

*Helping those experiencing
homelessness while sharing
God's Word.*

We Are:

A Safe Place is a faith-based ministry serving those experiencing homelessness in and around Prescott Valley. We run a Street ministry and a Drop-In Center.

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

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

As a 501(c)(3) organization, and an Arizona Qualified Charitable Organization (QCO# 22459), financial contributions are tax deductible and eligible for state tax credit.

Learn More:

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Fall 2024 NEWS

Dear Friends,

God is good and His blessings are abundant! Thanks to the many people who helped with final preparations and last-minute details, the Drop-in Center opened its doors on July 16th and welcomed its first four guests. (See article in the Prescott Valley Tribune https://www.dcourier.com/news/a-safe-place-is-up-and-running-serving-the-areas-homeless/article_dff1bb1a-56ac-11ef-a507-632797aa4496.html)

Word quickly spread, and a typical day now brings about 8 – 15 people each day the Drop-In Center is open. **In our first three months**, a total of **236 people came through our doors** and our **shower was used 150 times!**

God brought us **many new volunteers** with big hearts for serving and a passion for sharing the love of Jesus. This has allowed us to seamlessly double our presence with people experiencing homelessness in the community and create meaningful relationships.

God's blessings abound through the generosity of individuals and businesses, giving us the ability to serve coffee, water and hydration drinks, fresh fruit (Sprouts), snacks and a light lunch from our freezer that we heat in the donated microwave (Walmart). We even have food for our guests' furry companions and service animals (Pet Headquarters)!

We are also **grateful for members of the faith community** – especially Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Germaine Church, both in Prescott Valley - who generously share a portion of their community meals with us so we can serve these freshly prepared, hot meals to our guests several times a month.

We are also **blessed to have community partners** such as CCI (Coalition for Compassion and Justice), House of Hope, Pedal Forward (C&C Cyclery) come on site and provide other avenues of assistance to those who come through our doors.

As awareness of A Safe Place continues to grow, we are developing more connections to bring additional advocates and navigators from the wider community on-site to better reach those in need into Prescott Valley.

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With winter just ahead, we anticipate an **increase in the needs** of our neighbors. We are hoping to have an adequate pool of volunteers to staff and **open the Drop-In Center one additional day each week** so that those living homeless have more opportunity to find respite from the cold temperatures and have additional access to food, blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothing.

And, while we have been blessed with rent-free space thus far, **we now need to begin contributing monthly for utilities and services** associated with our portion of the building.

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED!

Volunteer: As we continue to grow, we welcome new volunteers! Contact us by email or phone for more information.

Opportunities include serving those experiencing homelessness where they are through our street outreach in the Van and serving and engaging with people who come to the Drop-In Center. We are exploring other roles where volunteers can help with food and meal pick up or other needs that pop up.

We create our volunteer schedule one month at a time, which makes it easy for us to work with variable schedules. Shifts tend to be approximately four hours in length and require physical mobility. Most volunteers serve anywhere from 2 - 4 days per month, while others might opt for more, but there are no specific requirements.

Donate: There are several ways to support our work. Both financial gifts and In-Kind donations (goods) are vital to the work of this ministry.

Refer to our website for detailed information on making **financial donations**. Note, too, that A Safe Place of Prescott Valley is an **Arizona Qualified Charitable Organization (QCO)**; cash donations reduce dollar for dollar what you pay in AZ income tax. Visit the AZDOR website, Tax Credits for Contributions to QCOs or talk to your tax advisor for more information.

For **in-kind donations** that are most useful for us, **see the *Wish List*** on our website for items we regularly use, along with information about other items we may be able to accept, and guidelines for drop offs.

Pray: We firmly believe in the power of prayer and the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and your prayers make a difference in the life of this ministry and for those we serve.

Friends, we are grateful for you and your support of this ministry. May our Lord richly bless you.

With gratitude,

The Board of A Safe Place (Mike, Neal, Suzanne, Rick, Donna, Gil, Lori, and Pete)

“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)