



# Cochise Health & Social Services

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"Building A Healthier Future"

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: All Welcome at Tree-Planting Ceremony Honoring "All Cochise County Residents Serving in Uniform"**

Cochise County Administration is pleased to invite the public to a tree-planting ceremony at 2:30 pm on Friday, March 22. A total of four trees are being donated by the Arizona Community Tree Council as part of the "Establishing Roots in Rural Communities" program sponsored by the Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation. The event will take place at the north end the main County Administration public parking lot at 1415 Melody Lane in Bisbee, and will honor all Cochise County residents serving their country. In addition, a commemorative plaque will be displayed for each tree.

Health and Social Services Director Mary Gomez enthusiastically stated, "We are thrilled to be a part of this opportunity and hope many from the community will be able to join us for the ceremony."

**About the Arizona Community Tree Council**

The Arizona Community Tree Council is dedicated to educating the community about the proper planting and care of trees and promoting the important role that trees play in the overall environmental health of Arizona. Benefits of planting trees include increased oxygen production, shade, soil erosion prevention, and increased aesthetic beauty.

The "Establishing Roots in Rural Communities" program provides free trees to schools, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities. This project, funded by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation, provides area-adapted trees free of charge to eligible organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional information on this program may be found at <http://aztrees.org/FCX/faqs.pdf>.

**About Cochise Health and Social Services**

Cochise Health and Social Services was formed in October 2011 when the Cochise County Health Department and Cochise Aging and Social Services were combined into a single operating unit. The department promotes health and quality of life for all Cochise County residents through education, service and leadership.

For more information on county health services, please visit our website at <http://cochise.az.gov/health>.

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