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Kudos to ... Marsha Petrie Sue

SCOTTSDALE AUTHOR and public speaker Marsha Petrie Sue, 61, has been selected as the Valley winner in the national “Women of Spirit” campaign.

The campaign recognizes women in 38 communities nationwide who have demonstrated exceptional commitments to volunteerism and service.

Sponsored by Morton’s The Steakhouse, the American Red Cross and wine industry leaders, the campaign helps raise funds for the Red Cross.

Sue, president and chief executive officer of Scottsdale-based Communicating Results, focuses on communications, conflict

resolution and personal accountability.

She is the spokeswoman for ZETA21, a non-profit leadership organization, and Arizona Magic of Music and Dance, a theater-arts program for disabled children. She also is active in Women of Scottsdale, the National Association of Women Business Owners, the National Speakers Association-Arizona and Women in the Senate and House. **≡ JANE LARSON**

FOR MORE INFORMATION on Petrie Sue, go to www.marshapetriesue.com. For more on Arizona Magic of Music and Dance, go to www.azmagic.org.

Donations on Rise in Valley

VALLEY NON-PROFITS SHOWED the fastest growth in the nation last year, ratcheting the Phoenix area up three spots to No. 6 in a study by Charity Navigator, a watchdog group. The study showed Phoenix charity donations grew by an average of 11 percent last year, compared with the national average of 5 percent. Sandra Miniutti, a spokeswoman for the New Jersey-based organization, attributed the impressive gains to the Valley’s population boom.

GIVING BACK

Families of deployed and wounded military personnel are getting a boost thanks to a new organization focused on providing emergency and emotional support to

spouses and children in need.

The national non-profit group Operation Homefront officially launched its Arizona chapter this year. Nationwide, more than 25 chapters help families with everything from financial aid to food donations and car repairs.

Operation Homefront of Arizona is seeking financial donations, volunteers and businesses that can help families with repairs and other needs and donate new or gently used household items. It is also seeking a storage facility to hold donated goods.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.operationhomefront.net/arizona or call 1-(800)-849-6408.

Help
a “Sister”
Out

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences needs 14,000 more women to join the Sister Study, the nation’s largest research effort to find the causes of breast cancer. Researchers still don’t know what causes the disease.

The group hopes to enroll a total of 50,000 women whose sisters had breast cancer.

The 10-year observational study involves answering questions and submitting samples of blood, urine, toenail clippings and house dust.

Women ages 35 to 74 may be eligible if their sisters (living or deceased) had breast cancer. Women who join the Sister Study must never have been diagnosed with breast cancer themselves.

To volunteer or learn more about the Sister Study, go to www.sisterstudy.org.