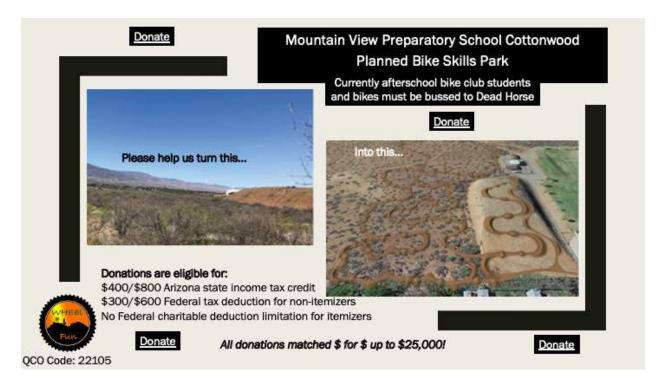
Verde Valley Wheel Fun "FUN" Awarded \$15,000 Outride Fund Matching Grant



The Blowout Wash trail project is not the only trail construction occurring this upcoming field season. The VVCC's good friends at FUN are in the process of raising funds to construct a bike skills park at Mountain View Preparatory (MVP) School in Cottonwood with construction scheduled to begin in late 2020/early 2021. FUN was able to raise the Outride Fund match requirement in less than 10 days and still needs to raise another \$50,000 to make this bike skills park a reality.

Through the Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona, FUN has secured match funding of up to \$25,000 to build this bike skills park. <u>Donations</u> to build the MVP bike skills park qualify for:

- an above-the-line (meaning you don't have to itemize) federal tax deduction of up to \$300 (single filer) or \$600 (joint filer) and
- the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit reducing your AZ state tax liability dollar-for-dollar of up to \$400 (single filer) or \$800 (joint filer).

FUN runs two after-school mountain bike clubs at MVP, one for students in grades 3 – 6 and the other serving grades 7-8. MVP after-school bike club activities currently require transporting students to local trails and transportation consumes 25% of the available club time. The proposed bike skills park at MVP will maximize individual skills focus time on campus while permitting selectively scheduling of the bus for more advanced skill progression.

Flagline Trails, LCC was selected as the contractor to build the MVP bikes skills park. Flagline's principal, Matt Roberts, was part of the team that built the amazing Coconino County bike skills park located at Ft. Tuthill.