

Arizona Blind & Deaf Children's Foundation, Inc.

3957 E. Speedway Blvd., Ste. 207, Tucson, AZ 85712
520.577.3700 www.azblinddeafchildren.org

Press Release--
February 1, 2010
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Rita Weatherholt
Arizona Blind & Deaf Children's Foundation
520.577.3700

Foundation Announces Emergency Grant Round

(Tucson, Arizona)—Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation today announced a grant opportunity for schools and non-profit agencies which serve deaf and blind children. The Foundation's Emergency Grant Round is designed to provide a small sum of money to agencies which, due to current economic conditions, are facing challenges in completing programs during the current fiscal year.

"We need to be clear that we're dealing with limited available funds," said Rita Weatherholt, the Foundation's Executive Director. "At the same time, we are sensitive to the fact that schools and agencies are struggling to make ends meet, so we're trying to help bridge that gap."

The grant round was formally announced through correspondence from the Foundation to its existing grantees in January. The application process consists of a 2-page form to be submitted electronically by March 1. The Foundation's grant committee will review applications, and grants will be awarded by mid-March.

Like all non-profits, Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation depends on individual and corporate donations, and other fundraising activities in order to support its mission. "We are the only non-profit in the state with a mission that addresses the needs of both blind and deaf children," said Weatherholt, "so we're counting on the generosity of the community, as are the children we serve."

For more information about the Foundation, and its Emergency Grant Round, log on to www.azblinddeafchildren.org.

###

Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation *invests in the future of Arizona's blind and deaf children.* A statewide organization headquartered in Tucson, the Foundation aims to serve more than 4,000 blind, deaf, low-vision, and hard-of-hearing children throughout the state by making available experiential learning in art, fitness, literacy, and success skills. Within its areas of focus, the Foundation assesses needs, brings together collaborations to incubate and develop programs, and provides funding through a competitive process to schools and non-profit organizations serving blind and deaf children. For more information about Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation, log on to www.azblinddeafchildren.org.