

# BECAUSE OF *You*



Your support and prayers in 2022 had a significant impact as we expanded our programs and space to reach more people than ever before. This God-given growth allowed us to offer the abounding hope that sets Phoenix Rescue Mission apart. This hope is **because of you**. Thank you for inspiring the kind of healing and transformation that lasts for eternity.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE & TRAUMA

Residential recovery programs help men, women, and mothers with children overcome crises, build a supportive community, and graduate to independent living.

*Daily Average of Clients in Residential Programs*



*Decisions to Follow Christ*

361

## HOMELESS OUTREACH

Our Street Outreach and Navigation teams build relationships with people and families who are living on the streets to provide them with the connections and resources needed to end their homelessness and set them up for a sustainable future.

*Total Individuals Reached*

4,488

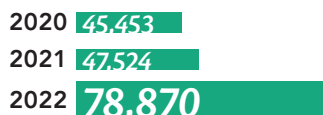
*Homeless Outreach Rescues*



## FOOD ASSISTANCE

Mobile Pantries, Outreach Events, and Hope for Hunger Food Bank come alongside communities that struggle with food insecurity by providing food, hygiene and cleaning supplies, and connections to resources.

*Food Boxes Distributed*



*Households Served Increase Since 2021*

61%↑

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Achieving a rewarding career that leads to financial independence and stability is a key component of our residential recovery programs, and is also offered to the community as a whole.

*New Enrollments*



*Career Center Locations*

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## MEET THE LIVES YOU'VE TOUCHED:

# Jennifer & Tenasea



Jennifer started doing drugs early, a destructive habit she attributes to “drowning her sorrows” after her dad passed away. Her mom became addicted to pain pills after a surgery, leaving Jennifer to hold everything together. At 16, she crumbled under the pressure. “That’s when it all spiraled,” she said regretfully. She started using meth at 18 and lost control of everything. A cascade of addiction, loss and pain followed.

The one bright spot in Jennifer’s life was her daughter, Tenasea. But once she began losing jobs, her daughter was placed in foster care. Jennifer was living in Tucson and traveling four hours each way to see Tenasea each week. She began using heroin and fentanyl to numb her sadness. “I knew if I lost my daughter forever it would be the end of me.”

She asked her case worker where she could go that was different from the other programs she had tried unsuccessfully. The case worker told her about

Phoenix Rescue Mission, and Jennifer watched the video tour online. “I fell to my knees and started crying because I knew this was what I needed,” Jennifer remembered through tears.

On July 2, 2021, Jennifer arrived at Phoenix Rescue Mission. “I felt like God carried me here — to get my life back, to get my child back.” Jennifer found a community that became like a family, who believed in her when she didn’t believe in herself.

And the greatest gift came when she was reunited with her daughter, after being apart for over 15 months. She is now filled with “a huge joy” and sees everything as a part of her faith journey that led her here.

“I can’t say how much this place has done for me,” Jennifer shared with gratitude. **“And to the donors –you have given so many people like me a second chance and shown us it’s possible to change.”**

## HOPE STARTS WITH *You.*

1 Peter 1:3 says, “According to His great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

I’m encouraged when I think about the idea of hope as “living” – it multiplies, it overflows, it increases and it transforms. When set in motion, it’s hard to contain.

We witnessed the momentum of this living hope at work every day at the Mission, as we rescued and extended compassion to the men, women, and children in the Valley that came looking for help last year. We were able to be here for them, because **you** were there for us.

This enduring message of hope is lived out through friends like you and offers the joy of the Gospel to all who receive it. This happens daily around here, and that **hope starts with you.**



With Gratitude,  
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