Cats in the Community Day 2010

With your support, here’s what we accomplished for our 2010 partner, the Wildcat School! The Wildcat School is a 501(c)(3) charter middle school. The Wildcat School is expanding to include K-8 children next year thanks to the site makeover!

- More than 350 University of Arizona faculty, staff and student volunteers contributed over 1,500 hours of time to complete an astonishing makeover of the Wildcat School located at 25 East Drachman, Tucson, AZ. According to IRS guidelines that is a dollar value of more than $21,000.

- Generous cash and in-kind donations, valued at more than $29,000, covered project materials and supplies. 100% of gifts were put towards the project.

- Secured the donation of $1000 to Project SOAR, a UA mentoring program, for work with students at the Wildcat School.

- UA Visual Communications class created and implemented the project’s design concept, including color scheme, design scheme, and the incredible murals throughout the site.

- Design concepts focused on building the students’ self-esteem. An example --- the lunchroom design features a rainbow theme with 3-d clouds replete with uplifting messages.

- Created huge origami cranes that will grace the lunchroom rafters, and Cats in the Community kids learned origami along the way.

- Naval ROTC students repaired and repainted entire stucco exterior of the future K-3 building.

- Created a “sustainability courtyard” by demolishing a run-down shed, removing concrete, creating a vegetable garden and butterfly garden, and painting the courtyard walls with sustainability theme: “The Future is in your Hands.”

- Created a second sustainable garden on the north side of the schoolyard with natural water harvesting features and lovely desert plants.

- The phenomenal woodshop crew built and varnished 8 picnic tables with benches, and refurbished three acrylic picnic tables.

- Procured the donation of services to repair the outdoor ramadas and clean the huge industrial pipes in the lunchroom.

- Repaired doors and took care of a variety of other “handy” jobs.

- Procured more than 300 books and encyclopedias to enhance the Wildcat School Library.

- Painted a 27’ wide United States map in the playground, as a tool for teaching geography.

- Attained materials for and assembled 100 hygiene bags for the students and a school supply basket for each classroom.

- UA volunteers joined their hands and hearts, and had a wonderful day of community service. The results will stand the test of time!