

# Local Law Firm Provides Lunches for Children in Need

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School is hard enough for many children without the added strain of trying to learn and focus when they are hungry. While over 85 percent of the students at Tucson Unified School District's Safford K-8 Magnet School in Central Tucson receive free or reduced cost lunches, sometimes a student's lunch account can be empty, which in the past meant the heartbreak of no lunch. Now, thanks to the "Karnas Kid" program sponsored by the Law Firm of Bellovin and Karnas, not one student has to go hungry, even if they don't have money in their lunch account.

"A teacher just walked into our office one day with a handout" according to one of the firm's bilingual Legal

Assistants, Mariana Castro. "I read it and thought it is great to help out kids – but what really caught my eye was their statement that quality food is shown to have a direct result on quality grades. I am a firm believer in good nutrient rich food, beans, real eggs, etc. These kids are our immediate community's future, our flowers so to speak. We must give them quality nutrients to help them grow." Firm Attorney Lisa Larkin adds that she once knew a school cafeteria worker who had to quit her job because she could not handle the pain of saying no to a hungry child. Before "Karnas Kids", when parents could not fund their children's lunch accounts, the student could go hungry. "No child should go hungry and no one should have to say no to a child for lack of lunch money", says David Karnas, one of the firm's managing partners, and for whom the "Karnas Kid's program is named. We are proud to make this donation which will cover Free Lunches for students without lunch funds in their account for a period of two years.

Safford K-8 School has been a part of the Tucson Community since 1988 and is located at 200 E. 13th St. They are an officially accredited "International Baccalaureate" School". The "IB" program allows students to learn other languages including Spanish and Arabic, in addition to their regular curriculum. The school's principal shares that their Program Mission is "To Empower Students to Positively Impact Their Community and the World Beyond". For more information on how you can donate to this and other programs at Safford K-8 Magnet School, call the school at 520-225-3000.

The Law Firm of Bellovin and Karnas has offices located in Downtown Tucson at 131 E. Broadway Blvd. and in Yuma. Its lawyers work in the areas of Collisions and Personal Injury, Family and Criminal Law and are licensed to practice law in Arizona, California and New York. In addition to the "Karnas Kids" program the firm also sponsors "Bellovin Bike Helmets" and "Karnas Kar Seats" for families in need. For more information contact David Karnas at 520-571-9700.