



The Inn E-Blast: November 2022

HAPPIEST THANKSGIVING to ALL Our Volunteers, Donors, and Friends!

As we each express our thankfulness and gratitude in our own individual way, we at the Inn would like to express our sincere thanks to all who continue to support our vulnerable families as they, too, continue to hope and believe for a better future.

In our current position as a sub-awardee of the county and with our new location nearer the airport, we are now able to receive many more guests; 1,237 in October alone! We are also very aware that having our shelter located in a hotel rather than in a congregate setting is not ideal for the personal, individual interaction with our guests that we all prefer. PLEASE KNOW that there are still wonderful and much-needed ways to interact and help with our families and kiddos! If you are able to spend a few hours providing hospitality, please help fill those empty shifts by signing up on the Signup Genius. Each shift has room for two volunteers, and we can use every bit of help we can get!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to all who have and continue to sign up to help with hospitality shifts. Your work is invaluable and is what keeps the Inn's doors open to welcoming our guests. *For those who have not yet filled out a volunteer form and have any extra time for a hospitality shift, to help with clothing donations and sorting, fundraising, or to help with occasional transportation needs, we need and would greatly appreciate your assistance!* Providing hospitality, with guidance from the Inn staff, is rewarding and satisfying, whether delivering support onsite or helping with transportation. Guests have been screened and are Covid-19 negative before proceeding to our hotel site. In addition, we follow all Covid protocol on premises and during transportation. **Please consider volunteering!**

As a new volunteer, or if you have never registered, please fill out some information at [The Inn of Southern Arizona \(www.theinnofsa.org\)](http://www.theinnofsa.org) under the volunteer tab. Here, you will have the opportunity to let us know your areas of interest. After completing the registration form, Gretchen, the Inn director, will send a link to the Signup Genius so you can see the various shifts and sign up for any that suit your schedule.

- Hospitality shifts are to help on site from 8 am-1 pm, 1 pm-5 pm and 5 pm-9pm. including weekends. We especially need evening and weekend volunteers!

Those interested in other areas of volunteer work off-site will be contacted by the person overseeing your area of interest.

Each person providing hospitality is important during our guests' stay! Regardless of border conditions, you, as volunteers, play a huge role in our guests' experience in the US, providing a sense of security, acceptance, and graciousness and we greatly value your commitment to our mission. As we anticipate the repeal of Title 42 in Mid-December, we are expecting the number of guests to increase again.



Shout out to Donors and Potential Donors! We also want to thank all who have donated to The Inn and to those who would like to. We are currently saving to **purchase a van** to be able to take entire families to the airport/bus station without separating families. Donations toward this van would be a blessing in any amount! Please note on your donation “toward the purchase of **The Inn van**”.

To give online, please click on this link. [The Inn - Online Donation Form - Desert Southwest Conference \(dscumc.org\)](https://dscumc.org). Very soon we will have a link set up on our website to make giving online, either one-time or recurring, even easier!

If writing a check is easier or more convenient, please mail to:

The Inn of Southern Arizona, Inc.
P.O. Box 43332
Tucson, Arizona 85719

You also have the option of sending a gift to the conference. Send a check payable to The Desert Southwest Conference UMC, with ‘The Inn’ written on the memo line and mail it to:

Treasurer, Desert SW Conference
1550 E. Meadowbrook Ave.,
Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Thank you to all those amazing people who donated to The Inn these past months! We are grateful for all the supplies that have made our guests feel welcome and the clothing and supplies needed for the next leg of their travel!

At this time, we could use donations of the following clean and in good repair:

- Coats, hats and mitten/gloves for adults and children
- Men’s pants, especially joggers, sweatpants, jeans, and shorts.
- Leggings for Women: small, medium, and large.
- Children’s clothing, boys and girls in all sizes; especially toddlers, sizes 2-5 and boys and girls, sizes 12-16
- Car seats for older children (Please be sure to check expiration dates)
- Shoes of all sizes for adults and children

Please call Nancy at (520) 331-6669 to schedule a time and location to drop off donations.

In addition to monetary and material donations, please visit The Inn’s AMAZON WISH LIST! This is another wonderful way to support our shelter and can be accessed through our website: <http://www.theinnofsa.org>. While there, please check out our excellent video about The Inn: What We Do and Who We Serve.



Giving Tuesday:

This coming up Tuesday November 29th is Giving Tuesday. We will be focusing on raising money for our Van & Car Seat Fund. Please consider this need when participating in Giving Tuesday. Mark your donation "Inn Van Fund" so we can be sure it goes to the right place. Donations can also be made for this specifically in our Facebook Fundraiser: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1253762941847442/>

