one occasion, Dr. John David Arnold greeted the Mexican President Vicente Fox, where a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to promote import/export of Mexican products and services. PPEP, Inc. actively participates in the *Mexican Plaza Comunitarias* programs in two border counties Yuma and Cochise.

Dr. Arnold as a child lived in Guadalajara, Mexico, and attended school there, he became bi-lingual and bi-cultural. This helped direct him at the age of 12 to start working with Bracero workers in the Santa Cruz valley region in Arizona. In 1967, he organized PPEP, Inc. with the mission to improve the quality of rural life and serve farm workers.

PPEP INTERNATIONAL



Ghana



Nigeria



Ethiopia



Cameroon

A Testimonial To John David Arnold

By: A Migrant Farmworker

The neighborhood is very quiet
There is only one light in sight
A lonely man is dressing
To leave in the middle of the night

He tip toes out of the house
To keep from awakening his wife
To face a long day ahead of him
Because it is a lonely life

His neighbors don't understand
What this man is trying to do
He is carrying hope to the farmworkers
Just like me and you

He climbed into a contraption
Some people call a bus (La Tortuga)
You couldn't read the writing on the sides
Because of the dents and rust

As he started the engine
The neighbors would curse and weep
Because of the noise this bus made
Would awaken them from their sleep

He drove this bus down the road
To fields far away
Looking for the poor farmworkers
That he could help this day

The sun has just come up
To shine on the dry hot field
This man was parked and waiting
To give these people a meal

He would talk with the farmworkers
He would tell them that he cares
He would tell them about his program
Then offered them a prayer

Everyone seemed to know this man
Because he was never late
He was the their only hope
Because this man was great

He received no thanks for his work
When he was spreading good will
They knew that money was available
To help them pay their bills

The farmworkers toil all day
For life was very hard
But this person brought them peace
Was a man of God

Most ministers work in big buildings
When they talk about God
But this great man holds his service
In some farmer's yard

He tells them about his program
Which is called Project PEP
He tells them about the services
And where they can get help

The morning is still young
The sun is in the sky
All the farmworkers are waiting
To see the bus pass by

All of us would like to see
A program that is well done
To help make his dream come true
To get the farmworkers out of the sun

The day has been long
The sun is going down
It has been fifteen hours
Since this man left town

The President took office that day
He said he would make a change
He wanted to cut all the Social Services
And he called our program a game

The people cried out in anger
They wore black buttons to show
How they felt about the cuts
And they wanted the president to know

The man called a meeting
And every one heard him say
We will not give up the fight
For this will be our day

Stand by this man dear Lord
As he gives these people help
Let him train all of us
To represent Project PPEP

Now that this bus is no longer here
To carry people to help
But I wish that all of us
Could be like John of Project PPEP

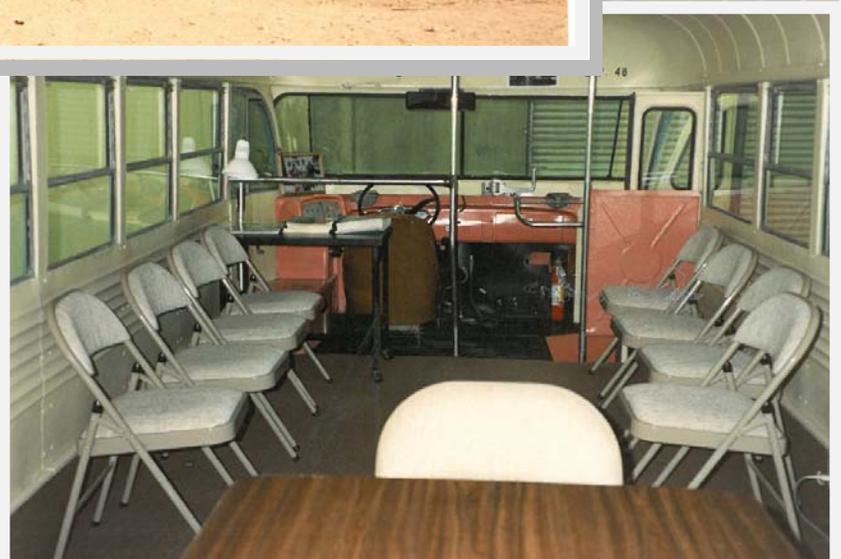
Fifteen years have passed
Since this man started down that road
Driving that old school bus
Carrying a heavy load

All of us had faith in John
When he called us that day
To tell us we were out of funds
And we would have to work without any pay

He worked very hard every day
Making it seem like fun
Waiting for DOL to say
Project PPEP is the one

By Sam McCoy
Tolleson, Arizona 1983

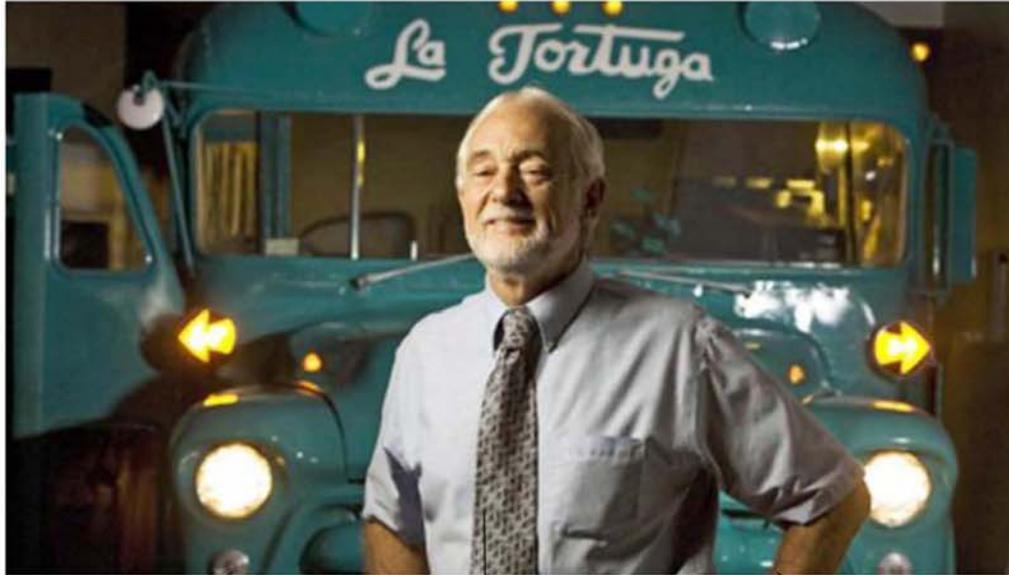
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*La Tortuga and the Dream Continue to Roll
Meeting the Challenges and Needs Around the Globe.*



Meeting with Mo Udall and Bruce Babbitt



Educating Students in Tucson



Supporting a critical Need in Mexico



Supporting an African Business

