

AYLUS-Phoenix Year in Review: 2019-20

A. An Introduction to AYLUS and the AYLUS-Phoenix Branch

- a. The Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States, or AYLUS, is a national student-run non-profit organization based in the United States with a motto to promote leadership, integrity, and innovation by planning and executing volunteer activities to advance our communities, ranging from small ones such as families and neighborhoods to larger ones such as the country as a whole. In addition, AYLUS seeks to exercise and develop the social skills of its members. With 55 chapters established in cities across the country, AYLUS is also a certified organization to award the highest honor for volunteers in the United States, the President's Volunteer Service Award, or PVSA.



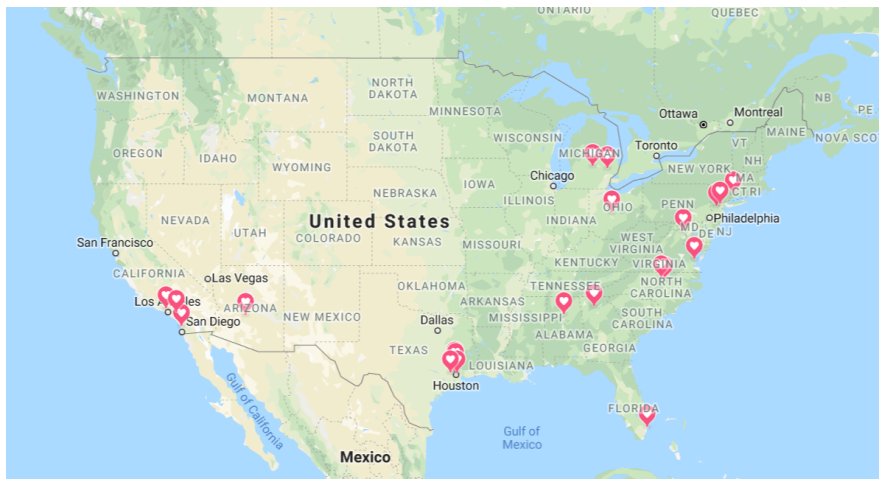
AYLUS, as a national nonprofit organization, is certified to award the President's Volunteer Service Award to members that demonstrate a high level of dedication to service in their communities.

- b. The Phoenix Branch of AYLUS, or AYLUS-Phoenix, was founded on June 5, 2019, by four high school students attending BASIS Chandler in Chandler, Arizona. It focuses on serving and positively impacting its surrounding community through volunteer service and other contributions. Over the past year, the Phoenix Branch has earned the support of local communities by actively organizing and taking part in many volunteer and community service events while simultaneously expanding and recruiting around 100 high school and middle school students dedicated to service. Through its work, the branch, having contributed thousands of service hours in the past year, has also earned the Branch of the Year recognition from the AYLUS National organization every month from October 2019 to April 2020 for its positive impacts on the surrounding communities in the Phoenix area. With its continually expanding member body, AYLUS-Phoenix has allowed students to utilize their skills and knowledge to serve society and aid others in the community and through volunteer and service events and projects. In addition to its positive impact on society, however, AYLUS-Phoenix has also permitted its members to exercise and improve their leadership, initiative, and creativity skills in these events.

c. AYLUS-Phoenix Contact Information

If you are interested in finding out more about the activities of the branch or joining the Phoenix Branch and participating, you can use the following methods to do so:

1. Email the branch at its official email: azaylus@gmail.com
 2. Contact us with the Instagram app at @phoenix_aylus
 3. Visit the AYLUS Website at <http://aylus.org/>
- OR
4. Visit the specific page for the Phoenix Branch, which contains information about the branch and past events, at <http://aylus.org/branches/phoenix-arizona/>
 5. Use the WeChat app to contact the branch adviser, Yueli Liu, whose username is moonbeautiful_liu
 6. If you would like to join AYLUS-Phoenix and are a parent/guardian of a joining student, please join the official WeChat group of the branch and obtain the application form by contacting the branch adviser.



AYLUS has many branches across the United States



The official banner of the Phoenix Branch of AYLUS

B. Events and Service Projects Over the Past Year

AYLUS-Phoenix has participated in many service projects and volunteer events over the past year, in the process accumulating thousands of hours of service to the community. Here, we will take a look at some of the most significant and memorable ones.

