

You MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

2023 IMPACT REPORT

In these challenging economic times, we've witnessed a surge in the amount of men, women and children who are overcome by their circumstances. Many of our clients come to us from the city streets, trapped in chronic cycles of addiction, trauma and homelessness. Your partnership made all the difference this year as we rescued lives and created a pathway off the street and toward new life at the Mission.

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YOUR *compassion* AT WORK

The need for our services has increased greatly. Because of your compassionate support, we have been able to respond and explore new ways to meet the demands of those coming to us in their darkest moments.

Our team uses a variety of innovative tools and partnerships to motivate people living on the streets to permanently exit their situation by removing barriers to housing, recovery services and permanent change. Our Street Outreach program now has 24 Hope Coach

vehicles deployed around the Valley, bringing relief through food, water, hygiene kits and access to case management. Most importantly, more people are receiving care and the love and hope of Jesus.

All of this and so many of the other God-inspired breakthroughs happening daily at the Mission are possible because of you.

“YOU SAVED OUR LIVES” *-Freddy & Stacy*

“I found myself living in my car with my wife, Stacy, after we had been kicked out of the house we were renting. We lost everything. After the car died, we scrapped it and stayed on the streets. That was 12 years ago. Since then, we forged a life on the street, scraping to make ends meet. We learned how to be homeless through a friend who taught us where to get food, how to stay safe and what not to eat out of a dumpster. We created a reputation of being the ones everyone would go to.

Like many of our peers, we used meth and other drugs to numb our pain. I didn't want to wake up each day. We were struggling so hard. We lost friends to addiction and to the heat. It was horrible. Stacy was addicted to pills and hit her breaking point. She went into a recovery program and left me behind. It took me awhile to get there. Two months later, I sat in my tent, about to shoot up, but instead reached out to the one steadfast person in my life: Steve.

Steve was a Phoenix Rescue Mission case manager who had been pursuing us for months. He helped us get our IDs and kept showing up, asking if we were ready



to get clean. He kept saying, “I'm coming back for you.” And he did. His integrity was everything. He never left us out there. He didn't give up on us. Steve showed up when I called, and nine months later, both Stacy and I are sober and working. We are using our street credibility to pull friends off the street and toward the life God intended for them.”

“Things are way better than before. I won't ever go back.”

YOUR LOVE WAS *multiplied* IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

896

People rescued
through street
outreach

20,878

Hope Totes
distributed

810,685

Water bottles
distributed during
summer heat relief

2,386

Unduplicated
engagements to provide
solution-based services

CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES & WAYS YOU CAN *pray with us:*

- 1** Every day our Street Outreach team is working with people suffering on the streets and providing access to long-term change. Pray for their safety and God's provision as they rescue hurting neighbors.
- 2** We are currently expanding our street outreach services to reach more men, women and children across the Valley. Pray as we continue to build partnerships and move into the East Valley.
- 3** Pray that God would soften the hearts of those who have yet to access our services and for them to have the courage to take the first step toward receiving help.

TRANSFORMING OUR VALLEY, *Together*

We exist to see transformed lives transforming the Valley. This starts with providing Christ-centered solutions that meet the relevant needs of the hurting people in our community with the help of partners like you. **Because of you**, we are seeing lives impacted every day, through street rescues, removing barriers to housing, access to case management and people coming to know the love and hope of Jesus.

Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of men, women and children across the Valley.

