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Newsletter

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Our Family Receives \$2.5 Million Grant From Bezos Day 1 Families Fund

On November 21, it was announced that Our Family was selected to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the Day 1 Families Fund. This transformative grant will help us provide basic needs and resources to families who are experiencing homelessness, and allow us to work with an additional 220 families. We are humbled and honored to receive the Day 1 Families Fund grant, and we are eager to continue the necessary work being done here in Southern Arizona.

This one-time grant, awarded to organizations moving the needle on family homelessness, will allow us to help extremely vulnerable families who are currently on the waiting list and haven't received housing assistance due to their need for more intensive interventions and specialized case management that doesn't fall within current funding guidelines. The Day 1 Families Fund grant will also be used for activities and items that are currently not allowed by other funders, such as funding for hotels, food and furniture as families are working toward a permanent situation.



Our Family is one of 32 nonprofits across the U.S. to receive the second annual Day 1 Families Fund grants, as part of a broad investment by the Day 1 Families Fund to help solve family homelessness. The Day 1 Families Fund issued a total of \$98.5 million in grants this year. The fund worked with an advisory board of homelessness advocates and experts who identified and invited organizations to submit grant proposals to support their efforts to address homelessness.

The Bezos Day One Fund was launched in 2018 with a commitment of \$2 billion and a focus on two

areas: funding existing nonprofits that help homeless families, and creating a network of new, nonprofit tier-one preschools in low-income communities. The Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families. The vision statement comes from the inspiring Mary's Place in Seattle: no child sleeps outside. For more information, visit [**BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund**](https://www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: WE ARE ON THE MOVE!

November brought an exciting change to Our Family as our Administrative Office (Alvernon location) is temporarily relocating. There is no need to change any contact information for us, as our phone number and our mailing address will remain the same during

this time. This move does not affect our Client Services Office located at 3830 E. Bellevue. In the coming months we will have many details to share with you about the great things happening in 2020!



Giving Tuesday Was a HUGE Success!

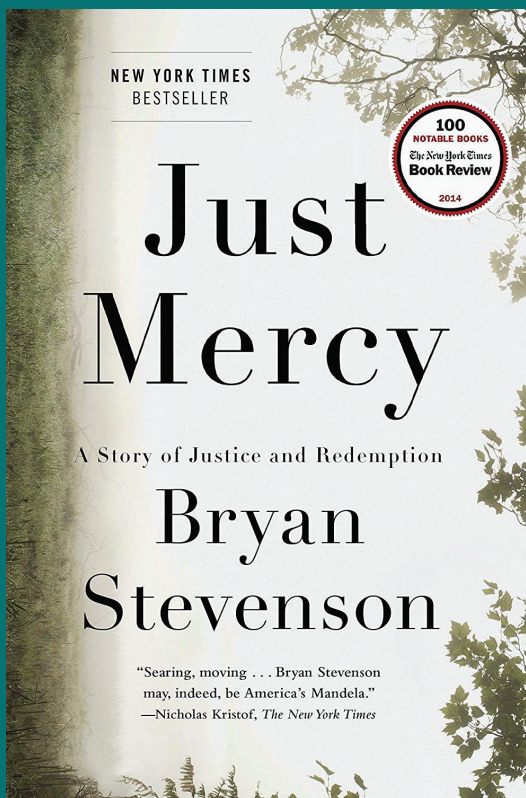
As of Wednesday, December 4th your cumulative gifts added up to \$26,412.80 and we are still counting! That is **1,057** nights of safe housing for a homeless youth or **151** weeks of secure housing for a homeless youth. Those numbers are **LIFE-CHANGING. YOU ARE AMAZING!**

We would like to extend a special thanks to Long Realty Cares Foundation for matching \$5,000 of all Giving Tuesday gifts and for supporting Our Family for over a decade.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to the following foundations, clubs, and businesses who donated or held fundraisers for Our Family from July through November 2019.

David C. and Lura M. Lovell Foundation
 Southwest Gas Corporation
 Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona
 Eliot T. Spalding Foundation
 Nordstrom Charitable Giving
 Tulsa Community Foundation
 Family Housing Resources
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 PICOR Charitable Foundation
 Arizona Complete Health
 Caterpillar Foundation
 Brighton Collectibles
 Wines For Humanity
 Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
 Empire Machinery
 Kautz Family Foundation
 Seaver Franks Architects, Inc. AIA
 Davis-Monthan AFB - 355th Comptroller Squadron
 University of Arizona, College of Medicine -
 Office of Continuing Medical Education Information
 Technology Services
 Arizona Cancer Center - Phase 1 Research Team



Join the Book Club

All are welcome at the next Our Family Services book club meeting. We read and discuss works that help us better understand the complex issues that contribute to issues like homelessness and income inequality.