- a. The Phoenix Branch has organized multiple events to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic; however, we feel that the pandemic presents a unique situation and challenge to not just AYLUS but also the global community, so the AYLUS-Phoenix response to the pandemic will be discussed separately in section C of this report.
- b. During the past year, AYLUS-Phoenix has volunteered extensively at Midwest Food Bank in Gilbert and Feed My Starving Children in Mesa to pack food as well as St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix. By doing this, the branch was able to serve the local community as working with Midwest and St. Mary's Food Banks helped prepare food to be distributed to the local Phoenix community. In addition, however, volunteering at Feed My Starving Children has also allowed members to help the global community, especially those that are hungry around the world, as the nutritious food that AYLUS-Phoenix helped pack at past events has been shipped to countries such as the Philippines and Guatemala.



AYLUS-Phoenix members work to pack food at Feed My Starving Children (top) and Midwest Food Bank (bottom) to serve both the international and their local communities through service.

A major service initiative for the Phoenix Branch over the past year has been to better the lives of the elderly and also provide support for medical research and resources to aid advances in the medical field that would be able to help the community.

- c. One of the ways in which the branch carried this out was by holding charity concerts for seniors at The Enclave at Gilbert senior living center, where many elderly people in the local community live. There were two concerts held over the past year, one in November 2019 for Thanksgiving and another in December 2019 for the holidays. During these concerts, members performed on an instrument or presented another performance such as singing or dancing while those at the senior living center were all able to attend and watch. By holding these concerts, the Phoenix Branch seeks to serve the local community of the elderly by improving the quality of their life and giving them happiness. Due to the current situation with the pandemic, it will be unlikely for the branch to hold physical concerts; however, plans have been made to continue this project by holding a virtual Fourth of July Concert.



Top: AYLUS-Phoenix holds a Thanksgiving concert for the Enclave at Gilbert senior living center.

Bottom, Left: Senior at the living center observing the Thanksgiving concert.

Bottom, Right: The Phoenix Branch holds its charity Christmas and holiday concert for the elderly people living at the Enclave at Gilbert.

- d. The Phoenix Branch has also worked to further this initiative by volunteering in events to support medical research and the distribution of medical resources, primarily by volunteering at the Walk to End Alzheimer's event held by the Alzheimer's Association in November 2019 and also at Project C.U.R.E., which seeks to distribute medical resources to areas in need so that medical personnel can properly carry out their jobs. These projects have allowed AYLUS-Phoenix to serve the community because volunteering at these events helps fundraise for medical research and also help distribute medical supplies to people in need around the world.



Top and Center, Left: Branch members volunteer at Project C.U.R.E Phoenix to sort medical supplies. Center, Right and Bottom: Members of AYLUS-Phoenix volunteer at the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

- e. Another way in which AYLUS-Phoenix seeks to serve its community is by protecting, cleaning, and improving the environment. Over the past year, this was done primarily through the branch's volunteering at Veterans' Oasis Park in cooperation with the "Adopt a Park" program of the City of Chandler. At these events, branch members helped clean up the park by removing trash and obstacles in walkways as well as trimming overgrowth, removing invasive species, and spreading mulch to reduce erosion in the park, which also serves as an important water reclamation facility. Furthermore, using old shopping bags during these events helped reduce the amount of waste from the events, which helped serve the community by making this park a better place for members of the community to be in and enjoy.



