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National Day of Action prompts United Way clothing drive for children in foster care.

MESA, Arizona, June 12, 2009—Each year, on June 21st – the longest day of the year – United Ways across the country participate in a nationwide Day of Action. This year our local National Day of Action will be in concert with the Our Children Matter campaign, a two month fund drive aimed at raising dollars for basic needs of children.

For years, Mesa United Way has been one of the leading advocates for foster care services in the city of Mesa. Reports indicate that within the Mesa community, over 800 children are placed in foster care each year. With these tough economic times, and with the most recent state funding shortages, money for clothing, shoes, and other personal care items for children in foster care have been drastically cut.

Sleep Savvy located at 1025 S. Power Rd., Suite 104, Mesa and **Anna's Linen**, located in Mesa Ranch Plaza, 1060 E. Southern Ave., at Stapley Drive (to the left of Ranch Market), will be holding a clothing drive at their location for anyone to drop off gently used clothing, shoes, and any other personal care items during the week of June 15th through June 19th. There will also be a collection box at Mesa United Way, 137 E. University Dr., Mesa.

In addition, **QuikTrip**, one of Mesa United Way's corporate sponsors, and recipient of the prestigious 2008 Heart of Mesa award, will hold an internal clothing drive with its employees.

If your company is interested in holding a clothing drive, please contact Linda Haskell at (480) 834-2108.

About Mesa United Way

Mesa United Way addresses our community's most critical issues through our Community Care Fund. We partner with businesses, government, and nonprofit organizations to advance the common good and carry out our call-to-action to LIVE UNITED by encouraging everyone to Give, Advocate, and Volunteer. Mesa United Way is an independent organization serving the City of Mesa in Maricopa County, Arizona. Join the movement. LIVE UNITED. For information about the Community Care Fund, visit www.mesaunitedway.org or call (480) 969-8601.

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