

LIFE AFTER INTEL: From Technology to helping Underserved Youth

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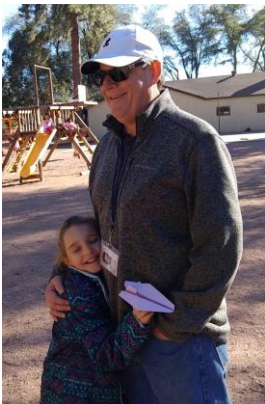


Bill Carlin has a passion for travelling and helping underserved youth in the small semi-remote Arizona town where he resides. Following his 2015 retirement from Intel, Bill decided to move to the mountain community of Payson, located about 90 miles from Chandler in the heart of the Tonto National Forest.

Prior to his retirement, Bill worked in manufacturing at eight different campuses. He joined Intel in 1984 as a Thin Films Equipment Technician at Fab 3 in Livermore, California and later participated in the startup of numerous fabs, including F68 in China. After 32 years, Bill retired from Intel while working in Substrate Packaging Technology Development at the Chandler campus.

Before leaving Intel, Bill read many Life After Intel stories and was impressed with how many retirees were contributing in different ways. Upon moving to Payson, Bill researched various charitable organizations there while also caring for his senior dog. He was drawn to [Payson Community Kids](#) (PCK) because he liked how the organization was making a positive difference in the lives of local children.

PCK is an after-school K-12 program servicing underprivileged children and families residing in Payson and in the surrounding communities. The program provides basic material needs like clothing, healthy food, and school supplies. The children benefit through positive social interaction and educational activities, which helps encourage the development of positive self-esteem and stronger academic success. PCK also provides support for entire families by maintaining a mini food pantry and guiding parents and grandparents to needed resources.



Every school day the kids are bussed to the center from their own schools where they are greeted with a snack and provided dedicated time to complete their homework prior to playtime. Homework and reading are a priority at the center. PCK partners with Rim Country Literacy who provides structured, age appropriate and aptitude-targeted reading activities.

Twice a week Payson Kids are treated to a hot evening meal provided by different area churches and community members. Bill enjoys interacting with the children when they arrive and seeing them off at the end of the day.

"Sadly, a lot of the children come from broken families. In most cases, the kids need someone to provide direction and discipline, or just be there to hold their hand," says Bill. "My hope is that I can be a friendly, guiding presence in their lives and help get them exposed to various technical skill possibilities in their futures."



Financial donations in the Payson community are small. Bill hopes to increase these donations through the Intel Involved program match, which he believes will be a huge help! His goal is to max out this volunteer hour matching benefit for PCK this year. "This is the best retiree perk," says Bill.

With Bill's technical background, he was able to sift through the center's mismatched donated computer equipment and upgrade enough desktops and recycle the rest. Bill says the center recently received a grant of refurbished computer equipment and will use them to improve the homework room with matching equipment. The kids will aid in the configuration of the computers and future maintenance tasks.

If you live in the Payson vicinity and would like to learn more about [Payson Community Kids](#), feel free to contact Bill directly at his email address: wrcaz_1@intelretiree.com.