How to help

Holiday help for the homeless, veterans and children.

Donations to the Arizona State Veterans Home in Tucson

Where: • 505 E. Agua Caliente Pkwy, Tucson, 85711

When: • Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items accepted include donations of clothing and personal care items. We also accept donations of nonperishable food.

Winterhaven accepting food donations

The Winterhaven Festival of Lights is one of the Community Food Bank’s top donors each year. Winterhaven and the Community Food Bank have partnered to stock the food bank for the holiday season.

Last year, the Winterhaven Festival of Lights donated 60,000 pounds of food, and this year the festival is on track to donate 65,000 pounds.

Greetings from the Tucson Festival of Lights

This festival is the single largest food drive of the year for the food bank.

The mission is still collecting donations of fruits, vegetables, canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, rice, and nuts.

The food bank hopes to collect 60,000 pounds of food this year, and surpass last year’s collection of 56,256 pounds.

COURTESY OF ED DAVIS
Winterhaven Festival of Lights

Donations are being accepted by the Center of Opportunity, 4550 S. Tucson Boulevard. The drop-off site is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To drop off donations, please call 211 or visit 211az.org.

Groups focus on vets, homeless, kids, holiday

by Lali Marini Staff Writer

If your holiday focus is heart and home, there is still opportunity to come to Tucson to support some of the system’s most vulnerable communities of either.

Volunteers at Primavera have the chance to make a direct impact through the Primavera Foundation’s Annual Homeless Memorial Day & Prevention Drop-In Center.

“Our first goal is to honor the people who have passed away since we were last here, said Patricia Bonito, coordinator of the event for the Primavera Foundation.

Bonito said that last year, 48 people were added to the list in Pima County, an additional 107 people perished in the desert along the Arizona-Mexico border and 60 of those remained un identified.

The Primavera Foundation, Primavera says, does other things out of poverty through housing and workplace programs to increase community awareness about the incidence of homeless deaths due to exposure, hunger, poor health and violence.

“We want to draw attention to the systematic injustices that led to those deaths,” said Bonito. “We want to draw attention to our cause at the end of the year, to the beginning of the winter season.”

At the upcoming memorial and prevention day, the event will be accepting donations of items for Wintersurvivalkitsthat will be distributed to various parts of the community, including shelters, libraries, schools, parks, water bottle and a $5 gift card to a grocery store or restaurant.

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BELL’S BENS

What Bell’s Bells provides kindness and community involvement. Each week a service project makes Tucson a better “belled.”

Last week’s bell: Jonathan Martinez

Nominee: Beno LS. Martinez

Why: For his commitment to spreading kindness through the Tucson community through the games of chess. Jonathan, often seen sitting in or around the games of chess in his own neighborhood, has turned the game into a way he plays to bring people together.

Beno LS. Martinez

“Just playing chess is a great way to bring people together and start conversations,” said Jonathan.

Beno has organized a chess program at the Boys & Girls Club, Tuscon, and Tugalightlighthouse. He volunteers there every week. Llamas Wright, through chess, teaches life skills

Gospel Rescue Mission hosting Christmas dinner for homeless community

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The mission is still collecting donations of fruits, vegetables, and canned goods. The food bank is being accepted at the Center of Opportunity, 4550 S. Tucson Road, or at the Women’s Recovery Center, 707 W. Miracle Mile.

The dinner is free and open to the community.

From hanging Christmas lights in Winterhaven to delivering meals and donating bicycles for foster children, TEP employees embrace many opportunities to give back during the holiday. As December is a special time for our employees to help hold food drives, collect toys, and support other efforts to spread goodwill across Southern Arizona. It’s a great way to cap off another year spent improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.
Donations can help students solve the world’s problems.

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