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## **GEICO partners with the Arizona Leadership Foundation to provide \$1,000,000 in scholarships for Intermountain Academy in Tucson**

PHOENIX – GEICO has partnered with the Arizona Leadership Foundation to help fund \$1 million in scholarships for disabled and displaced students at Intermountain Academy in Tucson, Ariz. The Intermountain Academy looks forward to the enrollment of students referred from all of the Tucson community school districts who have students (K-12) with special educational needs.

GEICO quote

“Intermountain Academy is pleased to have found a partner in GEICO, which through their scholarship pledge of \$1,000,000, allows the Academy to increase the number of students served with special needs in the Tucson community,” said Intermountain Academy Program Director Tyson Gillespie. “Their scholarship support will allow Intermountain to enhance the academic and vocational programs available to Tucson schoolchildren, building on intensive, individualized programs which are the backbone of the Academy. “

Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and recognized as a Private School by the Arizona Department of Education, the Intermountain Academy offers the Tucson community a positive teaching environment for youth with specialized needs and builds on each child’s strengths and interests. The legacy of the school, which was founded 50 years ago as Nellie P. Covert School, has been rich with diverse student populations, averaging 38 students per year. Intermountain Academy is dedicated to the development and implementation of new, innovative educational programs in addition to the current school for youth with special educational needs.

“We are extremely pleased to have GEICO’s support to further Intermountain’s vision of the opportunity for children with special needs and special talents to be able to choose the Intermountain Academy as their home school for an entire academic year,” said Chief Executive Officer of Intermountain Centers for Human Development David K. Giles, PhD.

GEICO’s donation was made possible because of their participation with the Arizona Leadership Foundation and the state’s corporate tax credit program. The Arizona Leadership Foundation is able to offer scholarships through Arizona’s Corporate Income Tuition Tax Credit (CTC) Scholarship Program and the Lexie’s Law Corporate Income Tax Credit Program. These Arizona programs are education plans designed to help low-income families and families with disabled/displaced children obtain the best education for their children.

### **About the Arizona Leadership Foundation**

The Arizona Leadership Foundation provides scholarship assistance to private schools and Lexie’s Law schools throughout Arizona with no preference to religious or political affiliation. We believe parents should have a choice when it comes to the education of their children. For more information, visit [arizonaleader.org](http://arizonaleader.org).

### **About the Intermountain Academy**

Intermountain Centers for Human Development offers the Tucson community a positive teaching environment for youth kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade with specialized needs. The school builds on each individual child’s strengths and interests. Drawing on 40 years of experience in providing positive behavioral supports, the Intermountain Academy provides classroom instruction, transition/integration support between referred students and their home school, individualized curriculum assessment and implementation, behavior assessment and behavior intervention plan development and monitoring IEP and reporting goal progress back to the home school. For more information, visit [ichd.net](http://ichd.net).

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