

# ASPC-LEWIS INMATES RAISE FUNDS FOR “KIDS VOTING” PROGRAM

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## **ASPC-LEWIS INMATES RAISE FUNDS FOR “KIDS VOTING” PROGRAM Fundraiser Set To Sponsor Classrooms Across State**

[Phoenix, AZ] The inmates at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis no longer have voting rights, but they are still raising funds to help Arizona kids understand that voting is a right you want to use and not lose! When the ASPC-Lewis staff and inmates learned that Kids Voting Arizona could implement the voting program for the November 4, 2008 election for only \$15 per class, they decided to see how many classes they could help support. The fundraising program began August 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through August 14<sup>th</sup>. Inmates will be donating money they earned while working in prison.

“We appreciate this opportunity for our inmates to practice restorative justice principals by giving back to the community through this project”, said ASPC-Lewis Warden John Palosaari.

Kids Voting Arizona is appreciative of the support and humbled by the commitment of ASPC-Lewis inmates and staff.

“Families and children are the most important thing to anyone who has them. The staff and inmates of ASPC-Lewis are reaching out to the community and an alliance will be forged based on the common concern for children and their future,” said Kim Hall, Compliance Specialist for Kids Voting Arizona.

### **About Kids Voting Arizona**

Kids Voting Arizona is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots-driven voter education program. As an organization, Kids Voting Arizona is committed to creating lifelong voting habits in children and increasing adult voter turnout. Through the Kids Voting Arizona program, Arizona is leading the fight against voter apathy. Kids Voting Arizona is administered through a partnership with the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.

### **About the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education**

The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education provides technical and financial assistance to legal aid organizations, schools and community groups. The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education promotes “Access to Justice for All Arizonans” by supporting law-related education and free legal services and by promoting statewide collaborative efforts. The Arizona

Foundation for Legal Services & Education plays a leading role in preparing Arizona students for civic responsibility. The Foundation reaches more than 100,000 children each year by training teachers, school resource officers and probation officers about our laws, justice system and the foundations of democracy. It is also home of *LawForKids.org*, America's first Web site dedicated to teaching students about the law.

#### **Helpful Websites**

- Kids Voting Arizona [www.kidsvotingaz.org](http://www.kidsvotingaz.org)
- Kids Voting USA [www.kidsvotingusa.org](http://www.kidsvotingusa.org)
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education [www.azflse.org](http://www.azflse.org)

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