



Sweet Charity

Discover four neighborhood nonprofits you can get involved with

The true sign of a socially conscious community is evident in the breadth of its giving. And in the spirit of holiday giving, we uncovered four 85255-based nonprofit organizations that give of their hearts, time and talents to champion causes that better our community.



HEALTH WORLD

In his former life as a hospital administrator, Los Gatos resident **Peter Rusin** witnessed far too many kids hurt in preventable accidents. To help arm young minds with the information to avoid these injuries, he founded **Health World of Scottsdale**, an organization that promotes children's health and safety education. In collaboration with school districts, law enforcement and businesses, Health World provides interactive outreach programs, including the Horsense equestrian youth riding camp. In partnership with the Scottsdale Charros and MacDonald's Ranch, this five-week course unites dedicated

volunteers with financially underprivileged children for an engaging opportunity to learn outdoor safety and survival, horse handling and riding, and character-building skills that last a life time. For more information, visit www.healthworldmuseum.org or call (480) 513-8100.



ALTERED TAILS

Ask Troon North resident **Pat Carpenter** how many pets her organization has sterilized in Maricopa County and she rattles off numbers as excited as a kid on Christmas morning: 3,127 cats and 564 dogs. Founded in 2003, Altered Tails is dedicated to tackling pet overpopulation by promoting spay/neuter programs and advocacy. "There are just too many animals and not enough homes," says the retired paralegal and lifelong animal lover. Funded entirely by donations, Carpenter and her tireless team of four volunteers organize a mobile spay and neuter unit that performs free and discounted surgeries in low-income areas