



I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program)

Providing the first step toward a better future

Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) in partnership with Tempe faith communities provide homeless people with hope and opportunity for a better future by offering shelter, meals and connections to community services. Five nights a week the I-HELP van transports 25-30 homeless people from a central pickup point to a host site. The host site rotates between different Tempe faith communities. These communities open their doors and offer overnight shelter as well as dinner and breakfast. In the morning, the I-HELP van provides transportation back to the pickup point.

I-HELP has been operating for over two years and we are making a difference in our community!

- We have improved the lives of our homeless guests by connecting them with services and opportunities.
- We have given a voice to the homeless people in our community.
- We have raised community awareness - hundreds of families from 20 communities participate in this program.

We currently provide shelter and meals five nights a week. Our goal is to increase our support to reach seven nights a week. With your help we can meet this goal. To learn more about I-HELP visit our website at az-ihelp.org or email us at i-help@cox.net.

How You Can Help

Become a Donor

I-HELP is run and funded mostly by volunteers. Tempe faith communities provide shelter and meals at no cost. Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) provides staffing and the I-HELP van. Tax-deductible donations provide:

- Gas for the I-HELP van used for transporting people and sleeping mats
- Stipend for monitors that spend the night at the hosting site
- Bus tickets for transportation to appointments and interviews
- Basic first aid supplies, sleeping mats, sheets, blankets, towels, toiletries ...
- Items such as birth certificates and ID's necessary for people to get services
- Housing for people with new jobs

Make checks payable to TCAA I-HELP, 2150 E. Orange Street, Tempe, AZ, 85281. TCAA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency and qualifies for the working poor charitable tax credit. TCAA's tax ID is 86-0254820. For more information, visit TCAA online at www.tempeaction.org.

Become a Host Site

With your help we can provide shelter, meals and support seven nights a week. Open your doors once a week or once a month for 30 people. I-HELP provides transportation, sleeping mats, monitors and meals as well as setup and cleanup. The guests arrive around 5:00 pm and leave the next morning before 8:00 am.

Become a Meal Provider

Supply and serve dinner at the hosting site. This is a great community service project for families and children are welcome to participate. You'll find being a meal provider is a truly rewarding experience for you and your family.

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