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GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS APPOINTS AFFCF BOARD CHAIR TO RIO VERDE FOOTHILLS STANDPIPE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Meredith DeAngelis to help oversee district that will provide water
to Rio Verde Foothills residents.*

(PHOENIX, AZ) — Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF), the non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Arizona youth in foster care, is pleased to announce its board chair and marketing and PR committee chair Meredith DeAngelis was recently appointed by Governor Katie Hobbs to the Standpipe District Board of Directors.

“Meredith has been a close partner over the past year in our efforts to transform and adapt AFFCF to better serve our community,” says AFFCF President and CEO Luis De La Cruz. “This new appointment by Governor Hobbs not only ascertains her effective advocacy on issues that matter, but also facilitates AFFCF’s engagement of key partners and stakeholders in government to fiercely advocate for the approximately 12,000 Arizona children in foster care.”

The temporary Standpipe District Board of Directors was established by SB 1432 to provide water to the residents of the Rio Verde Foothills community. Board members also include longtime Rio Verde resident Michael Miola, who was appointed by Senate President Warren Petersen; Speaker of the House Ben Toma, appointed by Thomas Braun; Kent Thomas, who was appointed by the Arizona Department of Real Estate and Chris Josefowski, who was appointed by the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Governor Hobbs signed SB 1432 in June. The bill requires the city of Scottsdale to work with the new Standpipe District for up to three years to treat and transport water to homes within the Rio Verde Foothills community. Before the period ends, legal authorization to permanently serve these community residents will be obtained by EPCOR.

AFFCF began nearly 40 years ago by making one small donation of less than \$30, which allowed a young boy the opportunity to take flute lessons. Since that first act, AFFCF has funded more than \$16 million in childhood activities for children in foster care in Arizona. These funds are intended to help youth in foster care in Arizona experience as normal of a childhood as possible despite their challenging circumstances. Awarded funds go toward assistance in school, music or dance lessons or sports equipment to ensure each child in Arizona foster care can enjoy the kind of opportunities every child deserves. Today and in addition to its Childhood Activities Program, AFFCF also engages youth that are getting ready to age-out of foster care

through the Keys to Success Program and its Post-Secondary Program. For more, visit affcf.org.

About Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation: Since 1984, Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation has created opportunities to build self-esteem and empower children and youth in foster care by funding activities and services to enrich their life experiences and ensure their successful transition to adulthood. For more information, visit affcf.org.

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