

Avnet Contributions Council Gives \$4K Grant to Maggie's Place

Maggie's Place is one of the most recent nonprofit recipients to receive a grant from Avnet. The Phoenix-area home for expectant mothers who are alone or living on the streets received \$4,000 after applying for a grant from the Avnet Contributions Council.

Ian Basey, Avnet Electronics Marketing's vice president of marketing, volunteered his time to help Maggie's Place apply for the grant and subsequently presented the check to the charity's founder. Basey is a community relations advocate who is active in a number of community relations activities. He's a board member of the newly formed Avnet Cares Governing Board, which promotes a culture of community service in North America, and also leads a local Avnet employee program to serve meals quarterly at St. Vincent de Paul of Phoenix, Ariz.

Commenting on his commitment to focus on community service, Basey says that his first step was to regard it as an everyday thing rather than a sometimes thing. "Avnet is a company which is very community oriented," he says. "With programs like the Avnet Contributions Council, Dollars for Doers and Avnet Cares, employees have an opportunity to really make a difference, and indeed many of them are. This has inspired me personally to make community service a priority in my life."

The Avnet Contributions Council distributes targeted funds to nonprofit organizations devoted to children's issues and education. If you know a nonprofit interested in applying for a grant, or want to learn more about the Avnet Contributions Council, please contact Jessie Ferris at (480) 643-4811 or [e-mail](#).



Ian Basey presents the \$4,000 check to Mary Peterson, founder of Maggie's Place.