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Mesa, AZ – Gabriel's Angels believes that the bond between a therapy dog and a child is strong enough to break the cycle of violence.

The nonprofit group's teams of volunteers and their dogs regularly visit children in crisis nurseries, domestic violence shelters, group homes and homeless shelters in the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas. Their mission is to deliver healing pet therapy to abused, neglected and at-risk children, nurturing their ability to love and trust, thereby freeing them from the cycle of violence.

Gabriel's Angels began eight years ago when Pam Gaber and her then one-year-old Weimaraner, Gabriel, first visited the Crisis Nursery in Phoenix. Pam saw the overwhelming need to reach as many children as possible based on the undeniable bond created between the children and Gabriel on that first day. After more visits by Pam and Gabriel, both the on-site caregivers and social workers confirmed that the children were becoming more empathetic and nurturing to one another. Pam saw the improvement herself in the way the children began treating Gabriel.

Today, Gabriel's Angels has grown to more than 100 teams serving over 90 facilities in the Phoenix metropolitan area and Tucson. Several generous grants from the Tucson community have aided the group's expansion to Tucson over the last year.

Gabriel's Angels welcomes new Pet Therapy Teams or Helping Hand (people without pets) volunteers. Each dog must undergo a registration process that involves training and testing, and each human volunteer must be trained and pass the standard security screening required by state law.

For more information about Gabriel's Angels visit www.gabrielsangels.org or call 480-460-5333.

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