

## Award honors councilman's child advocacy

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Phoenix City Councilman Greg Stanton was honored Wednesday for his efforts to champion policies for area children.

The Children's Action Alliance, a non-profit organization that advocates for Arizona children, gave Stanton its Jacque Steiner Public Leadership Award for Children. The award honors those who lead efforts to improve public policy for children.

Stanton's contributions include pushing for educational after-school programs and creating a KidsCare Task Force in the Creighton School District to promote health-care offerings for children.

In 2007, he worked with previous award recipient Attorney General Terry Goddard to pass legislation that would allow harsher sentences for Internet crimes.

Stanton has also been active in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. In 2003, he was named Arizona's Big Brother of the Year.

The councilman, who represents Ahwatukee Foothills, Arcadia, the Biltmore area and parts of northern and eastern Phoenix, said he was surprised to win the award. Gov. Janet Napolitano is also a past recipient.

"The people that won it are people that I very much admire," he said.