

HELP OUR SCHOOLS

by using this **COST-FREE, ENLIGHTENED-GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

1. Did you know we are each empowered to positively affect the quality (and quantity) of education in our schools by taking advantage of the Arizona Tax Credit Act of 1977 (A.R.S. AZ 43-1089)? And that this law enables Singles to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when filing state income taxes?
2. Maximum amounts that may be contributed to church and public schools from dollars that would otherwise be paid to the state are as follows:

- **\$500** to our **church schools** ("school tuition organization")

For example, if you owe \$500 in Arizona State taxes for the year but you contribute \$500 to a qualified church school, the law and simple paperwork empower you to divert that \$500 to your **church** school of choice,

and

- **\$200** to designated **public schools** for "extra curricular activities" or "character education", i.e., we can designate which programs will be funded by our contributions.

For example, I've stipulated that my \$200 **public** school contribution be split 50% for the Accelerated Reading Program and 50% for the Computer skills Program.

3. If the above opportunity doesn't excite you, there is the possibility that your employer might offer dollar-for-dollar payment-matching! For example, the Boeing gift-matching program would double the \$700 in our example. That is, Boeing's gift-matching program would increase an employee's contribution to church and public school(s) to a total of \$1400. My contributions would go twice as far!
4. The resulting effect on my annual taxes would be:
 - \$700 (dollar-for-dollar) would come off my Arizona State tax liability.

For example, let's assume I owe \$700 in State Income Taxes for the year. The \$700 tax credit would reduce my **state** taxes to ZERO dollars (no taxes would be paid to the state for the year), and
 - \$700 would be deductible from my **Federal** Income Taxes as a charitable contribution

5. Additional information (including **participating schools**) may be accessed at:
www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx

6. Feel free to call Felix (480 827-0413) with general questions regarding the above. Or contact your tax accountant with questions peculiar to your tax situation.