



ARIZONA SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION

Welcome to the Arizona Skin Cancer Foundation's first newsletter!

We are already three weeks into Melanoma Awareness Month and nearly halfway through the year. In the interest of time, please allow us to lead you on a speedrun through the Arizona Skin Cancer Foundation's (ASCF) activities in 2024 to date!

(If you have not yet jumped ahead to the cute pictures, you are #AttentionSpanGoals.)

Skin Cancer Screenings & Sun Safety Education



In March and April of 2024, **ASCF served 170 at-risk individuals** (physically disabled, chronically ill, low-income) at the Foundation for Blind Children, Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, ARCH, and Special Olympics Arizona.

We provided a blend of **skin cancer screenings, sun safety education, and sun protection "starter packs"** tailored to the needs of each group. A special thank you to Castle Biosciences for providing sunglasses for the starter packs. They were a big hit and much needed.

Upcoming Events

In the coming months, ASCF will be partnering with Adelante Healthcare and Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health at resource fairs to **help children and adults discover their favorite ways to stay safe in the sun.**





Sun Safety Poster Contest

This Spring, at the invitation of and in partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) as well as the Dbacks Foundation, ASCF sponsored the annual be SunWise and Stay Sun Smart Poster Contest.

Through the contest, **K-12 students across Arizona created original poster art depicting sun-safe behaviors.** View the winning posters by clicking the button below!

ASCF is committed to helping increase participation in this fun and rewarding program in 2025.

[Click to see winners!](#)



Shade Structure Project

ASCF is in the **initial stages of planning a shade structure installation project at the Foundation for Blind Children's preschool** in Chandler -- the nation's only preschool exclusively for blind children. The shade will help protect an area used by children to practice their "wagon walks" and that once housed a garden.

We hope to secure additional support to install an accessible garden under the shade to provide pleasure through senses other than sight and to help the children explore the natural world.

More to come in future newsletters, including specific ways to support the project.

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We are also **creating a Medical Student Coalition** in collaboration with medical students enrolled in University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix and Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine to support our events and provide opportunities to serve valuable community members.

ASCF is committed to protecting Arizonans from skin cancer.



ASCF's work reflects our commitment to sun safety, skin cancer prevention and early detection. By partnering with people and organizations that serve vulnerable populations, we have been able to provide important resources to those most in need. **Our successful programs and partnerships underscore the importance of partnering on public health initiatives to advance the goal of skin health for all.**

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.

