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Hello everyone,

Thank you for participating in this quarter's Surprise Area Homeless Collaborative. Please see attached flyers on upcoming events and community resources. Thank you again to Phoenix Rescue Mission for presenting on outreach trends in the West Valley!

### **City of Surprise:**

- The [Surprise Community Outreach Program](#) is currently accepting grant application through Friday, May 1st.
- We are hosting free virtual financial literacy workshops. Click here to [register!](#)
  - April 29, 2026 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Your Spending, Your Savings, Your Future
- [Surprise Resource Center](#) will be operating as a cooling center this summer. If someone in the Surprise region needs a ride to the center, please call the front desk at 623-222-1600 for assistance.
- Keep in the loop of what's happening at the Surprise Resource Center by viewing our [monthly calendar](#).
  - Eligible households can receive 150 diapers and wipes per child the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. WIC is also on site during the morning service window.
  - Clothing donations are currently available, including jeans.
- Surprise Police Department want to connect with homeless individuals who have been victims of crime and may feel reluctant to report to law enforcement. If this applies to clients you work with, please contact an officer with our community relations unit:
  - Officer Adam Layton: 623-694-5687
  - Officer Phil Ortega: 623-696-7422
- Surprise Fire Medical Department hosts multiple [car seat clinics](#) each month. Car seats and baby care kits may be available to those in need.
  - Contact: Jamie Michler ([jamie.michler@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:jamie.michler@surpriseaz.gov))

### **Upcoming Events:**

- [Surprise Hiring Event](#) — Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Surprise Regional Library
  - Contact: Melinda Greenhouse ([melinda.greenhouse@maricopa.gov](mailto:melinda.greenhouse@maricopa.gov))
- [St. Joseph the Worker](#): Joe's House (Mesa) Grand Opening | Thursday, April 23, 2026 (click the link to RSVP)

- [Goodyear Apprenticeship Fair](#)— Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m | Goodyear Ballpark
  - Contact: [HSDWDDApprenticeships@maricopa.gov](mailto:HSDWDDApprenticeships@maricopa.gov)
- [St. Joseph the Worker Day Open House](#) | Friday, May 1, 2026 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | St. Joseph the Worker - Phoenix Office
  - Contact: [development@theworkeraz.org](mailto:development@theworkeraz.org)
- [Project Connect Homeless Resource Fair Glendale](#) | Wednesday, May 6, 2026 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (arrive by 1:00 for services) | Trinity Mennonite Church
  - Contact: [volunteer@keystochange.org](mailto:volunteer@keystochange.org)
- Arizona Housing Forum | Wednesday, August 26 - Friday, August 28, 2026 | [Registration](#) coming soon!
  - Contact: Kirby Milner ([kirby.milner@azhousing.gov](mailto:kirby.milner@azhousing.gov))

### Announcements & Resources:

- The [Maricopa County Heat Relief Network](#) launches next Friday, May 1st. If you're interested in operating as a heat relief site, please [click here to learn more](#).
  - The heat relief map will be live on May 1st. Visit [hrn.azmag.gov](http://hrn.azmag.gov) for a live map at that time.
- [Homeless ID Project](#) is on site at the [West Valley Housing Assistance Center](#) every Monday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- [City of El Mirage](#) is currently accepting applications for their Community Partnership Grant Program for organizations serving El Mirage residents. Applications are open through Friday, May 15th.
  - Contact: Regan Jepson ([rjepson@elmirageaz.gov](mailto:rjepson@elmirageaz.gov))
- [Phoenix Rescue Mission](#) is currently preparing for their Code Red heat relief initiative, which include distributing cases of water to partnering organizations.
  - Contact: [gikhhelp@phxmission.org](mailto:gikhhelp@phxmission.org)
- [HomeBase Youth Shelter](#) (18 - 24 years old) provides street outreach, day respite drop-in services Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and emergency shelter services in Surprise and Phoenix. Call (602) 648-9737 to get started.
  - **Flexible funding is currently available for adults of all ages** to prevent or transition of out of homelessness. Eligible expenses may include rental assistance, car repairs, car insurance costs, and more.
  - Contact: Mike Lafitte ([m.lafitte@nativeconnections.org](mailto:m.lafitte@nativeconnections.org))
- [St. Mary's Food Bank Surprise](#) offers food boxes and their neighbor choice pantry program as well as grab & go bags for those experiencing homelessness. They reported serving 700 people a day (total within households served) at their Surprise location and are looking for volunteers!
  - Contact: Melinda Lertzman ([mlertzman@stmarysfoodbank.org](mailto:mlertzman@stmarysfoodbank.org))
- [Feet N More Shower Trailer](#) provides showers at four locations throughout the Valley. Click the link to access their calendar.
  - *2nd & 4th Tuesdays* – [Bicentennial Park](#) (Surprise) | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- If your heat relief site wants to partner with the shower trailer, please contact Max!
- **Contact:** Max Klinkenborg ([maxklink@yahoo.com](mailto:maxklink@yahoo.com) or 816-377-4618)
- [Northwest Valley Salvation Army](#) provides food boxes Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1:00 - 3:45 pm, Wednesday 9:00 - 11:45 am, and Fridays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:45 pm.
  - They will be serving as a cooling center during the heat relief season, open weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with early hours (8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.) during extreme heat \*
    - *An Extreme Heat Warning is issued by the [National Weather Service](#) when there is a High or Very High Heat Risk.*
- [Arizona @ Work:](#)
  - Hosts weekly employment readiness workshops Tuesday mornings at the Surprise Resource Center.
  - [Sign up for weekly job blasts!](#)
  - **Contact:** Melinda Greenhouse ([melinda.greenhouse@maricopa.gov](mailto:melinda.greenhouse@maricopa.gov))
- [Community Medical Services](#) provides opioid addiction treatment with walk-in intakes available at their [Peoria](#) and [Glendale](#) locations from 4:30 to 11:30 a.m. Intakes are also available 24/7 at their Cactus clinic in Phoenix.
- [Spence-Chapin](#) provides free counseling to women and couples who are facing an unplanned pregnancy or who have recently given birth and are unsure about parenting, including adoption plans.
  - **Contact:** Katy Zaragoza ([kzaragoza@spence-chapin.org](mailto:kzaragoza@spence-chapin.org))
- St. Vincent de Paul reported that they partner with GCU's [CityServe](#) for water to distribute. Non-profits interested in distributing water can contact [ashley.hunter@gcu.edu](mailto:ashley.hunter@gcu.edu) for more information.
- [Native American Connections Cross Winds at Three Star Pointe](#) recently broke ground and anticipates potentially having limited services rolling out in early 2027.
- [St. Joseph the Worker](#) has begun establishing business partners in the West Valley and announced that the [Walmart Distribution Center in Litchfield Park](#) has several [positions available](#), with pay starting at \$21. If this job opportunity is a fit for you client, please connect with Lindsay to learn more.
  - **Contact:** Lindsay Brown ([lbrown@theworkeraz.org](mailto:lbrown@theworkeraz.org))

