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Patrick's Journey



With a \$12 State ID blocking his path back to employment, housing and self-sufficiency, Patrick came to the Homeless ID Project office on the Human Services Campus.

Originally from Phoenix, Patrick moved to Wyoming where his wife and his job in construction helped him keep his addiction at bay. When his wife died suddenly from an unexpected illness, Patrick suffered a relapse leading to job loss and, ultimately, eviction. In the midst of this whirlwind of life altering events, Patrick's personal possessions, including his vital documents, were lost or stolen. He was down – but not out.

Determined to get back up, Patrick reached out to his father; the one person he knew he could count on. "I just want to spend as much time as possible with him, because he really doesn't have that much [time] left. I need an ID to secure a job so I can start saving some money to get to him. He is all I have." Because of the support of our community, Homeless ID Project was able to replace Patrick's state ID. A \$12 donation covered his ID expense allowing him to reunite with his father.

At Homeless ID Project, we believe that homelessness is not inevitable. The stories and experiences our clients share with us demonstrate the power of a simple piece of plastic in the form of a state ID. Without an ID, they are stuck. With an ID, clients like Patrick are empowered to move forward.

Wildflower Bread Company Invests in the Community

On April 29th, Wildflower Bread Company hosted Homeless ID Project in a pre-opening event; a dry-run for their kitchen and staff and a community fundraiser at the newest Wildflower location at Park West in Peoria. Homeless

ID Project was one of four local agencies, each given their own time slot where, for a \$12 donation, guests could enjoy anything on the menu – with 100% of the proceeds going to the agency!

“We raised just short of \$12,000 for the community so thank you all for your support,” said

President/Founder Louis J. Basile. Incredibly, Wildflower Bread Company has used this model to open stores, train staff, stress-test the kitchen, and benefit the community for each of the sixteen store openings!

Those who attended were impressed with the food, the location, the friendliness and efficiency of the staff – and the heart of the Basile family. Thank you, Wildflower breadheads, for an amazing evening. We will see you again soon, and often!



Did You Know...ASU Partners with Homeless ID Project



Earlier this year Rebecca Jordan, an ASU student majoring in Social Work, joined the Homeless ID Project team in the Brian Garcia Welcome Center two days each week. Becca interviewed clients and shared what she learned in stories on our social media and in newsletters. “I wanted to share something deeper than the stereotype of being homeless. I wanted to be someone to talk to by providing help in any way,” she said.

Becca’s presence in our office is but one example of the benefits of partnership with the Human Services Campus. Becca’s internship is a part of the ASU Action Nexus on Homelessness, whose task is to connect and boost existing efforts to end homelessness, and to identify opportunities for new solutions.

“ASU student experiences with partners such as Homeless ID Project, allows them to gain a deeper understanding of all the issues that contribute to homelessness and to identify solutions at all levels of the system,” says Project Manager and Field Instructor Krickette Wetherington.

Seeing firsthand, the issues that lead to homelessness, and working with a team seeking to address those issues provides Becca with a unique experience. Sharing the that experience with the reader helps us tell the

story of Homeless ID Project's frontline effort to end and prevent homelessness.

We are grateful to Becca for the time she spent with us. As she graduates this month, Becca walks away with wisdom gained in client conversations; wisdom impossible to obtain in any other way. Becca hopes to continue her education, advocating for women and refugees and for those experiencing homelessness and otherwise disadvantaged.

Thank you, Becca, for committing your time, talent and energy with us. We wish you the best success wherever you go!



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

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