

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson to Host Fifth Annual "Issues and Eggs" Forum: "Health of Our Children in Poverty: Why We Must Care"

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It's no secret that education in Arizona is in crisis. Funding has been cut for nearly a decade. While that certainly affects every student and teacher, students in poverty stand to be impacted at a higher level.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson will host its' annual "Issues and Eggs" forum to address this important issue. The event will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Doubletree by Hilton at 445 South Alvernon Way.

Our children are our future. How we invest in their emotional, psychological, and physical health is essential so they can recognize their potential and realize their dreams. At the Issues and Eggs breakfast, health policy and program experts will provide information on how the lack of health care coverage affects our children. They will highlight successful programs and share what we can do as concerned community members. Bruce Dusenberry will be the panel moderator.

Tickets are priced at \$50 per person or a table of 10 for \$500, which includes a buffet breakfast. Sponsored tables are also available. Tickets can be purchased at lwvgt.org or by calling the League office at 520 327-7652.

Panelists confirmed for the event include:

- Dr. Tatyana Farietta-Murray, MD, Children's Medical Director, Cenpatico Integrated Care
- Dr. Francisco Garcia, MD MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Pima County
- Dr. Nancy Johnson, RN, MSN, MS, PhD, CEO El Rio Community Health Center
- Mimi Coomler, RN, MHA, Chief Nursing Officer, Tucson Medical Center

This is the fifth annual education-based "Issues and Eggs" event hosted by the League. "We strongly feel a vibrant, healthy discussion about issues important to our community is important," says Judy Wood, incoming president of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson. "And the issue of education in the Tucson area and throughout Arizona and the needs to support education is paramount."

**Media Note:** Reporters and photographers are welcome to attend and cover the event. Participants will be made available for interviews. Contact Carol West for more information.

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