

# CASE STUDY

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2015 – 2017

### Green Valley, Arizona

Sponsored by The GVC Foundation, Inc.  
Managed by the Green Valley Council's  
Community Services Committee



Since 2015, The GVC Foundation has supported the collection of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) as part of its mission to provide community services for unmet needs. Pima County ceased its support of this worthwhile environmental stewardship program in 2014, when the County's funding source was discontinued.

Despite a significant lack of funding, the Foundation and the Council, which manages the HHW collection event through an agreement with the Foundation, decided to continue the local program for several reasons:

- to help preserve a Southern Arizona's fragile desert ecosystem, keeping it free of contaminants;
- to help preserve the viewscape from unsightly, illegal dumping sites;
- to continue a program that has the support of the community residents and a trained force of 80-90 volunteers; and
- to provide a service, not easily accommodated in people's busy lives.

### COLLECTION NUMBERS

4	Number of Collection Events
2,284	Number of Cars Dropping Off Collections
3,426	Estimated Number of Households Involved
23,733	Pounds of Hazardous Waste Materials (reprocessed)
25,200	Pounds of Electronic Recyclables (nonprofit support for training and resale)
4,382	Gallons of Latex Paint (nonprofit support for training and resale)
416	Pounds of Food and \$587 Donations Southern Arizona Food Bank
10,700	Pounds Paper Shredding/Recycling

### HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTED – 11.87 TONS

GRANTS – \$ 68,280

DONATIONS – \$ 9,020

VOLUNTEERS – 1,500 hrs.

IN-KIND SERVICES – \$ 78,000 (est.)

#### Funders

GV Arts & Crafts Club  
Freeport-McMoRan Foundation  
KGVY 1080  
La Posada  
Tohono O'odham Nation  
White Elephant

plus  
Individual Donors

#### Nonprofit Partners

Southern Arizona  
Community Food Bank  
Beacon Group  
RISE Recycling

#### In-Kind Services

Committee Volunteers  
Event Volunteers  
KGVY 1080  
Green Valley News/  
Sahuarita Sun  
Green Valley Recreation  
Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers  
Dispose-a-Med Volunteers  
Town of Sahuarita, Public  
Works