

September 3, 2025

Dear Superintendent Bartlett,

I'm writing to enthusiastically recommend Jill Greene for the Catalina Foothills School District Super Volunteer award. Jill's fifth grade son, Wyatt, has attended Sunrise since he was in kindergarten, which is also when Jill began serving as a dedicated volunteer on the Family Faculty Organization (FFO). Over the past four years, as President or Co-President of the Sunrise FFO, Jill has been an instrumental force for positive change and community building.

Jill's impact can be measured in many ways. Under her leadership, our FFO achieved its most successful fundraising years to date, providing critical resources that directly enhance our students' learning experiences. Because of her efforts, every student has benefitted from enriching opportunities beyond campus at Camp Cooper, the Desert Museum, local theatres for live performances, and the planetarium. Jill has also inspired community building events on campus such as Game Night and Family Picnic and Play. The events are heavily attended with students and families engaging with one another. Jill's contributions go far beyond dollars and cents collected from fundraising efforts. She has fostered a deep and active commitment from our families, cultivating a strong culture of support that is truly remarkable.

One of Jill's greatest strengths is her ability to inspire others. She is Sunrise's biggest cheerleader, enthusiastically sporting a Sunrise shirt and handing out school swag with infectious energy. Her creativity shines through in initiatives like the grade-level competitions where students could win a Sammy the Snake plushy, adding a sense of fun and camaraderie that boosts school spirit. Before school events, Jill can be seen around campus decorating the corridors and spreading good cheer as the volunteers transform our campus for celebrations. This dedication models what it means to be a committed volunteer, which has inspired others to step up and help with events like Picture Day, Spiders and Cider, and Campus Clean-up.

Jill also created a sustainable support system within the FFO by ensuring that current chairs mentor and prepare future leaders for success, leaving the organization stronger with each transition. She takes incredible initiative, from painting the "Blue Line" on campus to writing a grant to fund student field trips, always seeking new ways to improve the school environment. When a volunteer is unable to fulfill a commitment, Jill quietly steps in to ensure that the event is successful so that our students build endearing memories.

In short, Jill doesn't just volunteer—she makes a tangible difference every day at Sunrise Elementary. She transforms our school community. She embodies the spirit of a "Super Volunteer" and makes our school a great place to be. As Wyatt moves on to middle school this May, Jill's presence will be deeply missed. Her absence will be felt as we miss her smile and positive energy, but she leaves a legacy that will be observable in the eager volunteers who will walk our kindergarteners to class in the first days of school through the student-centered promotion celebration on the last day of school!

Sincerely,

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