

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY POWER RANCH NAMED GILBERT'S  
"NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR"**

Power Ranch has been named "Neighborhood of the Year" for 2006 by the Gilbert Community Excellence Awards program.

The 1,414-acre community, located at Power and Germann roads near the San Tan Loop 202, was selected based on its family amenities and neighborhood involvement and support of local causes.

Sponsored by Arizona Public Service, the 11th annual awards were announced Sept. 16 at a reception held at Trilogy at Power Ranch. A total of 17 awards were handed out, recognizing members of the community who best demonstrate commitment, dedication and community leadership.

The awards program is a partnership between the Town of Gilbert, Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, Gilbert Public Schools, Higley Unified School District and the *Gilbert Independent*.

Since it opened in 2000, Power Ranch has become known for its amenity-rich, family-friendly lifestyle featuring a multi-faceted schedule of classes and clubs involving the entire family, annual community events that bring neighbors together and more than 200 acres of open space upon community build out.

In addition, Power Ranch residents regularly donate school supplies, household items, canned food and boxed goods to House of Refuge East, an organization that provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless individuals, families and victims of domestic violence in Maricopa County.

"Our goal at Power Ranch has always been to build a family-friendly



environment while becoming a partner in the surrounding community,” said Curt Smith, chief operating officer/chief financial officer for Sunbelt Holdings, developer of Power Ranch in a partnership with DMB Associates. “To be recognized by the citizens of Gilbert for this commitment is an honor.”

For more information on Power Ranch, visit [www.powerranch.com](http://www.powerranch.com).