

MHA Foundation organizational structure

MHA Foundation

The foundation is the driving force behind the effort to build a university in Payson as well as a community center, year-round pool, ballfields and other projects. The charity has a roughly \$30-million endowment stemming mostly from the sale of the Payson Community Hospital to Banner Health Care. MHA Foundation is a private charity, not subject to open meeting laws and receives no public funding.

Rim Country Educational Alliance SLE

The Alliance (SLE) was established jointly by Payson, Star Valley and the MHA Foundation to develop the proposed, 254-acre university site purchased from the Forest Service. The three entities each appoint members to the SLE board. The SLE does not have to follow Payson zoning and building codes, but has decided to do so anyway. Establishing the SLE provided potential tax breaks for investors in the university project and also insulated both Payson and Star Valley from any liability in case the project failed. So far, most of roughly \$41 million invested in the university project has come from the MHA Foundation.

Rim Country Education Foundation

The RCEF is a nonprofit charity established by the MHA Foundation to raise money to support its various programs. The RCEF raised the money to buy the university property and improve it, although most of the money came from the MHA Foundation. The RCEF continues to raise money for other projects, including a dual enrollment college program for Payson High School students and the new plan to build a community center, ballfields and covered pool on a portion of the land bought from the Forest Service for the proposed university. The RCEF is one of the title holders for the university site, along with the Educational Alliance SLE.

University Site

The SLE envisions development of the 254-acre university site, which fronts on Highway 260. The SLE plans to lease land to a proprietor and to seek partners to build a community center, year-round covered pool, basketball, ballfields and other facilities.

Proposed university site

Aspire Foundation

Aspire raises money to support various educational initiatives in the community. Currently, it funds a program that pays for tuition costs for Payson High School students who take dual-enrollment classes from Gateway Community College. It is also working on a comprehensive internships program. It seeks to make it possible for Payson students to complete an art or two years of college while in high school.

Proposed pool, rink, community center

St. Philip's Catholic Church

Kims lower patch

Payson Christian School

Payson Community College

Payson High School

Payson Community Hospital

Payson Concrete & Materials

Payson Fire Station 13

Payson High School

Payson Community College

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