



## Metropolitan Pima Alliance

### **Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) Celebrates Finding Common Ground**

TUCSON (November 8, 2016)- On Friday, November 4, 2016, the Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) held its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Common Ground Awards ceremony presented by Lloyd Construction. Honoring community leaders, real estate projects and programs that overcame great obstacles through collaboration, this ceremony has recognized over 245 exemplary projects in Pima County. The mission of MPA is to bring the public and private sector together to develop reasonable land use policies and procedures for the benefit of the entire community.

With nearly 450 attendees, the event honored twenty-one projects including the Common Ground Award of Distinction winner, Caterpillar. The arrival of Caterpillar to Tucson is a tremendous example of what can be achieved, when both the private and public sectors work together towards a common goal. While there are many projects that merit recognition, the Common Ground Awards focus on the atypical collaboration that leads to a project's success. The Common Ground Awards highlights exceptional accomplishments such as Caterpillar where there were positive outcomes due to successful collaboration.

During the ceremony Congresswoman Martha McSally honored Tim Swindle from the University of Arizona Department of Planetary Sciences and Lunar and Planetary Laboratory with a United States flag that flew over the Osiris Rex launch. Congresswoman McSally remarked on the exceptional collaboration between NASA, the University of Arizona and Lockheed Martin to create the stellar project.

The ceremony highlights public-private partnerships and celebrates the ability to find common ground between typically opposing parties. Both Pima County and the City of Tucson were recognized as partners of many of the award winning projects.

#### **The Common Ground Award Winners Are:**

- Banner University Medical Center: Transforming a Campus
- La Estancia
- Mainstreet Transitional Care Facility
- Making Action Possible (MAP) Dashboard
- Park Tucson: Collaborating to Promote Economic Development in Tucson's Emerging Urban Center
- Pima County's Multi-Species Conservation Plan, Endangered Species Act Section 10 Permit
- Steps to Success
- Tucson Roadrunners
- Tucson-New York City Non-Stop Air Service
- Garden-to-Cafeteria

#### **The Common Ground Awards of Merit Are:**

- Building our workforce through ESTEAM – Engineering, Science, Technology, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Math
- Clearwater and Common Ground: Storage, Recovery, and Partnership in Southern AZ and Statewide
- Colossal Cave Road, Acacia Elementary to Old Vail Middle School
- Marist on Cathedral Square
- Paseo de las Iglesias

- Pima County South Rillito West Central Interceptor Rehabilitation Project (SRI)
- Sahuarita Farms Land/River Master Plan
- Sale of the City of Tucson's "Civano Parcel"
- Unified Development Code Text Amendment: Urban Agriculture
- World View Headquarters

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