United Way’s Healthy Communities work focuses on providing equitable access through education and resources to improve the quality of living and dying for older people and their families in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

**ELDER ALLIANCE**

United Way’s Healthy Communities work focuses on improving quality of life for older people in Tucson and Southern Arizona, from retirement to end of life. United Way’s **ELDER Alliance** is a broad collaboration of non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies, community partners and age 50+ residents. Through its dedicated action teams, the ELDER Alliance has established a strong system to support the rapidly growing older adult population, allowing older people to stay healthy longer, remain active and involved, and maintain maximum independence.

**END OF LIFE CARE PARTNERSHIP**

The Arizona End of Life Care Partnership (EOLCP) is a collaborative partnership, anchored at United Way, dedicated to creating a comprehensive network of end of life care support and resources in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Since its formation in 2017, the EOLCP is becoming a national model and is now one of the largest funded partnerships of its kind in the U.S.

The EOLCP has evolved into a network of organizations and individuals committed to promoting quality of life at every stage through education, support, sound policy and choices, ensuring that Tucson is a great place to live and end well. More at azendolifecare.org.

- **20,954 seniors served through programs**
- **5,843 seniors given tools to plan for end of life through workshops and coaching sessions**
- **1,325 active senior volunteers**
- **18,416 seniors remain at home with supportive services**
Meet Tim

Tim Wernette is a 73-year-old Gender Equity Educator and diversity trainer at the University of Arizona. He is especially passionate about social justice and creating a more equitable Southern Arizona for all. This past year, Tim became involved with the Elder Alliance and The Arizona End of Life Care Partnership (EOLCP), organizations anchored at United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. The Elder Alliance is a broad collaboration of non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies, community partners and age 50+ residents. Guided by the voices of elders, Elder Alliance advocates and designs solutions that improve the quality of life for all and work to ensure older adults thrive, and play a role in shaping livable communities for all ages in Pima County.

EOLCP is a collaborative partnership dedicated to creating a comprehensive network of end of life care support and resources in Tucson and Southern Arizona. EOLCP community partners provide direct services including advance care planning workshops; hospice and palliative services; education and events that honor diverse cultures; faiths and communities; bereavement and grief support; and assisted living. Tim has become an active member in both organizations to ensure that inclusive and effective support is available for all older adults in Southern Arizona. “Not only does UW support important social service non-profit organizations, but also hosts important community organizing activities. I hope Tucson can become a model for what a healthy, prosperous and just community looks like and I admire the community organizing United Way of Tucson does to help connect the pieces to ensure a more equitable Southern Arizona.”