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## Civic profile

### Entrepreneur's foundation benefits children of Southern Arizona

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In many ways, Rodney Glassman's effort to help children in Tucson is in a sense helping himself. By his own estimation, he is still a kid at heart.

Glassman, 26, founded the Glassman Foundation in 2002 to help raise funds for some of Southern Arizona's largest nonprofits that help children.

Providing fund-raisers that bring the community together while at the same time helping children is the perfect combination of both his passions, Glassman said.

"I love bringing people together," said Glassman, a local entrepreneur who also serves as legislative aid to Rep. Raúl Grijalva, D-Ariz.

Last year, the Glassman Foundation raised \$72,000 for children's agencies. If the pace remains the same this year, the group will raise more than \$100,000.

Friday night saw one of the Glassman Foundation's fund-raisers in action, as "An Evening of Love Songs" raised more than \$55,000. The proceeds go to funding a concert series featuring University of Arizona music students performing at schools in Southern Arizona. The event included more than 20 acts, including a version of "Cool Water" by Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup.

Glassman said his events are unique because community members have fun while raising money.

Because the Glassman Foundation donates all its money every year to various children's organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, there is no competing with other groups for funding.

"We want to make sure that we use every dollar to benefit the kids," Glassman said.

Rick Gregson, who is a member of the organization's board, said Glassman is an authentic individual who has a passion to help children.

"He raises money for all the right reasons," Gregson said.

The growth and success of the foundation is a testament to Glassman's determination, Gregson said.

The organization operates with little cost, Glassman said.

As part of the foundation, Glassman also founded the South of 45 Breakfast Club. The group meets monthly and learns about community organizations and service. The only requirement for membership is that you have to be younger than 45, he said.

The club donates \$500 per month to a different children's charity.

To learn more about the Glassman Foundation and its fund-raising opportunities, visit [www.glassmanfoundation.org](http://www.glassmanfoundation.org) or call 271-5715.

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