2017 Annual Report



# 2017 was an incredible year at BBB!

2017 was an incredible year at BBB! We kicked off the year by immediately opening the doors to our new downtown office which has led to a fourfold in consumer traffic. Did you see our ads featuring a few of our amazing accredited businesses? The increase of AB's taking advantage of their full benefits and recommending us to others was evident to our business development team's awarding winning results. We love seeing our local businesses succeed. Our consumer educational campaign debuted Millennial Max reminding his generation that they are the #1 target of scams per our BBB Scam Tracker Risk Index report. Our operations team, were extremely busy assisting consumers with complaints, dispute resolution and investigations. Hopefully you saw one of our 63 media interviews sharing scam warnings and education, or heard one of our 25 radio interviews or read one of our 44

editorials. We also unveiled our modern website design with a fresh look to our Business Directory. A soft launch of our Charity Review program is being led by award



winning, Barbara Levy. Look out for our 2018 press conference that will share all the exciting details.

Our Military Line is an additional initiative that we take to heart by reaching out to the men and women who protect our country everyday. Through monthly scam presentations to over 412 men and women at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and Fort Huachuca, we are able to educate them on financial trainings and scam warnings specific to those who serve. Our entire BBB team is filled with gratitude to our Southern Arizona community for their trust in us and we look forward

to 2018!







2017 RECAP 3



L-R: Accredited Business, Nextrio, starring in Cox ad; Torch Awards in session!; BBB Shredfest serving our Green Valley community; Team fun at Torch Awards; BBB Partner wall featuring valued partnerships with community organizations and media; Millennial Max stars in Cox ad.







