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Let's End Homelessness

One of the Homeless ID Project's 7 core values is this: *We strive to be at the center of the discussion about ending homelessness.* Homelessness is not inevitable. It's not 'just the way it is.' But it will not end until we understand it and we will not understand it unless we talk about it. So let's talk about it.

11% of adult Americans, 26 million individuals, do not have an ID.

- Without an ID, those experiencing homelessness are stuck.
- Without an ID, those at risk may very well end up homeless.

The Homeless ID Project's mission is to END homelessness. We also seek to PREVENT homelessness – and PREVENTION may be more impactful than anything else we do.

Our very small piece in this effort is to help those seeking to end or prevent homelessness to obtain a State ID. Period. As Jim Sharpe said in a recent editorial, this 'small piece' is, in fact, the linchpin. Linchpins tend to be small, barely noticeable, and critically important (see Shaun's story below). We think this makes this a good place to begin the discussion.

Please consider joining us in the conversation about ending homelessness. We will talk more about what that means in future communications on social media and future newsletters. In the meantime, please look at the content below to see how you might exercise your voice in government.

Thank you for your support,

Rick Mitchell, Executive Director

A Tax Credit Donation is Your Voice in Government

PICK ONE:

- A. I want my tax payment to go into the Arizona's General Fund.
- B. I want my tax payment to support my child's school.
- C. I want my tax payment to support an END to homelessness.

If you chose B or C, read on...

EVERYONE who files taxes in Arizona, including those who do not itemize, can participate in the Arizona Tax Credit Program. In fact, there are four Arizona Tax Credit categories and taxpayers can participate in all of them:

1. Public Schools
2. Private Schools
3. Foster Care Organizations
4. **Qualifying Charitable Organizations including the Homeless ID Project.**

You can support your child's school AND the Homeless ID Project - and get a dollar-for-dollar return on BOTH.

Here's How the Arizona Tax Credit Works:

1. Donate to the Homeless ID Project. Your donations made between January 1, 2023 and April 18, 2023 are *still* eligible for a 2022 credit.
2. You can make a donation on [our website](#) and you will instantly receive a receipt acknowledging your gift. Donations by check will be acknowledged at the end of the month following receipt.
3. When you file your state taxes, use form AZDOR 321, [available here](#) or is included with all e-filing programs. The Homeless ID Project QCO code requested on AZDOR 321 is 20296.
4. A donation will INCREASE YOUR REFUND or REDUCE THE AMOUNT YOU OWE (up to \$400 for an individual, \$800 for a couple).

Success Story: Shaun



Shaun recently came to us for help obtaining a new copy of his birth certificate. A veteran and former Navy machinist, he qualifies for VA services but has been unable to receive them due to lack of identification documents. When his apartment flooded last year, he lost all his important paperwork as well as a permanent and secure place to live. Having a copy of his birth certificate will be the 'linchpin' for Shaun to receive the services he deserves. To support veterans and other individuals like Shaun, consider making a dollar-for-dollar tax credit donation to the Homeless ID Project.

CLICK HERE TO MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION

Let's end homelessness in our community...

Make a donation to Homeless ID Project and get a **dollar for dollar** tax credit!



Donate

Empower people to end their homelessness.

Donate up to \$400 (\$800 for a couple) and get it all back.



File

Use form AZDOR321 when filing

School Tax Credit.
Foster Care Tax Credit.
Qualifying Charitable Organization Tax Credit.
You can use *all of them!*



Receive

Increase your refund or reduce the amount owed.

Don't itemize?
No problem!
You can still get the credit!

Text AZTAXCREDIT to 44321 or visit hidp.org for more information and to donate.

"Without an ID, they were stuck."
-Rev. Gerald Roseberry

MAKE A DONATION, GET IT ALL BACK!

For more information and any inquiries, please email: info@azhomeless.org



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