



**Tucson Chapter of the 99s
International Organization of Women Pilots**

April 11, 2008

The Tucson Chapter Ninety-Nines is sponsoring a fundraiser on Thursday, April 17, 2008 through Sunday, April 20, 2008 during the Wings of Freedom Tour at the Marana Regional Airport. The Wings of Freedom Tour is an event where the B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 Liberator and the B-25 Mitchell will visit our community as part of a living history, hands on, museum. There will be walk-through tours of the aircraft from 12PM - 5PM on Thursday, and from 9AM - 5PM on Friday through Sunday.

During this community event we have teamed up with the Town of Marana Airport Staff, Pima Aviation Staff, and members of Avra Valley Aviators to provide food and beverages to the public attending the event. All profits from the food and beverage sales during this fundraiser will be split among the following three beneficiaries:

The Van Dyke Family

Cecilia Van Dyke is a Marana High School student that was seriously injured in an auto crash last month. Cecilia is still in a coma and is in critical condition. Her mother has not left her side and she had to stop working to continue to care for Cecilia. This family will benefit tremendously from our fundraiser and the financial assistance it will provide.

Mary and Bob Hanson

Mary spent 11 years restoring a vintage Bullet airplane. She took it on its maiden flight out of the Marana Regional Airport a few months ago. Days later the engine failed and Mary had to do a forced landing in the desert. She suffered non-life threatening injuries but the airplane sustained significant damage. A spirited woman, Mary decided to rebuild the plane and donate it to a museum. Unfortunately, Mary and her husband, Bob, were just in a serious automobile crash near Apache Junction. Tragically, Bob's injuries are very severe and he is paralyzed. They are now in Colorado beginning two year rehabilitation for Bob at a neurological facility.

The Tucson Ninety Nines Scholarship Fund

Our mission is: *Promote* world fellowship through flight. *Provide* networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community. *Preserve* the unique history of women in aviation. We awarded two aviation scholarships in 2007 and have four applicants for 2008. A portion of this fundraiser will go towards money for future scholarships.

We would like to request your financial support for this fundraising event. Any dollar amount (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or \$1,000) that you give will help all of these local community causes. All donations are tax deductible! We are a nonprofit charitable membership corporation holding 501.c.3 U.S. Tax Status – Our Federal Tax ID number is: 73-0632928.

Please make all checks out to: Tucson 99's (Marana Fundraiser). Please mail your checks to: Tucson Ninety Nines, P.O. Box 64703, Tucson, AZ 85728. Donations may also be dropped off at the Marana Regional Airport - Town Administration Offices at 11700 W. Avra Valley Road, Marana, Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you in advance for your donation. If you have any questions or would like to help out with this event by taking a time slot to help sell food and beverages please give me a call at 520-382-8052.

Sincerely,

Anne Silverman
Chairman
Tucson Ninety Nines