

BACKYARD|BRIEFS

CHANDLER

BOX-TOP COLLECTION

Frye Elementary School's Student Council is collecting "Box Tops" for education.

Each box top is worth 10 cents to the school. Box tops can be dropped off at the office, 801 E. Frye Road.

Information: (480) 812-6400.

THEATRE FUNDRAISER

East Valley Children's Theatre will host a fundraising gala, "Children in the Spotlight" at 6 p.m. Sept. 21. Food, drink, and entertainment by the theatre company will highlight the evening.

There also will be a silent auction at the event at the Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery of Western American and Native American Art, 22402 S. Basha Road.

Admission: \$35. Reservations are required by Wednesday. Information: (480) 756-3828 or www.evct.org.

VALLEYWIDE

KIDS' BOOKS SOUGHT

The Phoenix Chapter of Executive Women International

is seeking donations of books for ages 2 to 18.

Members will take part in the annual Reading Rally by visiting Banner Children's Hospital in Mesa on Oct. 20. The group plans to furnish the children's library with books, as well as read to the children and present them with books, games, and craft supplies.

The Phoenix chapter is a networking organization that does community service.

To donate books, or arrange for pickup of items, call (480) 963-4007.

READERS WANTED

Save the Family is looking for volunteers to read to children 4 to 11 years old during weekday evenings.

Save the Family has teamed with Make A Difference to establish a Read-To-Me site at Save the Family's main office, 450 W. Fourth Place, Mesa.

Read-to-Me is a program developed by Make A Difference to promote literacy in the Valley's youths. Save the Family provides transitional housing and case management services to more than 300 families a year.

Information: (480) 898-0228, Ext. 215, or www.savethefamily.org.