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Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pima County Governmental Center
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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona wishes to formally express our gratitude to you for your support of high-quality preschool for Pima County's children. Your votes in February to include \$10 million in the budget to fund preschool for children from low-income households was a bold statement to the community that all children deserve access to high quality early learning experiences.

As a result, there are now commitments from cities and towns, businesses, philanthropic organizations, public school districts, state agencies, and individuals to contribute resources, making this a truly collaborative effort. Your United Way has also stepped up and committed to contribute more than \$300,000 in matching dollars to support this initiative.

The pandemic has had a devastating impact on our community's families, especially those who were already negatively impacted by disparities and inequity. The preschool scholarships will make life-changing impacts for young children from these households and are needed more than ever. Moreover, the scholarships will allow parents to get back to work knowing that their children are receiving high-quality care.

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona is proud to continue to partner in supporting the efforts of the County and the community to ensure every child in Pima County has access to high-quality preschool.

Sincerely,

Tony Penn,
President & CEO

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