

IN FOCUS

Organ Donation

In December of 2003, life was cut short for a remarkable young woman, Sarah Elizabeth Wintz. She was fatally injured in an automobile collision in the Ahwatukee Foothills, just outside Phoenix, by a speeding motorist. Although Sarah was only 17 when she passed away, she made remarkable contributions and left several important footprints. One of those footprints was Sarah's devotion and dedication to causes she felt strongly about. Although Sarah was involved and committed to many worthy causes, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight one which has the

potential to give countless others a new lease on life: organ donation.

There is a critical need for organ donors in the United States. Each day about 74 people receive an organ transplant; however, 17 people die each day waiting for transplants that can't take place due to the shortage of donated organs.

Anyone can be considered for organ and/or tissue donation, regardless of age or medical history. If you believe, as Sarah did, that organ donation is a gift of life, you must make your wishes about organ and tissue donation known. To do so, and for more information, visit www.organdonor.gov and www.azdonorregistry.org.

State Champs!

Elliott Mayfield was the star third baseman on the first Little League team I ever coached. He and my son, Matthew, were classmates and teammates in all sports from first grade through high school. Thus began a long and rewarding friendship between the Mayfield family and mine as well as a deep admiration and respect for the way Coach Mayfield always put his players and the development of their character ahead of all else on the gridiron. So it was that I watched with pride and disbelief, along with 10,000 other Tucsonans this past December, when Mayfield's Palo Verde football team

completed their surprising Cinderella season with a resounding victory in the State 4A-II Championship game in Arizona Stadium. A week later, my admired friend, Coach Todd Mayfield, called to tell me that most of his players could not afford championship rings and that the team had decided if one player could not afford a ring, no player would get one. KBSDS decided we wanted to do something about that. We were honored and thrilled to provide championship rings for all Todd's players. The dream of a championship ring is now a reality for the team that had answered Tucson's dreams with a most improbable state championship.

— Ted A. Schmidt



2005-06 PALO VERDE TITANS FOOTBALL



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

*Ted & Frim,
Thanks for helping
make this 2005
State Championship
season so special.
You all are
greatly appreciated.
Be Believe Thank You
Todd*