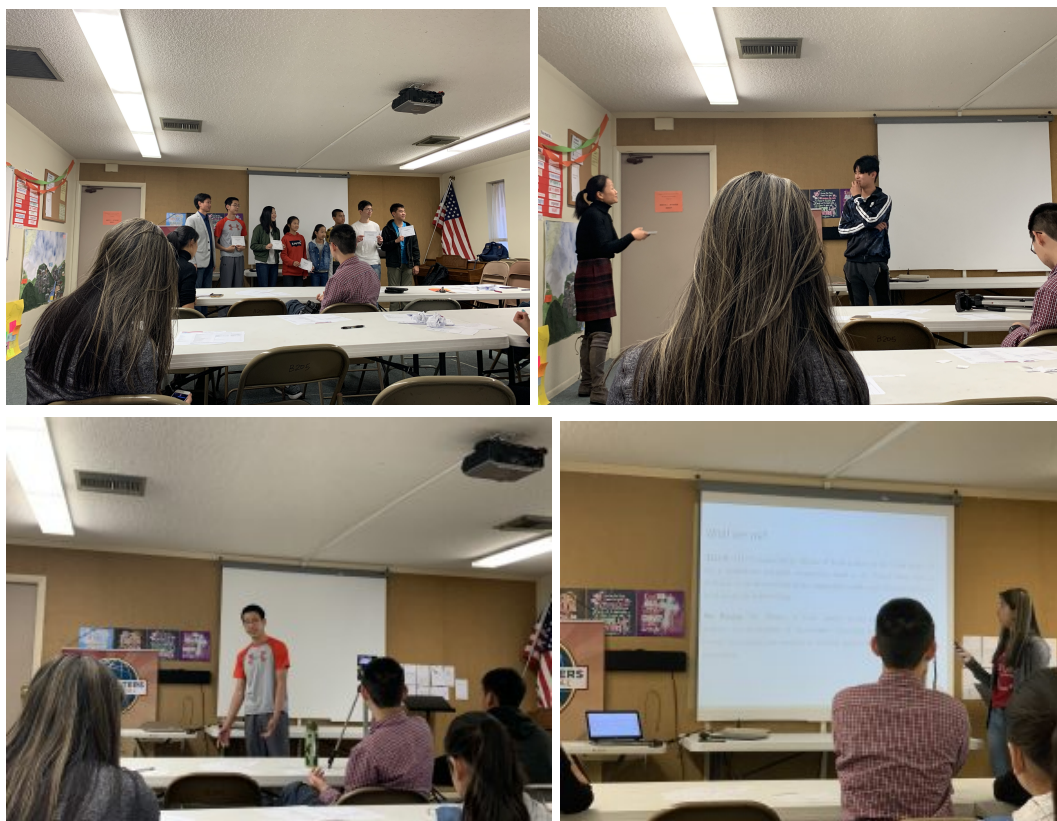
Top: The Phoenix Branch takes a group picture before an event to conserve Veterans' Oasis Park.

Center: Members of AYLUS-Phoenix work to trim trees and shrubs hanging over walkways.

Bottom: Branch members work to remove trash throughout Veterans Oasis Park at a volunteer event.

AYLUS-Phoenix also seeks to serve its community by both educating itself about important topics, such as the current pandemic, to better know how to serve the community and providing information and resources to others in the community to allow them to become more knowledgeable and empowered in their own lives.

- f. One way in which AYLUS-Phoenix has done this is through its partnership with Toastmasters, a non-profit organization that seeks to promote leadership, communication and public speaking, to hold a joint meeting during which branch members were able to practice their speaking skills as well as learn about volunteering. As a result, this helped the Phoenix Branch better serve the community as it reinforced the importance of service as well as gave members an opportunity to practice communication skills.



AYLUS-Phoenix members participate in a joint session provided in cooperation with Toastmasters to practice public speaking and communication skills as well as learn about the importance of volunteering and also more opportunities for service.

- g. The Phoenix Branch has furthered this initiative by providing virtual information sessions about the college application process, with speakers being students at local high schools who were admitted to selective colleges such as Cornell and Princeton. This has allowed AYLUS-Phoenix to serve its community because offering these information sessions to both branch members and other members of the community allows many people to learn more about the college application process, especially with so many changes taking place as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- h. Finally, most recently, AYLUS-Phoenix has continued this initiative by taking a guided tour of the facilities of TGen, a non-profit research organization studying genomics, in Phoenix, where they were able to learn about not only the work that TGen does on a normal basis to help patients with rare genetic conditions or diseases but also how it was using its center in Flagstaff to study the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which has caused the COVID-19 pandemic. While this in and of itself was not a service project, it still helped the Phoenix Branch serve the community better by allowing members to learn about and receive insight on how the pandemic was being researched and fought; in addition, the Phoenix Branch organized a 1+5 service event related to the tour in which members distributed five posters with information on hygiene and social distancing as well as donated one pack of cleaning supplies to local facilities.



Top: AYLUS-Phoenix branch members take a group picture after touring the facilities of TGen, the Translational Genomics Research Institute, in Downtown Phoenix.

