

The CORONADO DISPATCH

spring
2023



THE G ROAD EDITION



there goes
the neighborhood

BECKY SANTIAGO
PRESIDENT, CORONADO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



a message from our president

I joined the CNA in the spring of 2020 and met Daniel Stanton, Director of G Road, around December 2020. It was a Sunday morning, and he swung by our old community garden to learn how the CNA and community use the space, exuding genuine excitement and curiosity. At this point, I thought he was just a curious neighbor, but I quickly learned he was running a garden near the Boys and Girls Club at 15th Street and Willetta (behind Froth Coffee). Only his garden wasn't operated by neighborhood volunteers; instead, the garden was maintained by a team of underprivileged youth in the neighborhood who participate in G Road's after-school programs.

If you've been following the CNA's happenings over the last two years, you've likely seen an article about G Road in the Dispatch or a post about them on our Instagram page. G Road's mission is to support young people (specifically in the 85006 zip code) on their road to adulthood through creative programming and intentional relationships. As Director of G Road, Daniel embodies this core mission in everything he does, which is evident by the continued monitoring of the CNA's garden and activities, not only for opportunities for collaboration but to genuinely check in on a personal level and build meaningful relationships amongst community leaders.

Over the last two years, the relationship between the CNA Board and G Road has strengthened. During our relocation to the new community garden at Emerson Elementary School, we donated two raised beds to G Road's garden, and G Road secured a donation from the Worm Farm to mulch the CNA's new garden. More significantly, this year G Road partnered with Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1 and is operating programs at Emerson Elementary School. As it happens, this presented the most synergistic of synergistic opportunities: G Road's after-school Sustainability and Wellness program is utilizing the CNA Community Garden space to educate students and support the ongoing operations and maintenance of the community asset. How awesome is that!?

From this ongoing dialogue and harmonious vision to strengthen community ties through the continued support of those who live and work in the neighborhood, we decided to formalize our relationship into a partnership. The partnership supports the foundation of G Road's model for comprehensive care and lives up to the CNA's mission to create a more profound sense of community and make Coronado a desirable place to live.

We are beyond excited to announce our partnership and the opportunities it will bring to foster a more vital and vibrant community. We hope you will participate in our efforts to empower our youth and make Coronado one of the best places to live!



THE CORONADO
Home

Tour

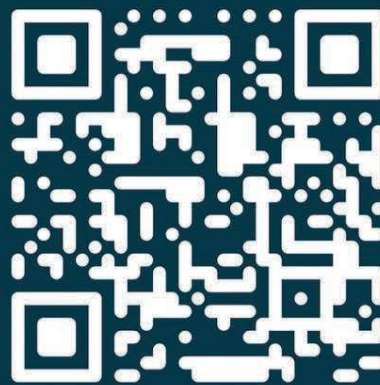
HISTORIC HOMES

STREET FAIR

FOOD TRUCKS

Sunday **26**
FEBRUARY

10 AM - 4 PM



BUY TICKETS 

thecoronadoneighborhood.com/home-tour

coronado fun



Halloween Bike Ride

The CNA is proud of the community engagement we've seen over the last year.

Here's a quick recap of some of the activities we've done this year and an outlook for what else is coming!



Pancake Breakfast



New Website

plus

Coronado Kids Carnival | WayneFest
Toolshed & Community Garden Improvements
Historic Documentation Day | Kickball Tournament
Welcome Back Emerson Coffee

with more to come

CORONADO HISTORIC HOME TOUR

The Coronado Home Tour is a day spent celebrating the unique historically modern architecture in our neighborhood. Several neighbors generously open their doors for the day to showcase their home and a street fair at Coronado Park featuring a DJ, vendors, Kids Parade, and food trucks offers a fun meeting point or recharging opportunity with snacks and shopping.

WHEN: February 26th

TIME: 10 am - 4 pm

WHERE: Coronado Park / throughout Coronado

Tickets are on sale now at thecoronadoneighborhood.com/HOME-TOUR.

