



## The Situation In Maricopa County



**667,000 + PEOPLE**

live at or below the poverty line



**6,300 PEOPLE**

experience homelessness each night



- For people experiencing poverty it can be difficult to navigate through all the organizations needed to meet with to get back on track.
- Some may have to fit the visits in between work shifts or find transportation to and from the locations.
- Having all these resources in one place saves a lot of time and stress, making the process much easier.

## The Solution: Project Connect

Thanks to our donors, United Way makes it simple for any individual or family experiencing or near homelessness to connect to vital services at Project Connect. United Way's community partners come together at various locations across the valley and throughout the year to provide immediate need, emergency items and long-term solutions, meeting with guests one-on-one, giving them direct attention and really listening to their needs. Guests, with the help of volunteer guides are able to receive important documents – like their social security card, birth certificate, or a driver's license - eat a good meal, use the shower station, and explore the Project Connect closet to pick up clothes.



"If it wasn't for Project Connect and the resources that are provided for us, I wouldn't be in the place that I am, going to work every day, and not struggling to have to find a shower, or find food boxes. I now can be a wonderful mother to my daughter."





## Getting the community connected

### Our Impact

- Since 2008, more than 20,500 guests have been connected to services
- Every year 12,000 volunteers donate their time to serve our guests

### Our Goal

- Hold Project Connect events throughout the Valley 7 times per year

## How Can I Help?

Sponsor a Project Connect Event



### Individual Level

You can designate a donation to support Project Connect events to assist with items such as driver's licenses, meals, and other services our guests receive.



### Sponsorship Level

You can become a big part of breaking the cycle of poverty by becoming the sponsor for a Project Connect event. Your sponsorship allows us to provide free services to guests such as meals, showers, Arizona DMV services, birth certificate and Social Security cards, and more. Your company will receive special recognition on United Way social channels and at the event.

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Guest Guide

Our biggest need at every Project Connect is friendly faces to be guest guides. They work one on one with individuals and families to connect to the right services for their situation.



### Data Entry Assistance

Using a provided computer program, enter guest data throughout the day.



### Guest Registration

Greet and register guests as they arrive. As a registration volunteer, you'll ask questions to complete the guest intake form. Bilingual volunteers are needed!

Contact us at [info@vsw.org](mailto:info@vsw.org) to get started!

