



ARIZONA SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION

Welcome to the Arizona Skin Cancer Foundation's September 2024 Newsletter!

Let's take a quick tour of what the Arizona Skin Cancer Foundation (ASCF) has been up to this summer and beyond.



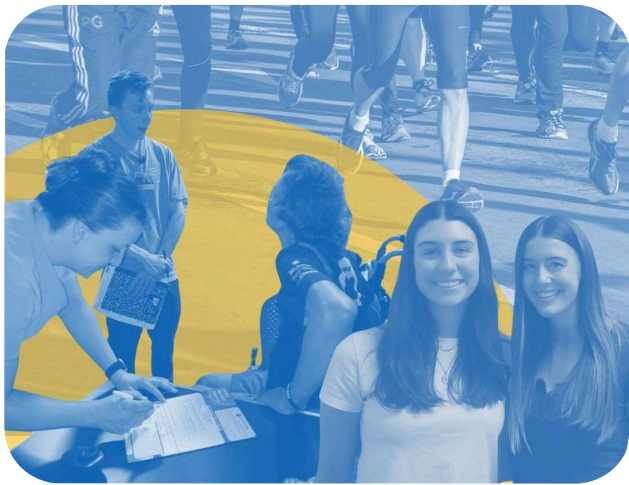
This summer, **ASCF made a difference in the lives of 360 adults and children** with elevated risks for skin cancer. Those served have fragmented or sporadic access to health care, as well as physical disabilities, chronic illnesses, economic insecurity, or lack of housing.

We teamed up with organizations like the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, ARCH, Safe Outdoor Space, Street Medicine Phoenix, and AASK along with our very own Medical Student Coalition. Together, we provided skin cancer screenings, sun safety education, and sun protection starter packs to those in need.

August marked our first foray into serving individuals lacking housing — people who often struggle with sun damage and other skin conditions exacerbated by exposure, communal living and other factors.

What's Coming This Fall?

We're excited to wrap up our shade structure and accessible garden project at the Foundation for Blind Children's preschool and elementary school in Chandler. To celebrate, we're teaming up with students from our Medical Student Coalition to provide a fun-filled afternoon of sun safety activities for the kids!



In the coming months, thanks to connections in our Medical Student Coalition, **we'll be joining forces with a group called Sun Heroes.** These dermatology-focused medical students will help us bring sun safety activities to K-12 classrooms, children's museums, and other community spots. And **don't miss us at the AIM at Melanoma 5K race in November**—we'll be there, spreading the word about sun safety and building our network of partners.

Looking Ahead

ASCF is gearing up to expand our screening services in 2025. We're in the planning stages of offering more community screenings to fill the gaps in existing services. Our goal is to have a calendar of screening events up on our website by early spring 2025—stay tuned! This expansion underscores how important it is to work together on public health initiatives to make sure everyone has access to skin health.

ASCF is committed to protecting Arizonans from skin cancer.



On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to continuing to advance our mission to end skin cancer as a life-threatening disease in Arizona.



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