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CHALLENGER SPACE CENTER RECEIVES GRANTS FROM PEORIA DIAMOND CLUB AND PHOENIX ROTARY CLUB 100

The Challenger Space Center recently received a grant for \$2,250 from the Peoria Diamond Club. This grant will be used to help fund scholarships to the Center's "Space Place" programs for preschools, day care centers and Head Start children from low income areas in Peoria, the Peoria Unified School District and the Northwest Valley.

In addition, the Phoenix Rotary Club 100 recently awarded the Challenger Space Center a grant in the amount of \$1,500. These funds are to be used for classroom scholarships for simulated space flight missions for schools in the Phoenix Murphy Elementary School District.

The Challenger Space Center's mission is to inspire, excite and educate people of all ages about the mysteries and wonders of space, science and the universe in which we live. The Challenger Space Center and the recently announced McCall Museum of Art are the first Smithsonian Institution affiliates in greater Phoenix. The Challenger Space Center has been honored with the following recent awards: 2003 Best Place to See Stars, The New Times; 2002 Best Science Lesson from the Arizona Republic; First Place 2002 Best of the West Award for K-12 Education for the Smithsonian Education Conference; and a West Valley Treasure, WESTMARC.

The Challenger Space Center is conveniently located at 21170 North 83rd Avenue, north of Union Hills, just off Loop 101, with easy access to and from the entire Valley. Information: 623.322.2001.

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