Bottom, Left: Members listen to a presentation given by TGen researchers.

Bottom, Center: Members observe zebrafish that TGen use to test treatments for patients.

Bottom, Right: The Phoenix Branch organizes a 1+5 COVID-19 event to raise awareness about the pandemic in the community and donate hygiene supplies to local facilities.

c. The Fight Against the COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the COVID-19 pandemic started in China, much of the early work that AYLUS-Phoenix carried out during the pandemic, particularly before it became serious in the United States, was done to fundraise for and aid medical facilities in the province of Hubei, China, the epicenter of the now-widespread pandemic.

- a. From the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in China, many people throughout the United States actively donated money and supplies to aid the virus response there. As members of the global Chinese-American community, the Phoenix Branch was also concerned about the situation caused by the pandemic and sought to help. This was done by coordinating with the AYLUS National Headquarters to organize an online fundraiser as soon as possible, which was then publicized through many social media platforms to gain support and assistance to raise funds for the response effort in China, with a goal of \$15000 US dollars. However, AYLUS was also certified as a third-party charity by Intel, and through a partnership with the Intel Chinese Employee Network, raised over \$60000 through employee donations, bringing the total to over \$75000.

During the fundraising and subsequent purchase of medical supplies to be donated to facilities in China, AYLUS organized and coordinated its actions in the United States and China by using the WeChat platform. Primarily, the AYLUS team in North America, which was comprised of members from the Phoenix Branch as well as other branches, was responsible for finding designated medical manufacturers in China and sending them the raised funds from the United States to purchase ventilators and blood analysis machines that were desperately needed in the areas affected by the pandemic in China. In total, 116 pieces of medical equipment and materials, including UV light sterilizers and blood oxygen monitors, were purchased and donated through the funds raised. To expedite the process of delivering supplies to hospitals, local volunteers used a system similar to a relay race to deliver supplies directly to hospitals and frontline workers in Wuhan and the Hubei province so that it would not be necessary to go through the Red Cross, which would have taken longer; through their work, these volunteers were able to show that they cared and were concerned about their city and its well-being.



AYLUS donates UV Lamp Air Disinfection Purifiers (left) and infrared thermometers (right) to hospitals in Wuhan, China, the original epicenter of the pandemic, and the surrounding Hubei province.



Medical equipment being delivered to hospitals in Wuhan and Hubei province that urgently need them to monitor and treat patients with COVID-19.

116 Medical Devices Donated via AYLUS to Hubei China

Medical Device	Quantity	Beneficiary
Philips Respironics BiPAP S/T Ventilator (Philips呼吸机)	5	Hubei Suizhou Central Hospital (湖北随州市中心医院)
Abbott i-STAT System Critical Blood Analyzer (血气分析仪)	1	Hubei Suizhou Central Hospital (湖北随州市中心医院)
Abbott i-STAT System Critical Blood Analyzer (血气分析仪)	1	Hubei Huangshi Central Hospital (湖北黄石市中心医院)
Portable ECG (electrocardiogram) (便携式心电图检测仪)	2	Hubei Huanggang Macheng People's Hospital (湖北省黄冈麻城人民医院)
Pulse Oximeters (KW001) (脉搏血氧监测仪)	2	Dawu No. 2 People's hospital (大悟第二人民医院)
Pulse Oximeters (KW001) (脉搏血氧监测仪)	2	Dawu No. 3 People's hospital (大悟第三人民医院)
Pulse Oximeters (KW001) (脉搏血氧监测仪)	2	Dawu Chinese medicine hospital (大悟县中医医院)
Pulse Oximeters (KW001) (脉搏血氧监测仪)	2	Hubei 672 Hospital (湖北672中西医结合骨科医院)
Pulse Oximeters (KW001) (脉搏血氧监测仪)	6	Dawu county 3 clinics (大悟县三个乡镇卫生院)
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UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	5	Huangmei People's Hospital (黄梅人民医院)
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UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	3	Hubei Aerospace Hospital (湖北航天医院)
UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	2	Yingcheng Puyang hospital (应城市蒲阳医院)
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UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	2	Anlu Puai hospital (安陆市普爱人民医院)
UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	2	Anlu No.2 People's hospital (安陆市第二人民医院)
UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	2	Wuhan Central Hospital (武汉市中心医院眼科)
UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	3	Dental Hospital of Wuhan University (武汉大学口腔医院)
UV lamp air disinfection purifier (Y-KJ700-A77) 紫外消毒净化机	2	Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University 武汉大学中南医院
Infrared Thermometer (红外额温计)	21	Anlu County 3 clinics安陆市三个乡镇卫生院
Infrared Thermometer (红外额温计)	33	Hebei Xiaogan Dawu Lvwang Clinic (湖北省孝感市大悟县吕王镇卫生院)
Total	116	

