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DUET OFFERS FREE RESPITE TO GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

(Phoenix, AZ) – Tens of thousands of Arizona grandparents are raising grandchildren. Due to drugs, incarcerations, death and mental illness, many grandparents decide to step in and raise their grandchildren instead of turning them over to state foster care.

If you or someone you know is raising a second family, Duet™ may be able to pay for all or part of the fees needed to send your grandchildren to summer camp, local day camps or lessons. Being a kinship caregiver is often a rewarding experience, but it can also be challenging especially if finances are difficult.

If you are currently unable to enroll in activities for you or your grandchildren, Duet's respite care may be a solution. Our respite assistance makes activities for your grandchildren affordable or free, and allows grandparents some much-needed time to regroup and relax.

- WHAT:** Respite for grandparents raising grandchildren. Duet pays for all or part of the registration fees for grandchildren to participate in various activities.
- WHY:** To provide a break to grandparents raising grandchildren, by making activities for their grandchildren, such as summer camp, local day camps or lessons, affordable.
- WHO:** Duet offers this service to grandparents raising grandchildren and kinship caregivers.
- HOW:** To receive funds for your grandchildren's activities, you must:
- Show legal custody for the grandchildren you are raising.
 - Answer questions about your situation.
 - Meet an age and income criteria.
 - Give the name of the activity provider to whom the check is payable.
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 - Give start and end dates for the program, and how frequent the classes meet.

If the activity is approved, it will take five business days to process the request. For more information contact Duet™ at (602) 274-5022 ext. 44 or email Dominguez@duetaz.org. **Respite funds are limited, so apply today!** Duet™ promotes health and well-being through a broad range of services to homebound adults, caregivers, faith communities and grandparents raising grandchildren.
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