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Stand Up 4 Teachers *A Celebration of Education Champions*

WHAT: Tucson Values Teachers **Stand Up 4 Teachers** event will recognize three outstanding Pima County teachers with the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award and two community leaders -- Cox Communications and the Thomas R. Brown Foundations -- with the TVT Spirit of Education Award. All proceeds from the event will benefit Tucson Values Teachers to fund programs that benefit Southern Arizona teachers professionally and financially.

WHEN: Thursday, April 6, 2017, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Westin La Paloma, Grand Ballroom, 3800 E. Sunrise Drive

Three area teachers were selected from a field of 50 candidates to receive the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award. Raytheon will present each winning teacher with \$2,500, and the company will also give \$2,500 to the winners' respective schools. The honorees are:

- **Jessica Howell**, 5th grade teacher, Hendricks Elementary, Flowing Wells School District
- **Lauren Marlatt**, 6th-8th grade teacher, Coronado K-8, Amphitheater Public Schools
- **Steven Uyeda**, Sunnyside High School, Sunnyside Unified School District

Cox Communications is receiving the Spirit of Education award in recognition of its many contributions in support of K-12 education. Cox's corporate philanthropy, in addition to the employee-guided funds awarded locally through Cox Charities, invests upwards of \$2M in the community annually, that support Tucson Values Teachers and nearly 30 other diverse education-focused organizations and programs across Southern Arizona.

The Thomas R. Brown Foundations also are being honored with the Spirit of Education Award in recognition of its contributions in support of K-12 education and beyond. TRBF has invested in education at all levels through programs, scholarships, faculty endowments, research grants and professional development for teachers, including the Teachers in Industry program, a unique partnership between the University of Arizona and Tucson Values Teachers.

Stand Up 4 Teachers is presented by The Jim Click Automotive Team and O'Rielly Chevrolet. All proceeds will benefit Tucson Values Teachers to fund programs that benefit teachers professionally and financially.

COST TO ATTEND: \$75 per person and includes light appetizers. Tickets may be purchased through the Tucson Values Teachers website: www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) is a business and education partnership focused on helping schools and districts attract, retain and support the very best teachers for every K-12 classroom in Southern Arizona. The organization recognizes the critical role teachers play in student achievement and the vital influence they have on Tucson's future. It does this work by raising public awareness of the value of the teaching profession while providing programs that benefit teachers economically and professionally.