

SUMMER 2022



Big Dave Cast a Big Shadow



The agency now known as the Homeless ID Project was formed in 1988 as the Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless; 'The Chaplaincy' as it was known. Though there were a total of six chaplains over the years beginning with founder Rev. Gerald Roseberry, THE CHAPLAIN was David P. Goodall Jr. Big Dave.

Big Dave passed away on August 1st leaving behind a legacy of service that sustains our work even today. Fully half of the current board, numerous volunteers and the executive director of Homeless ID Project are here directly or indirectly due to Big Dave's considerable influence. His formal [obituary](#) says that Big Dave, "...helped hundreds of people find their identities and reconnect with society." In fact, he helped thousands in his time and, through his influence, thousands more today!

While Big Dave served others, he was not shy about pressing those within his reach into service when needed. Longtime Homeless ID Project Board Member and Treasurer Don Altvater says Big Dave, "showed me what service is about."

Current Board President Chris Rich says, "Big Dave is the reason I ended up on the Human Services Campus. I had known Big Dave for many years but didn't know for sure what he did. One day in the Spring of 2009, Big Dave directed me to The Campus, he explained how he spent his time, getting IDs for those in need. On that day, 'my world' changed forever. Big Dave contributed, in a big way, to my life, to thousands of people who utilize our services, and to the world."

Homeless ID Project is on a pace to help more than 10,000 people in 2022. This would certainly not be the case, and this work would not be occurring in this way and in this place, without Big Dave's leadership.

Thank you for a lifetime of service. Rest in peace, Chaplain Dave!

Pulling The Thread

You may remember Stanley from a recent social media post. Following an unexpected job loss, Stanley was evicted from his home. He was able to find a new job, but in order to secure new housing, he needed a replacement birth certificate having lost the original in the confusion that often surrounds eviction. Every Homeless ID Project client has a unique personal narrative though their circumstances may overlap. Like pulling the thread on a loose button, one thing leads to another.



- Loss of a job may lead to eviction. Evictions in Maricopa County are at a 13-year high with filings at 6,405 in July.
- Evictions lead to homelessness. The homeless count increases from the moment an eviction occurs until a new lease or other agreement is in place. We may not consider that living in a hotel and couch-surfing are examples of homelessness. Often such situations are a stepping-stone to living on the street.
- Homelessness often leads to a loss of personal items including legal identification documents. As Stanley's story illustrated, evictions are not clean. Personal items get lost, stolen or otherwise misplaced. When personal identification documents are lost, the process of getting re-housed is halted.
- Of course, it is not possible to get a job without legally acceptable identification documents and lack of employment cements one into homelessness.

Because of your support, document replacement, safe document storage, and the Homeless ID Project SafeWallet Program are all in place to assist our clients as they seek to end and prevent homelessness.

Phoenix Rising FC Hosts Homeless ID Project



On July 30, Phoenix Rising FC graciously hosted Homeless ID Project at their home

stadium in Chandler. Although it rained heavily, it was amazing to see such a large turnout. We had a chance to meet so many members of our community and talk before the match. We answered questions about our mission to end homelessness, the barrier of losing crucial documents, and what can be done to help! We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the front office and staff of Phoenix Rising FC for hosting us, showcasing our mission and allowing us to be part of an exciting night!



Most Birth Certificates in a Month

Among the 1,025 documents provided to our clients last month were 407 Birth Certificates; the most ever in a month. Hats off to our hard-working and talented staff and volunteers for taking on this challenge and meeting the demand month after month.

Thanks too to those of you who support our work through your generous donations. This vital work would not get done without your help!



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

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You can help end homelessness this year in our community by using your AZ State Tax Credit to make a donation.

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Join us for a tour of the Human Services Campus!



Please join us for a tour of the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix. Get a firsthand look at the way partnerships change lives. Tours start at 9:30am on every Thursday. Please click the link below to sign up!

[Click here to schedule a tour!](#)

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