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Marshall Foundation Awards Grant to Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

The Marshall Foundation awarded the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation a \$5,000 grant for an improvement to SAAF's housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. SAAF's housing units provide stable, well-maintained, affordable rental homes for people with HIV/AIDS who would otherwise be living in homeless or near-homeless conditions. The grant from the Marshall Foundation will enable SAAF to install a security system at the Palo Verde Apartments, which house fourteen people living with HIV/AIDS. The apartments are located in an area where petty thievery and vandalism occur, and there have been several burglaries in the neighborhood. The security system will keep apartment residents safer and allow them to buzz their own visitors in.

SAAF's Executive Director, Ame Maley, says, "SAAF strives to provide clean and safe housing for clients at an affordable cost. The Marshall Foundation's gift helps us to improve the quality and safety of the Palo Verde Apartments. This has a direct impact on the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS." This is the second grant that the Marshall Foundation made for SAAF's housing. Last year, they gave \$6,570 to improve HVAC units and install security doors at SAAF-owned housing complexes.

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation extends its warmest gratitude to the Marshall Foundation for its leadership in providing needed services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's mission is to create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS. SAAF provides comprehensive case management and client services for people living with HIV/AIDS and prevention services for communities at increased risk for HIV/AIDS in Southern Arizona. For more information about SAAF, please call 628-7223 or visit www.saaf.org.