### **Rent & Utility Assistance:**

- [Surprise Resource Center](#) administers the region's [Community Action Program](#), providing rental and utility assistance to residents of Surprise, Sun City, Sun City West, Waddell, Wittmann, and El Mirage.
  - CAP Lab (application assistance) | Tuesdays and Thursdays | By appointment only.

- [Maricopa County Hand in Hand](#) currently has funding available for eviction prevention and rental deposits (maximum \$6,200). Submit a request for assistance [here](#).
- St. Vincent de Paul conferences provide rental and utility assistance throughout Maricopa County as funds are available. To see what conference serves your address, please reference this [map](#).
- [North West Valley Salvation Army](#) has limited rental and utility assistance available at the beginning of each month. Rental and utility assistance services are provided Monday and Tuesday morning 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Please make sure to bring valid ID, documentation of income, bills, and proof of residence. Call 623-215-9560 for more information.

### Resources Shared at Previous Meetings:

- [Circle the City](#) provides street medicine in the West Valley. If you know locations where they can have the strongest impact on our unsheltered neighbors, please connect with Leslee.
  - Services include wound care, medication refills, check-ups, mental health services, suboxone, and more.
  - **Contact:** Leslee Hamadeh | [LHamadeh@circlethecity.org](mailto:LHamadeh@circlethecity.org)
- [Terros'](#) Crisis to Recovery program connects individuals leaving hospitals, crisis centers, or jail to behavioral health and substance use treatment. They can also help with connecting clients to SNAP, AHCCCS, life skills, and more. Crisis callers can receive assistance by dialing 1-844-534-4673 or for general information call 602-685-6000.
- [Santa Teresita Dining Hall](#) serves free hot meals Monday through Friday 9-11 a.m.
  - Clothing is available Mondays & Thursdays.
  - Showers are provided by Feet N More on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.
  - Circle the City Street Medicine Team provides basic medical aid every Friday.
- [St. Vincent de Paul El Mirage](#) operates a food pantry by appointment only for Surprise and El Mirage residents.
  - **Contact:** (623) 466-8856
- [Dysart Community Center](#) is offers GED classes. Click the link for more information.
  - **Contact:** Alex Mejia | [dcc.alexmejia@gmail.com](mailto:dcc.alexmejia@gmail.com) | 623-256-4245
- [St. Vincent de Paul](#) Traveler's Aid Center provides relocation assistance for homeless individuals.
  - **Contact:** 602-261-6853
- [United Prevention](#) provides youth substance abuse and adult substance misuse prevention services in Surprise and El Mirage

through community education, naloxone distribution, and resource awareness for those in need.

- Contact: Jason Lobmeyer | [jason@unitedpreventionaz.org](mailto:jason@unitedpreventionaz.org)
- [New Beginnings Worship Center](#) and Food for Souls provides clothing and food to the homeless Friday evenings at 7pm at 11617 NW Grand Ave, El Mirage.
  - Contact: Pastor Anthony Johnson | [feedtheneedy24@gmail.com](mailto:feedtheneedy24@gmail.com)
- [Native American Connections Patina Wellness Center](#) (Phoenix) provides inpatient substance abuse treatment to women, couples, and families with children (up to age 5)
  - Contact: 602-424-2060
- [Banner Olive Branch Senior Center](#), located next to Banner Boswell, has a walk-in food pantry. Individuals do not need to be Sun City residents to receive food assistance.
- Surprise Public Library offers [free printing](#) (up to 20 pages per month). Limited hygiene kits may also be available to those in need.

Thank you.

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