

The Pride of Safford award is presented to Donna McGaughey for her outstanding service to others as a member of the following organizations:

SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION - has served the Foundation as an officer for the past 16 years. She chairs the Annual Gov Aker Golf Tournament which is one of the major Foundation fund raise4rs. She assist with both BBQ's annually, she is usually one of the first there and the last to leave. She pitches in and never complains about the work; she is always happy to assist. She has chair the registration process for the last two ALL SHS Reunions and spends three days meeting the needs of participants.

FIRST THINGS FIRST – she is a member of the Graham/Greenlee Council serving her second term. They are tasked with taking First Things First's allotted funds and directing them the areas within our community that have the highest need.

GRAHAM COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE - she supports her husband, as he is a 20+ year member and officer. In the past she has worked all of their fund raisers such as the wagering booth at the horse races, raffle sales, etc. Depending on the situation, she has gone on searches (most recently for Tex Salazar) and just offered support.

SAFFORD ROTARY CLUB - serves on the Rotary Board in the capacity of Community Service. She is chairman of Safford Rotary - Phyllis Bryce Teacher of Distinction program. It covers the entire county and they honor one teacher from each individual school or campus. She also participates in fund raisers such as the Rotary Track Meet and Rummage Sale, where all proceeds go to scholarships county-wide.

MT GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION – a member since 2005 and their sole purpose is to raise money for the hospital. They finished the Cancer Center, and now they buy equipment for the hospital. She has been a key part of raising funds through past events like the Turkey Trot and the current Health Raiser Event which is the bicycle race and half marathon.

SAFFORD FIRE BELLES - third-generation, 23-year member of this organization, and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. She has helped raise money for a local scholarship, and currently helps with a diaper drive every December which are donated to Our Neighbor's Pantry. She also supports her husband in all Fire Department events.

SAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB - member and participates in monthly activities that center on fund raising for scholarships. They also do service projects such as creating military care packages for our local troops, putting on a Valentine's Dance for all of the special needs students in Graham County and events that help our community as a whole.

FMI GRAHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PANEL - she is on this panel, representing education at quarterly meetings. From her membership she was asked to serve as a member of the Community Investment Fund. They evaluate, interview applicants and award funds up to \$500,000 per year to local non-profit entities.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL - she is currently co-president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This is an organization for educators, and they raise money for a scholarship for someone going into education. Their only fund raiser is an auction each December where the members supply the items. Their service project, besides bringing educational issues and speakers to the group, is a blanket project for the residents at the Sunset Hills Care Facility.

Thank you Donna for your incredible dedication to our community!