## How Treasures 4 Teacher Bags Led to Furniture and Camaradarie

Alpha Chapter in Tucson, Arizona, has been filled with challenges and blessings. Thanks to the foresight and persistence of one our new members, Nancy Magelli, Alpha has received numerous gifts and surprises to share with our members, other teachers, and ultimately children in our schools.

They started with a brunch in April, and presented awards to sixteen teachers who were selected by their principals as the most inspiring and aspiring "Early Career Educators" of 2012-13 in their schools. The awards didn't stop here. Nancy Magelli, when volunteering one day, was approached by Sandi Jordan, Executive Director of Treasures 4 Teachers, and asked if she was interested in receiving one year memberships to T4T for each of the sixteen teachers, courtesy of Long Realty Cares. Treasures 4 Teachers also threw in two large bags of goodies for each of the recipients.

Before Alpha knew it, they were hooked on working with the business community. Long Realty then decided to be an even larger "Big Brother". They began distributing furniture to various schools in Tucson. Schools basically came up with an order and our teachers, administrators, and others in need became the proud and thankful recipients of gently used furniture. Alpha will continue to assist more in October with a final yard sale of furniture.

One of our members, Tawnya Caldwell, shows how our relationship with Treasures 4 Teachers and Long Realty Cares is



proceeding by the looks of the heavy load she is carrying out to Desert Winds Elementary School in the Marana Unified School District.

Alpha is proud of how hard its members are working to set goals and carry them out, promoting professional and personal growth of women educators.