

AIM RIGHT MINISTRIES

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Mission Statement Established in 1991, Aim Right Ministries provides after school recreational activities, educational tutoring, and moral/spiritual training for at risk youth and children living in central Phoenix. Working in cooperation with Crossroads Christian Fellowship, we desire these youth to be evangelized and disciplined for Christ.

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PERCEPTIONS

A Sunny, Successful Auction Day

Before the sun rose on February 11, over 20 volunteers were already at work with last-minute preparations for Aim Right's 11th Annual Benefit Auction. Guests began arriving around 8:00 a.m., likely so they could be first in line for a warm, homemade cinnamon roll and hot coffee. Or, perhaps, it was to preview items before the auction began at 9 a.m. We are just grateful they came—and kept coming! Winter vacationers, locals, loyal supporters, and friends, they came, and engaged in lively bidding, lunched on barbecued chicken, tacos, and grilled burgers, and purchased beautiful quilts and handiwork donated by churches throughout the U.S. Experienced auctioneer Steve Cross from Indiana and other volunteer auctioneers sold every-



Briana Byler is all smiles about her cinnamon roll!



"Cheese & Cookies Cutie"

thing from a haircut to antique furniture to wagon wheels. Bidders spent over \$1,200 alone on popular food items such as trail bologna, cheese, beans, and popcorn.

Like the author of Psalm 98, we say, "He has done marvelous things," because it is truly by God's hand that we were blessed with wonderful weather, good attendance, and generous giving. Total auction proceeds brought in over \$19,000 to help eliminate our year-end deficit, and we are humbled by your support of Aim Right through your donations and gifts. *Thank you!*

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Helping Youth Find Direction in Life



Got cheese?

The Schrocks enjoy the chicken dinner

REACH TEAM USA joins Aim Right for Five Months

The REACH program is for young adults (age 18 and over) and consists of three months of DTS (Discipleship Training School) in Columbus, Ohio, followed by an outreach component that lasts six or nine months. The end of November, a REACH team arrived in Phoenix to serve with us at Aim Right. Led by Jeremy and Sarah Miller, the team is especially gifted in music and drama and have had numerous opportunities to use their gifts at Kids Klub, Teen Night, and church services.



Sarah and Jeremy Miller, Hutchinson, KS; Michelle Flora, Nappanee, IN; Lem Yutzy, Milford, DE; Nicole Benner, Lanisville, PA; Keith Byler, Salisbury, PA



Performing a modern-day interpretation of one of Jesus' parables at a recent Teen Night

Nicole, one of the team members, recently wrote:

"I guess the greatest accomplishment here would be getting to really know some of the teen girls. I have developed a bond with two girls in particular. I know one of our team goals is to 'develop a meaningful relationship with an area youth.' I am excited to possibly meet this goal. I roller blade a lot with them and talk about school and what is happening in their lives. I'm praying that God can use me in the conversations we have daily. I am excited about getting to know others as well. I feel I, with the

massive help of God, have gotten out of my comfort zone a lot. I am excited about this because it is really easy for me to just stick to the familiar. I'm sure God will continue to grow me in this area."



Sarah and her tutoring student

Upon completion of their time in Phoenix in April, the team plans to visit churches and schools across the United States as representatives of the REACH program, sharing God's love through music and drama.



Bradley

David

Allyah

Our New Interns

Intern Transitions

In December, **Caleb Reed** from Ohio completed his one-year term and returned home. In January, **David Varela** of Phoenix, **Bradley Beachy** of Millersburg, Ohio, and **Allyah Roby** of Plain City, Ohio, joined the intern team, each committing to one year of service. At the end of February, **Adam Miller** returned home to Ohio after completing a 15-month term as an intern. In March, **Lisa Goss** of Illinois will return home after serving for 18 months.

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Q's & A's with our Interns

- How does the intern program promote leadership development?**
Being an intern helps you realize that you can't just rely on others for stuff, but you have to take initiative and get things done or handled on your own.
Good leaders listen to the people they are leading! That has been monumental for me—listening to what others think and not being a dictator.
- What has God taught you during your time as an intern?**
The biggest thing has been my dependence on God. He has just shown me that I need to give everything to Him, whether it's little issues or big issues.
Patience. This whole process is a challenge with amazing rewards.
- Why should someone consider becoming an intern?**
It teaches you a lot about life, taking responsibility, and puts your faith into action.
- How important is it for an intern to commit to one year (vs. a few months)?**
It's important because it forces you to commit to the program, to the kids especially. You can't establish relationships with the kids if you're only here for a few months.

Would you like to learn more about the Ministry Intern Program? Additional information and an application can be found on our website: aimright.org. Or, call us at (602) 462-1987. We look forward to hearing from you!