COMMUNITY GARDEN EXPANSION

The CNA Community Garden, located at Emerson Elementary School, has become a center for collaboration.

Not only has the CNA partnered with Emerson to be located on the school grounds, but G Road has also partnered with Emerson to run after school programs, including a Sustainability and Wellness program which utilizes the garden space to teach students about gardening and healthy eating. We are excited to announce that G Road is investing in a modified shipping container which will expand the Community Garden and offer new features in the shared space. Most notably, the modified container will have electricity and running water; this will allow students and community garden volunteers to wash produce on-site (as well as their hands after digging in the dirt!).

The expansion project broke ground in January and is expected to be complete by March. Stay tuned for a future celebration of the expanded space.

Come say hi!

WHEN: Mondays-Thursdays, after school

WHERE: South side of Emerson Elementary School (off Granada Road, half way between 7th St & 10th St)



hi, neighbor

My name is Daniel, and I was born and raised in the Coronado Neighborhood, surrounded by friends and family, and supported by my community. In a lot of ways, the neighborhood looks different now, but in some ways, it's still the exact same. It's a community of hard-working people, representing many cultures and backgrounds, with a shared experience of living a kind of small-town lifestyle, just a stone's throw from Phoenix's bustling downtown. I loved my childhood, and though there were challenges, I benefitted greatly from having a network that kept me engaged and connected. It has always been important to me to try to support the next generation of young people as they reach their full potential. So, I founded G Road.

Throughout the years, we've operated in partnership with different organizations, providing after school programs and building relationships with our participants. This year, our partnership with Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1 has enabled us to provide after school care to over 150 students in the heart of Phoenix at Emerson Elementary School, at absolutely no cost to students' families. G Road is dedicated to supporting young people on their road to adulthood, recognizing that the lack of attention and investment in vulnerable communities continuously exacerbates the cycle of poverty. G Road aims to change that by fostering community connection - bringing together the systems of support that do exist, as well as implementing creative solutions to solve for the gaps, all in an effort to build a comprehensive foundation of care from which our young people can grow and thrive. We are so grateful to Becky Santiago and the entire Coronado Neighborhood for this opportunity to share our critical mission and work with you all, our neighbors.

G Road pursues its mission through creative programs, community investment and engaging the broader community. However, in order to have a truly transformative, sustainable impact, we need real solutions from those who have experienced firsthand the gaps, challenges and barriers that exist for today's youth. G Road is that collection of problem-solvers with deep community connection - the connection that empowers young people, empowers communities and empowers generations to come.

We look forward to a continuing relationship with you, our neighbors, and we're excited to see the ways in which we can all work together to best support our young people.



so much more than after school care

NICKY BORSELLI, G ROAD BOARD MEMBER

We talk a lot about fostering community connection: bringing together the systems of support that do exist, as well as implementing creative solutions to solve for the gaps. This is how we build a comprehensive foundation of care from which our young people – those living in our community – can grow and thrive.

As an organization that runs creative, innovative programming during after school hours, we continuously aim to push the boundaries of what “afterschool care” can be. With this ethos in mind, we see G Road as a provider of comprehensive care, a new concept in the youth non-profit world that refers to fostering community connection, and then leveraging that connection to truly empower our young people.

Let me start with a story. I sit on the board of G Road, and last year I had the opportunity to see the culmination of a 6-week Media Arts program. Working with a school that predominantly serves children whose families are unhoused, G Road partnered with a local production company to teach all that goes into a news broadcast. We’re talking writing and producing news stories to anchor work to camera operation to the control room and everything in between. On this day, a neighborhood barber stopped by to give all the students a fresh haircut for the big production. Watching them all ready to go, in their positions and looking like a little, professional news crew was spectacular. These students were having the time of their lives, learning real, tangible and applicable skills, both personal and professional.

This is comprehensive care.