A complete list of medical supplies that were donated to various hospitals in China by AYLUS using funds raised in its fundraiser and partnership with Intel

As the pandemic spread to the United States, however, AYLUS-Phoenix turned its focus away from China, where the spread of the virus had been largely controlled, to the United States, where there have been nearly two million cases as of June 5, 2020. To do this, the Phoenix Branch organized fundraisers and events to distribute supplies to local facilities and communities. In addition, these events were able to help many branch members with their PVSA application, which has a period that would normally record activities from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020, but has been extended by two months due to the pandemic. Even though members of the branch are largely staying home to remain safe, AYLUS-Phoenix is still making great progress and continuing its dedication to service and improving its community.

- b. As a mostly student-run charitable organization, AYLUS, with most of its members also being students, do not have strong financial resources and thus usually rely on their parents. Consequently, another fundraiser similar to the one organized to aid the virus response in Wuhan, China, would have resulted in most of the money coming directly from AYLUS-Phoenix parents again, but the branch sought to find an activity that would allow its members to have a more meaningful and involved experience by allowing them to do work themselves and invest themselves into it, and then reap the benefits of their hard work to transform their work into funds that would allow the branch to purchase urgently needed supplies such as face masks for local medical and frontline workers.

However, by mid-March 2020, the severity of the pandemic in the United States had escalated, which meant that social distancing was strictly necessary. To reflect this, AYLUS-Phoenix required that all members at volunteer events wear face masks and that they maintain a social distance of 6 feet, with no more than 10 members at any given event. Despite this, the AYLUS-Phoenix team and members came together to find better ways to raise more funds for medical supply donations. In the end, the Phoenix Branch was able to use the generous donations of the oranges from the trees of two of the members, which gave the branch a method to fundraise: they could pick the oranges and then sell them to raise money, which would require work directly by the students.

In addition to being a source for fundraising, oranges were also a good choice because they contain high levels of vitamin C, which can help strengthen the immune system of healthy people so that in the case that anyone does become infected, they can better fight the virus and weaken the symptoms; furthermore, this leads to weaker symptoms and easier treatment for mild cases, which is another positive effect. Finally, since the oranges were organic, this choice was both safe and effective.

With all of this in mind, AYLUS-Phoenix set out to accomplish their goal. With tools and ladders and wearing gloves and face masks, members of the Phoenix Branch went to the yards of the members that had generously donated their oranges to this cause to pick oranges, with over 2500 pounds of oranges being picked over six weekly sessions. In addition, these oranges were quickly and safely delivered to those in the community that had ordered them; and as a result, AYLUS-Phoenix has raised over \$1300 for medical supplies through this initiative.



AYLUS-Phoenix members participated in various events to pick oranges to fundraise for medical supplies that would be donated to local medical and care facilities.

AYLUS-Phoenix was then able to use their funds to purchase KN95 and medical face masks to donate to local hospitals, police and fire stations, and senior living centers, as well as other facilities in need. By doing this, AYLUS-Phoenix was able to provide doctors, nurses, and frontline workers with basic protection to ensure that they would be able to more safely carry out their jobs. The members of the Phoenix Branch are proud to be able to give back to and serve their community to help fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and they will most likely continue to pick oranges to fundraise for more supplies. As of June 5, 2020, AYLUS-Phoenix has donated the following supplies:

