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Thoughts on Homelessness

Homeless ID Project's operations and strategic direction are guided by our [Mission, Vision, Belief Statement, and our Seven Core Values](#). One of those Core Values is this:

We strive to be at the center of the discussion about ending homelessness.

Having the privilege of operating from the *Human Services Campus* in Downtown Phoenix and the *Center of Opportunity* in Tucson while providing our services to thousands of clients and 50 or more partner agencies across Maricopa and Pima Counties puts us in that discussion.

The mission of Homeless ID Project and that of every partner agency is to **END HOMELESSNESS** and that is the place where the conversation begins. There is no point in talking about an end to homelessness if we thought the idea was foolish or unattainable.

Homelessness is not inevitable.

Let that rattle around for a moment. Homelessness is not inevitable. For many, that statement belies the facts of the current situation. Refusing the inevitability of homelessness does not mean it will be easy to solve. It just means – if we accept the premise – that we need to begin to examine the problem. If we believe that homelessness is here to stay, we will behave differently than if we do not.

With your help and support, there are things we can do and actions we can take from where we are today. We can support appropriate legislation, we can work toward **solutions** rather than **maintenance**, and determine the sources of homelessness in order to prevent it in the first place.

In addition to our day job of providing replacement documents needed by individuals and families to end their homelessness, Homeless ID Project is engaged in each of the activities above – and we need you in the conversation with us! The existence of homelessness is not 'just the way it is' and it will not end unless we understand it and we will not understand it unless we talk about it. So, let's talk about it.

Rick Mitchell, Executive Director

Gage's Journey

After a near-fatal accident and full reconstructive surgery, one of our recent clients, Gage, found himself without a place to live, losing his ability to work and pay his rent. After being evicted, he was without housing and a place to heal. To qualify for housing assistance, Gage needed a birth certificate. Because of your support, Homeless ID Project was there to help him so he can now move forward and find a safe place to live and recover.



Gage is one of over 10,000 people we have helped this year on their journey to end their homelessness. We hope his story, and the story of others like him, inspires you to support the Homeless ID Project. Homelessness is not 'inevitable,' but something that we can solve together, permanently.

**With your support,
we are serving more people than ever before:**

The number of replacement documents issued in the first 10 months of 2022:
10,075



Through October, we have provided
45%
more documents than in the first 10 months of 2021



28%
of our clients are from outreach programs across Maricopa and Pima Counties



Holiday Giving Season is Here!

Tuesday, November 29th is Giving Tuesday, a

"global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world" and a day for all of us to show our support for causes we care about. On this tenth anniversary of Giving Tuesday, we have the opportunity to make a direct impact in our community.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

One of the best ways to make an impact in our community is through a contribution to Homeless ID Project. \$12 will provide one of our neighbors experiencing homelessness with a new state ID, allowing them to gain employment and housing, helping them to end their homelessness. Every dollar counts. This Giving Tuesday, please consider making a donation to the Homeless ID Project. We promise to be good stewards of your generosity.

**To participate in Giving Tuesday,
[click here](#) or visit hidp.org and click "Donate."**

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

MAKE A DONATION, GET IT ALL BACK!

DONATE

Let's end homelessness in our community...

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

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



Donate

Support individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

**School Tax Credit? Foster Care Tax Credit? You can still get a Qualifying Charitable Organization Tax Credit.
You are eligible for all three!**



File

Claim the credit using Form AZDOR 321 or electronic file.

Don't itemize? You can still get the credit.



Receive

Make a difference in our community!

... at no cost to you!

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

Tour the Human Services Campus!



Please join us for a tour of the Human Services Campus in Downtown Phoenix. Get a firsthand look at the work your donations are supporting. Join us to see how the Homeless ID Project is working with 16 other Campus partners to end homelessness in our community.

[Click here to fill out a contact form](#), and make sure to select "Tour of the Human Services Campus."

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