



We were all shocked and affected by the tragedy that took place in Tucson on January 8, 2011. As much as we have all been touched by these events, we can only imagine what it must be like for those who are family and friends of the victims. One organization and their many community partners were not satisfied without doing something to assist the victims of the Tucson tragedy.

The Public Safety Volunteer Partnership (PSVP) is a school based leadership program who planned a day of unity and support for our fellow Americans in Tucson. Jerry Iannacci is Volunteer CEO of PSVP and was responsible for much of the planning and organization behind the fundraising efforts. Jerry began reaching out to numerous community organizations to mobilize fundraisers to support the families and victims of the surreal events in Tucson Arizona. The fundraiser was held on Sunday, January 30 at *La Piazza Al Forno* in downtown Glendale.

The Piazza family, who own and operate *La Piazza Al Forno*, were excited about the opportunity to provide their support. *La Piazza Al Forno* is located right in the heart of downtown Glendale at 5803 West Glendale Avenue. The Piazza family has not only been dedicated to having a very successful restaurant, but they also have been extremely involved with community projects like this one.

I attended the day of unity and support on Sunday at *La Piazza Al Forno*. It was exciting to see the generosity and unity of the Piazza family and all of the community groups and organizations who lent their support. PSVP called upon such groups as local area VFWs, American Legions, the West Valley Veterans Coalition, Banner Health Systems and Olive Branch Senior Center. There were many young people from both the Naval Cadet Youth Corps and the PSVP youth groups at the event to offer their help and support.

It is so important during times like these that we unite as Arizonans and Americans to show our support for all of those affected by this horrific act of violence. Please watch my bulletins for information about future fundraisers and unity events related to this tragedy.