1. 400 KN95 masks to the Dignity Health Foundation on April 3, 2020
2. 120 KN95 masks to The Enclave at Gilbert Senior Living on April 3, 2020
3. 240 KN95 masks to the Thompson Peak Medical Center on April 3, 2020
4. 200 face masks to The Gardens at Ocotillo Senior Living on April 30, 2020
5. 2000 face masks and 240 KN95 masks to Valleywise Hospital on May 6, 2020
6. 500 medical face masks to the Mesa Fire Department on May 6, 2020
7. 1000 face masks to TGen in Downtown Phoenix on May 27, 2020
8. 400 face masks to Immanuel Campus Care on May 29, 2020
9. 300 face masks to Ridgecrest Healthcare on May 29, 2020
10. 300 face masks to Lifecare Center of North Glendale on May 29, 2020
11. 500 face masks and 30 face shields to Desert Cove Nursing Center on May 29, 2020



AYLUS-Phoenix donates KN95 masks to Dignity Health Foundation (left), The Enclave at Gilbert Senior Living (center), and Thompson Peak Medical Center (right) on April 3, 2020.



AYLUS-Phoenix donates face masks and KN95 masks to The Gardens at Ocotillo Senior Living (left) and Valleywise Hospital (right), on April 30 and May 6, 2020, respectively.



AYLUS-Phoenix donates face masks and face shields to the Mesa Fire Department, TGen, and other healthcare centers on May 6, May 27, and May 29, 2020, respectively.

c. In addition to donating face masks and medical supplies, AYLUS-Phoenix found that it was important to do more to show our gratitude and respect for medical and other frontline workers because they bravely continue to fight the war against the invisible enemy of the pandemic despite the dangers that it presents and the fear that it struck in so many other people. These medical personnel continue to fight day and night to treat and prevent the spread of the pandemic, caring for not just the patients in the hospitals but also the community as a whole. To thank these workers for what they were doing at such a critical time, members of the Phoenix Branch put hundreds of hours into writing and decorating over a thousand cards and other handmade crafts, which were then delivered to medical centers and hospitals and distributed to those working on the front line to fight the pandemic. While branch members continue to work hard to make more for frontline workers, AYLUS-Phoenix has already donated the following quantities of thank-you cards and handcrafted items to local hospitals and frontline workers:

1. 1000 cards and handcrafted items to Dignity Health Foundation on April 28, 2020
2. 100 thank-you cards to Valleywise Hospital on May 6, 2020
3. 20 thank-you cards to Mesa Fire Department on May 6, 2020
4. 100 thank-you cards to TGen on May 27, 2020

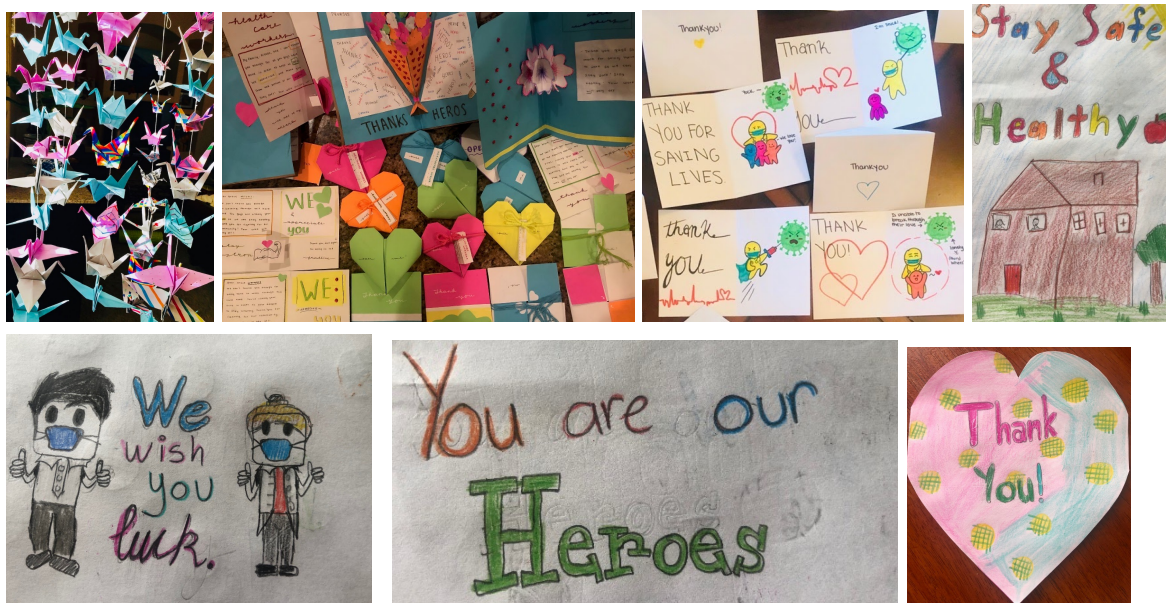
Even though all of these items are made to show gratitude to the medical workers, AYLUS-Phoenix members have all used their creativity to do this and pay tribute to the frontline workers in unique ways - some members used yarn to knit colorful butterflies or folded and decorated paper cranes while others drew comics or wrote inspirational messages to make them feel warm and strong. By doing this, AYLUS-Phoenix sought to celebrate the strength of these workers in their continuous fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and to cheer them on in their efforts. Some of the messages that members wrote included “Dear frontline workers, we are very grateful for what you have done,” “You are the bravest masked heroes!”, “The coronavirus can affect your life, but you have chosen helping others as more important. I am very grateful and admire angels in white like you,” and “Because of you, many people can receive medical services. I hope that you are healthy and return home soon!” Each card or object that the AYLUS-Phoenix members donate, despite being small, expresses the strong feelings and support that they have. Along with their creativity and imagination, the positive energy that they are spreading through their work inspires everyone, and the love and warmth they have for frontline workers during the pandemic will strengthen them to win this battle!



