



**MARICOPA COUNTY
HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 25 – 31, 2009**

We are proud to lead a county-wide effort to bring greater awareness to the issues related to homelessness. Below is a list of simple things you can do to participate in the awareness week. Each of us must take action to ensure everyone has a safe place to call home. **If we all work together with commitment, creativity and heart, we can change our community in fundamental, lasting ways.**

Sunday, October 25

Faith-based organizations will present information in their services. They will ask congregations to participate in the Awareness Walk. A curriculum is available to teach children about hunger and homelessness.

Monday, October 26

Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness

Welcome and Morning Address: Honorable Janice K. Brewer, Governor of Arizona
Lunch Keynote Speaker: Becky Kanis, Director of Innovations, Common Ground
More information on www.azceh.org

Tuesday, October 27

Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Col. Joey Strickland, Director Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
Visit www.azceh.org for more information.

Wednesday, October 28

Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau

Learn from individuals who have experienced homelessness what it is like to deal with these difficult and complex issues.

Three Valley locations:

- **Surprise:** Free, bring your brown bag lunch.
Noon to 1:00 p.m., Surprise Public Safety Building – Fire Administration Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza Blvd. Suite 100, Surprise, AZ 8537.
- **Tempe:** Free, bring your brown bag lunch.
Noon to 1:00 p.m. City of Tempe. Contact Erika at emoore@vsuw.org for details.
- **Tempe:** \$10.00 donation, dinner provided.
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Omega Phi Alpha, Kappa Delta Chi. Location to be determined. Contact Erika at emoore@vsuw.org for details.

Thursday, October 29

Project Homeless Connect

Chandler Christian Church, 1825 S Alma School Road, Chandler
Collect items to donate: new socks, underwear, men's clothing, roll-on deodorant, backpacks.

Friday, October 30

Second Annual Awareness Walk to the Capitol

In memory of Howard Marquardt who passed away July 25 on a park bench outside of the Herberger Theater Center and in support of all those who experience homelessness every day we will walk to build awareness of this pressing issue.

- 9:00 a.m. Kick Off at Herberger Theater; **the first 400 walkers to arrive will receive a free t-shirt.**
- 9:15 a.m. walkers leave Herberger Theater
- 10:00 a.m. arrive at Arizona State Capitol
- 10:15 a.m. Presentations at Capitol: Jacki Taylor, Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, State Representative Chad Campbell, success stories and more

Saturday, October 31

Call to the public! Consider spending part of your day volunteering with an organization that helps to end homelessness. Find projects at HandsOn Greater Phoenix www.handsonphoenix.org or www.volunteermatch.org

Participating Organizations

Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness

Arizona Department of Economic Security

Basic Mission

Central Arizona Shelter Services

Community Information & Referral

Lodestar Day Resource Center

Maricopa Association of Governments

Tempe Community Action Agency

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development

UMOM New Day Centers

Valley of the Sun United Way

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