



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: September 10, 2013

TITLE: Recognition of the GAP Ministries

BACKGROUND:

Greg and Pam Ayers came to Tucson in 1999 with no friends and no clear life direction, but they felt a calling to help children. In 2000 the Ayers started group homes for children who were in the Child Protective Services system. Those homes were in the Wilson K-8 and Walker Elementary School attendance areas.

That is how we came to know and appreciate GAP Ministries.

Greg, Pam and their wonderful staff members serve 120 children, some of whom had never even been to school before starting their new lives in a GAP Ministries home. The Ayers wanted to show their appreciation for teachers who Pam said “dedicate their lives to helping kids.” GAP Ministries held its first Backpacks 2 School event at Walker School to provide much needed school supplies to teachers and students. That event expanded over the years to include all Title I schools in Amphi and now has grown to serve ten thousand children in three school districts!

GAP Ministries also has a food program for families in need. It provides food, diapers and household items to those who cannot afford to buy the things we all need. Many of those families have children who attend Amphi Schools.

We would like to recognize Greg and Pam Ayers and GAP Ministries for their dedication and service to children. They have touched many, many lives in our community!

RECOMMENDATION:

This is presented for the Board’s information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:

Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: August 29, 2013

Patrick Nelson, M.Ed., Superintendent