AYLUS-Phoenix delivers cards to Mesa Fire Department (left) and Valleywise Hospital (center/ right).



Top: AYLUS-Phoenix delivers cards and handcrafts to Dignity Health Foundation (left), which are then distributed to doctors and nurses (center).
Top (right) and Bottom: Medical workers at Valleywise Hospital receive cards from AYLUS-Phoenix.



Members of the Phoenix Branch make cards and fold cranes to show gratitude to medical workers.

- d. While much of the fight against the pandemic is taking place in hospitals and other medical facilities, there are many other groups of people who are being affected greatly by the developments caused by the pandemic. One of these groups is the Navajo Nation, which is the largest Native American reservation in the United States with over 70 thousand square kilometers of territory in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. With a population of hundreds of thousands, the Navajo, whose capital is at Window Rock, Arizona, were hit especially hard by the pandemic because of the poor living conditions and low levels of development in much of the reservation. In addition, the pandemic exacerbated a water shortage, which further made it harder for the Navajo. As of June 5, 2020, the Navajo Nation already has over 5800 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 269 deaths, both of which are very high proportions in comparison to the rest of Arizona and the United States.

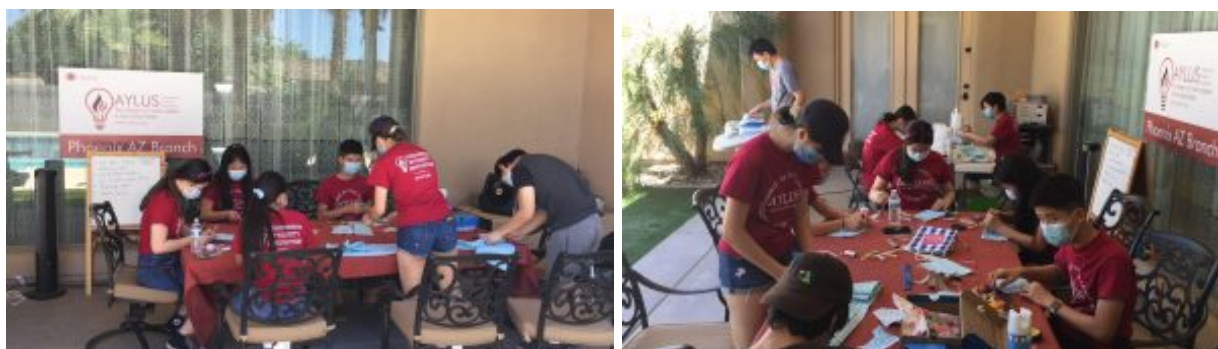
Consequently, when the members of AYLUS-Phoenix learned of the challenges facing the Navajo Nation, they did not hesitate to immediately organize a drive to help the people living on the hard-hit reservation. To help the Navajo, households of the Phoenix Branch donated or purchased cases of water as well as other hygiene supplies for the Navajo Nation. These donations were all taken to one member's house, where they were picked up by volunteers from the reservation and shipped to be distributed to the residents there. From a one-week drive, AYLUS-Phoenix was able to send 41 cases of water, 11 bottles of Lysol spray, 5 containers of Lysol wipes, 5 disinfectant spray bottles, and 10 face shields, which were all delivered on April 29, 2020. While these may not seem that important for people who have these supplies and running water, we at AYLUS-Phoenix hope that for the people in the Navajo Nation, which lacks many of these necessities, these donations can help relieve some of the problems caused by COVID-19. In addition, we wish to fully express the idea of AZ Together, and we are proud to serve our local Native American community through our donations.