**CONSUMER INQUIRIES** 

667,703

**CONSUMER COMPLAINTS CLOSED** 

1,511

**CUSTOMER REVIEWS** 

3,120



**SCAM TRACKER REPORTS PUBLISHED** 

442

# **NATIONAL 2016 STATS**

244,890,755

167,632,180

15,583

3,536,943

**BBB Business Profile Inquiries**  **BBB Auto Line®** Cases

Views on Give.Org for charity reports and tips

**Total instances** of services to businesses, charities, and the general public

346,648 **Published** Customer

Reviews

**3 Billion** 

27,579 Mediations, **Arbitrations** & Dispute Settlement

**Hearings** 

6,260 Investigations conducted

**Media Coverage Impressions** 

> 230K mentions in top 115 Markets

52,420,909

860,493

Complaints

handled

11,337

32,823

Scam Reports to BBB Scam

Tracker

General Assistance, **Counseling & Industry** Information

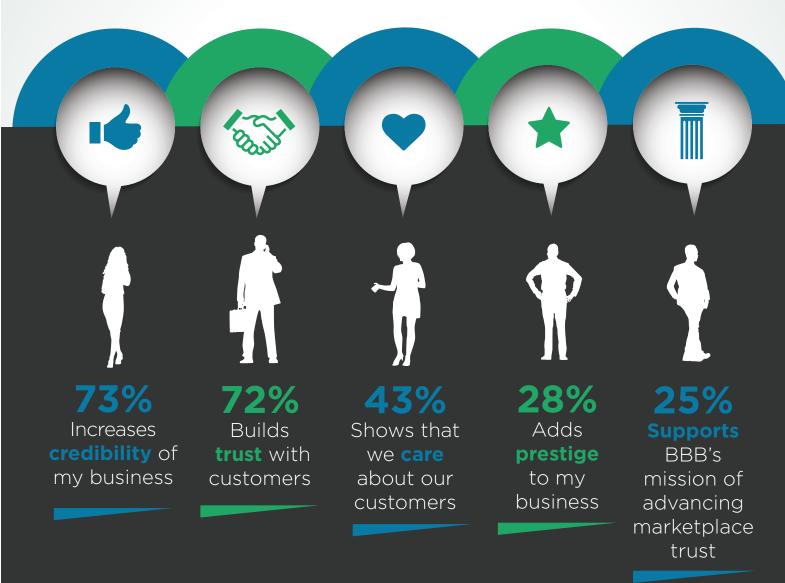
Advertising Reviews

# Value of BBB Accreditation

Build trust and credibility with customers as an Accredited Business

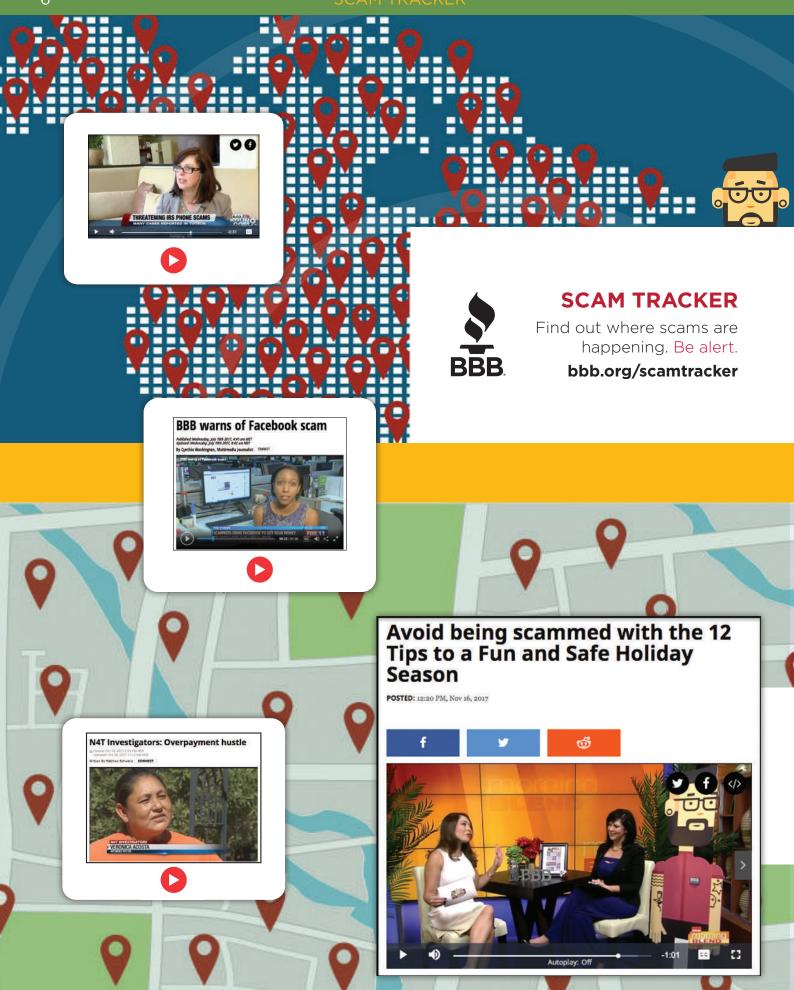


BBB surveyed Accredited Businesses across the U.S. and Canada to find out why BBB accreditation is important to them and how it impacts their business. Here is what we learned:



Visit WHYBBB.org to learn more about BBB accreditation.









# **OUTREACH STATS**







1,174,816

Website **Page Views** 



**Editorials** 

29

**Press Releases** 

**Television Media Interviews** 

**63** 

## **MYTHBUSTERS**

- Not a government agency
- Non Profit 501 c 6
- Self Sustainable
- 66 Years Serving Southern Arizona
- Non-biased liaison between consumers and businesses

140,164

7,141

71,980

58,248

General Inquiries/ Advice

Charity Reports
Issues



Complaint Touch Points

Updated Business Profiles

# **CONSUMER SERVICES**

- Customer Reviews
- File a Business Complaint
- EQuote
- BBB Scam Tracker
- BBB Military Line
- BBB AutoLine
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

# ACCREDITED BUSINESSS BENEFITS

- Business Profile Page
- BBB Accredited Business Seal for the Web
- Advertising your BBB Accreditation
- Networking Events

BB TEAM 9



L-R: BBB Ambassadors at multi-chamber networking event; All dressed up for Rodeo Week: Final touches to our new office thanks to SkyPod Images; Sock Monkey fun!; Team decorates our lobby for the holidays

10 2017 VISION





Left: Charity Review Advisory Board Members Kick-Off Meeting.



Above: Accredited Charity Review celebrating non-profits.

Left: Live radio interviews with Maximas.





Left: Denisse and Diana cross over the Mexico border for a LIVE radio segment on XENY.



Above: New BBB App coming soon.



## **DIRECTORS**

**Agustin "Agie" Olmedo** 

**Dean Kelly -** Alliance Bank of Arizona

Ellen Kirton - Effortless HR

Fred Adler, Past Chair - Suncrest Wealth

Management

**Fred Knapp - Core Construction** 

**Grant Lovallo - Home Planit, LLC** 

Janell Frank - AFLAC

# **EX OFFICIO**

**Brandy Ferrer - Pathfinder Strategies** 

Joe Hollingsworth - NEXTRIO

**Julee Baxley - Integrity Automotive** 

Krista Miller - Smart Lofts, LLC

Margie Lannon - Homewatch Caregivers

**Mary Keysor - Elan Benefits** 

**Robert Janus - Ultra Air Conditioning** 

**Steve Watson - Smart Motors** 

# **BOARD COUNSEL**

Sara Derrick - Mesch, Clark & Rothschild

The BBB Standards for Trust are eight principles that summarize important elements of creating and maintaining trust in business. Our BBB Code of Business Practices is built on these standards.

#### **Build Trust**

Establish and maintain a positive track record in the marketplace.

#### **Advertise Honestly**

Adhere to established standards of advertising and selling.

## **Tell the Truth**

Honestly represent products and services, including clear and adequate disclosures of all material terms.

## **Be Transparent**

Openly identify the nature, location, and ownership of the business, and clearly disclose all policies, guarantees and procedures that bear on a customer's decision to buy.

#### **Honor Promises**

Abide by all written agreements and verbal representations.

#### **Be Responsive**

Address marketplace disputes quickly, professionally, and in good faith.

## **Safeguard Privacy**

Protect any data collected against mishandling and fraud, collect personal information only as needed, and respect the preferences of consumers regarding the use of their information.

## **Embody Integrity**

Approach all business dealings, marketplace transactions and commitments with integrity.





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