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Grace Lutheran Church and City of Phoenix Project
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Phoenix, Arizona - Over the summer Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) staff had the opportunity to volunteer and support the Grace Lutheran Church Charity for Heat Respite initiative preparing food for over 200 people. During a conversation with Katherine Roxlo, another volunteer she had expressed how eager the Grace Lutheran Church is to make the exterior community block as beautiful on the outside as the church and congregation are



on the inside. For the last year, she and many other volunteers have worked tirelessly to pick up trash, water, rake and trim landscaping plants. They even painted a neighbor's fence. The dirt strips around the church parking lot are located in the City of Phoenix right of way area and were in need of landscaping. It was at that time another idea flourished on how the ARPA could contribute.

ARPA partnered with Grace Lutheran Church and City Manager Ed Zuercher with the City of Phoenix to have an irrigation system, eight Chinese elm trees and decomposed granite installed on the barren dirt strips. City of Phoenix Project Manager Gail Brinkmann coordinated the entire project while Recon Project Manager Sam Stevenson selected trees and coordinated the field crew that installed the irrigation system and trees. Kelly Shepherd of Granite Express, a distributor of decorative rock, boulders, rip rap, soil, and sand, graciously donated decomposed granite to beautify the dirt strips.



Volunteers from Grace Lutheran Church joined ARPA member company volunteers Bob Gazis, Gila River Sand and Gravel; Paul Marsh and Rebecca Kervella, Calportland; Jason Standage, FNF Construction and ARPA staff Steve Trussell, Heather Thrasher, Nicole Massarand and Tammy Franco. Together we all hand spread the decomposed granite to save money and finish the project on Friday November 11, 2016. Grace Lutheran Church has agreed to maintain the landscaping, and pay for water and electricity costs.

For almost 60 years, the Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) has served as the oldest mining association in Arizona and been providing representation for 46 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and portland cement. Our 46 producer members, along with more than 59 associate members who provide related transportation, contracting, and consulting services, make ARPA one of the most influential public and private policy advocates in Arizona today.