Left: AYLUS-Phoenix members and their households donated water and hygiene supplies for the Navajo Nation.

Right: Volunteers from the Navajo Nation load these supplies onto a truck for delivery on April 29, 2020.

- e. As the pandemic continues to spread and affect more people, the members of the Phoenix Branch are continuing to find new ways in which they can help both medical workers and the local community. One way in which they are doing this is by using cloth to sew face masks, an initiative that was started in May 2020. The branch uses a multi-step process to ensure that the masks are safe for use. In this process, two layers of cloth are sewn together with elastic bands to create the general frame for the mask before being ironed to flatten it and sewn again to seal the two layers. Finally, the scaffolding on the mask is created and ironed to keep the folds permanent before finally being disinfected to be ready for use. The masks that the branch produces will be distributed to those in need within the community, and AYLUS-Phoenix hopes that it will be able to serve and protect its community by protecting people from the spread of the virus. Many masks have already been produced at the first session, and the branch hopes to continue this with future sessions.



Members of AYLUS-Phoenix work to produce effective face masks for the community on May 27, 2020.

- f. The Phoenix Branch has also sought to increase its contribution to the community, in particular the medical frontline workers, by exploring how three-dimensional printing could be utilized to produce tools to both make the workers' time better and also decrease the risk that they will contract COVID-19 from getting the virus. Mainly, the branch has focused on designing reusable face shield frames so that doctors can wear them instead of masks, which can result in skin irritation on the ears, as well as devices to help medical workers remove their gloves without having to touch it, thus reducing the risk of them getting the disease while taking off or changing equipment. AYLUS-Phoenix has created a special club group that is responsible for designing and testing these items, and the branch hopes to be able to soon be able to produce them at a larger scale to benefit the frontline workers in the community.



Phoenix Branch members work with a 3D printer (left) to produce face shield frames (center) and glove removal devices (right).

D. Closing Remarks

As the first year draws to a close, it is amazing to see how AYLUS-Phoenix has expanded from just a small group to a large organization with around 100 members that actively seeks to improve its community and society through service. With an average of four to six events every month, the Phoenix Branch continues in its mission to make a difference in its community while simultaneously seeking to support the development of its members by giving them opportunities to display their leadership and creativity while practicing and improving their skills in interpersonal communication and interactions. Sticking to the organizational motto of AYLUS, which is leadership, innovation, and integrity, the Phoenix Branch has done over a thousand hours of service in its community through various events, simultaneously emphasizing dedication and passion for its members.

In the year ahead, the Phoenix Branch will continue to adhere to these values and, to the best of its ability, organize more events that will allow members to exhibit and improve their skills. Furthermore, due to the situation created by the pandemic and other events in the rapidly changing world, AYLUS-Phoenix will strive to overcome new challenges while ensuring that its work will serve the communities and people around it. One of the most obvious challenges that the world faces is the COVID-19 pandemic, and the branch is dedicated towards maintaining our activities and events designed to alleviate the effects of the pandemic on both frontline workers and other people in our community.

AYLUS-Phoenix would also like to thank our adviser, Yueli Liu, who has been instrumental to the activities and success of the branch over the past year. Without her, many of the larger projects, such as the partnership with Intel to aid the pandemic response in China, would not have been possible, so we are extremely grateful for her work and assistance throughout all of our work. In addition, the branch would like to thank all of the members who have put in many hours of work during the last few months to aid the COVID-19 response first in China and then in the United States and the local community as well as all of the members of the Phoenix Branch as a whole for their hard work and dedication over the past year. It has been a great year, and the AYLUS-Phoenix team is looking forward to what the next year holds for our branch!



Thank you and take care,

Michael Chen
Vice President
AYLUS-Phoenix