Comprehensive care means **intentional relationships with caring adults and development of both practical and emotional skills**. It means individualized programming and programs that expand the idea of what is possible – with subjects like sustainability, media arts, design, health/fitness and creative writing. It means serving as the glue connecting our systems of support. It means being in the community and part of the community.

G Road has always been both and will continue to be for the long haul. We are running programs in our schools to expand the school day for parents and guardians. We are running programs at community churches. We are running programs at small businesses. G Road was not established to be a single solution – it was founded to collaborate and work together with our support systems in order to pave a path marked by learning, growth and connection for our young people on their road to adulthood.

We believe kids are most successful when they are engaged, excited, safe, and surrounded by intentional and consistent adults, and we also believe that students deserve access to activities and programs that celebrate them and encourage them to be who they want to be.

Our programs are designed to introduce participants to new skills and interests, while keeping them connected and making the most of their afternoons and evenings. We prioritize relationships, growth, and engagement.

We are so grateful for our community partners who help bring our programming to life: Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1, Emerson Elementary School, Coronado Neighborhood Association, Southwest Behavioral Health Services, Phoenix Youth Circus Arts, and the many groups that stop in to make our participants' day every once in a while!

MINDFULNESS & WELLNESS



FITNESS & ATHLETICS



GARDENING & SUSTAINABILITY



g road in action



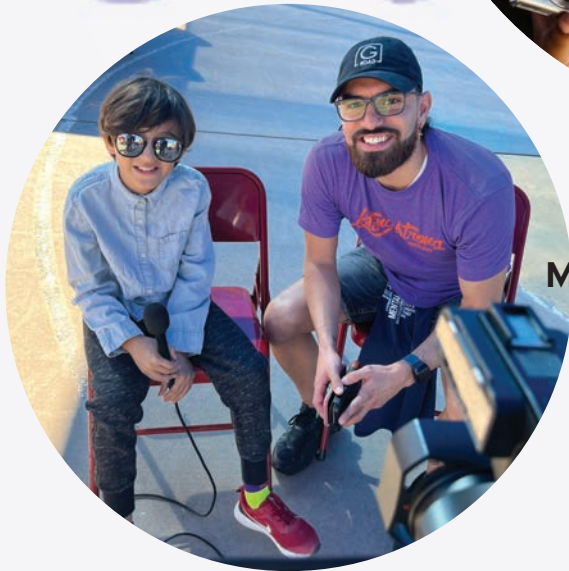
CIRCUS ARTS



PHOTOGRAPHY
in partnership with
Kids in Focus



CREATIVE WRITING



MEDIA ARTS



AND MORE



continued

SUPPORTING
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VIA G ROAD



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023 | 5-10PM
@ 435COLLECTIVE (21+)

FEATURING:



SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE!



DJ



BINGO



+ DRINKS, MUSIC,
AND RAFFLE PRIZES



ABOUT PHUTURO

CELEBRATING OUR CITY, ITS CULTURE,
AND ITS YOUNG PEOPLE. OUR PHUTURO.

PHUTURO IS A NIGHT OF FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC, ART, AND BINGO, IN CELEBRATION OF PHOENIX AND THE LATINX COMMUNITY THAT CALLS IT HOME. WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR G ROAD, A LOCAL NONPROFIT SUPPORTING PHOENIX'S YOUTH ON THEIR ROAD TO ADULTHOOD. WITH FOOD BY BACANORA AND RITOS, AND THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF GENEROUS SPONSORS LIKE YOU, WE HOPE TO RAISE FUNDS, HAVE A GREAT TIME, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CITY.



TICKETS: GROAD.ORG/PHUTURO

BRANDON WITCHER
EDUCATOR & G ROAD PROGRAM COORDINATOR



road mapping

**where curriculum ends
and lessons of life begin**



There isn't enough time. There is never enough time in a single school day. Educators have become masters of planning out literally every minute of the school day to maximize instructional value. Sit around teachers for long enough and the term "instructional minutes" is bound to come up. It is an ideology that suggests that the more time spent teaching and focusing on standards based instruction, the better the student outcomes. Often, projects and other real-world learning are left relegated to the end of the school year, after testing or during times before long vacations. In the blink of an eye, the instructional focus on math, reading, and language arts often comes at the expense of targeted character education and fun.

