

Helping the homeless while sharing God's Word

We Are:

A Safe Place is a mobile, faithbased ministry serving the homeless in Prescott Valley and rural Prescott.

Our Mission is to help the homeless with immediate needs such as food, clothing, resources, spiritual needs and to care enough to hear their story.

We assist our clients with the processes needed for housing, jobs, government agencies, social skills, advocacy, spiritual needs, guidance to gain confidence and become self-sustaining individuals.

As a 501(c)(3) organization and QCO in AZ, financial contributions are tax deductible and eligible for state tax credit.

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Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... (Isaiah 9:6 KJV)

Greetings friends,

As we enter the Christmas season, we reflect on God's gift to us — Jesus! He gave us His Son to live among mankind to teach us and redeem us from sin when we accept Jesus' work on the cross, and He has given us His spirit to remain with us as we await eternity with Him. No greater gift has ever been given, and we thank God each day!

Continued Blessings We give thanks to God for His continued blessing of those we serve in Prescott Valley. Through your generosity and compassion these past few months, we have received an outpouring of kindness. The collective efforts of individuals, local church congregations, private businesses, two knitting groups, and various not-for-profits partnering with us have provided a large quantity of goods to distribute -- winter clothing, blankets, towels, OTC medicines, toiletries, and food including a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings that we served at Fain Park on Thanksgiving! We were grateful to be able to spend time with many of our homeless friends that day, share words of prayer and encouragement, and provide for their needs in other ways. To see their gratitude, receive their prayers, and hear from them how your generosity impacts their lives is humbling.

A New Friend
Recently we found "Andy" hunkered down in some bushes. He had nothing more than the clothes on his back, which weren't enough to keep him warm. Homeless and alone and having traveled a long way on foot, he was hoping to find some old friends in the area but wasn't optimistic. He was very hungry, and we were able to provide him with lots to eat and water. We gave him a tent, sleeping bag, some warmer clothing, and jackets, and his appreciation was clearly visible. Since then, we have run across Andy on several occasions still living unsheltered and hungry. Thanks to you, we can provide him with food, clothing, friendship, and connect them to available resources.

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"For there will never cease to be poor people in the land; that is why I am commanding you, 'Open your hand willingly to your poor and needy brother in your land." (Deuteronomy 15:11)

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<u>Ongoing Challenges</u> As you might imagine, the early, unusually cold weather here has been especially challenging for those living in cars or without any shelter beyond perhaps a tent or sleeping bag. We continue to run across new faces on the street and to receive first-time calls from some who see our van and reach out for help. We work with each person to meet their immediate survival needs including food, water, extra blankets, butane and Sterno, clothing, and coats to layer, and a variety of hygiene and personal care items. We might engage with someone only once (and will continue to pray for them); others unfortunately will continue to struggle, and we will serve them again over time. Thank you for all that you do to support this ministry and make a difference in the lives of those in need.

<u>Your Support Matters</u> We ask your continued prayers for the board in guiding this ministry forward into the new year, and prayer for those we serve each week. And we ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to help support the work of A Safe Place, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. One-time or recurring donations can be made easily through our website or by check.

A Safe Place of Prescott Valley is also a Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO #22459) in the State of Arizona, making your donations eligible for a tax credit in the year you donate. However, donations made between January 1 - April 17, 2023 can be applied to either your 2022 or 2023 tax return. Refer to https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/contributions-qcos-and-qfcos for more information or consult with your tax advisor.

<u>A New Opportunity</u> Starting in January, A Safe Place is looking to add a few additional teams of dedicated "field volunteers" who can go out into the community during the week and serve our homeless friends one-on-one. If you would like to learn more, please contact us through our website or leave a message on our voicemail and we will get back to you with more information.

May our dear Lord be with and bless you this day,

Board of Directors, A Safe Place of Prescott Valley Inc.

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