The discussion will focus on:

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

By: Bryan Stevenson.

Thursday, February 13th | 4:00 pm
3830 East Bellevue Street

Can't find the book? WE CAN HELP! An anonymous bookworm is donating 10 copies of each book club selection so that cost or long library waits are not a barrier to participation!

For more information please contact:

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Welcome Kimberly



Kimberly Yost Moyer has been named the new Chief Development Officer for Our Family Services.

Moyer joins Our Family after most recently serving as Senior Director of Development at Chestnut Hill

College, Philadelphia, PA since 2016. In her role, she oversaw all areas of institutional advancement including major and planned giving, stewardship, prospect research, and events.

New to Tucson, Moyer brings more than 20 years of nonprofit management and fundraising experience to Our Family Services to oversee the organization's philanthropic programs, endeavors and activities.

Kimberly can be reached at:
kmoyer@ourfamilyservices.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gather the Elders 2020: Our Stories, Our Lives

Gather the Elders is for people who are past childhood and adulthood, and who want to explore the gifts and opportunities that elderhood may hold.

Friday, January 24, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tucson Jewish Community Center

Learn more at:
ourfamilyservices.org

Please note: The Center for Community Dialogue & Training has welcomed a new manager, Joanna Marroquin, jmarroquin@ourfamilyservices.org

AMCF Big Hearts 3rd Annual Family Fun Rainbow Run

The whole family is invited to this non-competitive color run/walk benefiting Our Family Services. Register before December 31st to receive discounted pricing and a free long sleeve white t-shirt.

Saturday, February 15, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Reid Park - Ramada 10

Learn more at:
facebook.com/bh4lhtucson/



In 2020 Our Family Services cordially invites you to

LEAP OVER THE LUNCHEON

This year we're LEAPING over our luncheon and giving you the day off!
This is an opportunity to support Our Family Services without getting dressed up or trying to find parking downtown.

DON'T
This year only, please [^]join us on Leap Day,
February 29th for our Non-Event.

Instead of feeding you lunch, we will feed and house hundreds of homeless youth and families. The extra time is a gift to you!

Can't get enough of Our Family Services? Not to worry! All of our Leap Day "attendees" are invited to the **After Party** on April 1st, for an evening of cocktails, appetizers, and music to celebrate your support.

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Our Family's Senior Leadership

Beth Morrison, Chief Executive Officer
Joan Hubele, Chief Financial Officer
Laurie Mazerbo, Chief Program Officer
Kimberly Yost Moyer, Chief Development Officer

Our Family's Board of Directors

Michael Beals, Andrea Carmichael, Joseph Chimienti,
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Our Family qualifies for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit!

Joint filers can donate \$800 and single filers \$400 for a dollar-for-dollar credit on your 2019 taxes. Make your gift at: ourfamilyservices.org/donate



Our Family Services publishes this newsletter three times a year. If you no longer wish to receive it, please let us know.

Tucson-Pima Awarded \$4.5 Million Grant To End Youth Homelessness

In September it was announced that Tucson and Pima County homeless youth will soon have more housing options resulting from a \$4.5 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant award. The grant aims to aid community efforts to stop youth homelessness throughout Pima County and in the city of Tucson. The community was chosen in addition to 22 other communities nationwide as part of a \$75 million grant program.

The grant will be used to fund several housing options for Pima County homeless younger than age 25. The Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH), which helped more than 1,200 homeless area youth from 2017 to 2018, will run the award. The organization is a coalition

of nonprofits, local government agencies, community volunteers, businesses and local residents who have been homeless.

TPCH's lead agency is the City of Tucson's Housing and Community Development department, which will work closely with the organization in charge of the project's coordination, Our Family Services. "For years, our community has imagined what it might look like to have no young people living on the streets. For the first time, we will have the resources we need to make that vision a reality," said Our Family Services CEO Beth Morrison.

A comprehensive plan for stopping Tucson and Pima County youth homelessness will be developed during the next few months, as TPCH



works with schools, nonprofits, local businesses, workforce programs, child welfare agencies and area youth who have been homeless. The project is expected to launch more youth housing services within the next year throughout Pima County, the City of Tucson reported.

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