Teachers are doing the absolute best that they can to prepare our young people for life. And if you ask most teachers, they will aptly let you know that there just aren't enough hours in the day to cover their required curriculum and have targeted instruction helping to develop students' social and emotional capacity. Students of today are not the same students from 20 years ago, or the same students we taught at the beginning of our careers. Students are much more exposed to trauma and more aware because of their ubiquitous access to information and stimuli. It is necessary, now more than ever, to bolster their social and emotional learning. The Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) defines social and emotional learning as "the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions." Targeted social emotional learning has a wide array of positive outcomes for a school community including healthy relationships among students and adults, higher academic performance, and improved mental well-being.

G Road's programming has a course that assists students with communication, group cooperation, and understanding their unique identity, which align with CASEL competencies for social emotional learning, called the Road Map. The "Road Mapping" session consists of activities and learning geared to helping young people learn effective ways to communicate, work with others, and be comfortable expressing who they are by celebrating their individuality. Students work through challenges where they have to communicate. In one activity, students were blindfolded and had to navigate their peers through an obstacle course to safety. Take a look at our students participating in The Chocolate River activity focusing on building relationships and communication.



Students had to cross the "chocolate river" together using marshmallows that would float away if someone didn't stand on them.

Moreover, young people are working on public speaking and active listening skills. Last week students wrote biographic poems sharing their dreams, fears, and traits with their peers. Kids gain a sense of community as they learn about their peers and are more equipped to deal with challenges presented to them during the school day as a result. Eighth Grader Arist Nosker states "we got to get to know one another a lot better. We learned that you have to be really specific when giving directions. The Chocolate River was challenging but taught me we don't really communicate well with one another". Sienna Murphy (7th Grade) says her favorite activity was learning about cyberbullying and social media. "It taught me more about the world and how social media can be both helpful and harmful. We also got the chance to create our own social media app and to think about how people would use it." Our students are noticing the difference. As we continue to work with our young people, we are excited to see their growth before, during, and after they leave the classroom.

acknowledgments



First and foremost, a huge thanks to Becky Santiago and the Coronado Neighborhood Association for this wonderful opportunity to share our story. Second, a huge thanks to you for taking the time to learn more about G Road and the impact we are making in our own backyard.

It takes the support of the entire community to continue our work, particularly at no cost to parents and guardians. If you would like to contribute to our mission financially, we would be incredibly grateful for your donation at groad.org/donate. If you are able to contribute to G Road with your time, we would love to discuss volunteer opportunities. Please shoot us an email at programs@groad.org.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and G Road team, thank you again and we hope to see you in March for our Phturo of Phoenix event!

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for the greater coronado neighborhood

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apparel and footwear

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K FASHION

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TACOS HUICHO

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SMOKE SHOP

WICKER GODDESS

THE HIVE ON 16TH

get involved



our mission

CNA IS A GROUP OF RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ORGANIZED TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF CORONADO. THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP WORKS TO BUILD A UNITED AND INFORMED NEIGHBORHOOD, INCREASE RESIDENT SAFETY, PROMOTE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL APPRECIATION AND HOLD EVENTS TO BRING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER. THIS CREATES A DEEPER SENSE OF COMMUNITY MAKING CORONADO AN ATTRACTIVE AND DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE.

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interested in a CNA membership?

Your membership supports programming in the neighborhood. Membership in the Association is open to all residents, businesses, and nonprofits in the Greater Coronado Neighborhood.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Members get access to the community toolshed (thecoronadoneighborhood.com/Tool-Shed)
- Members are eligible to run for positions on the Coronado Neighborhood Association Board.
- Voting privileges at Association general and annual meetings (you must be a member at least 28 days prior to any vote in order to cast your vote)

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