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Welcome Jamie! Our Family's New CEO

We are happy to announce that we have selected our next great leader. Jamie Snyder joined Our Family as chief executive officer on January 3, 2022. Jamie brings with her a wealth of nonprofit experience in organizations that provide shelter, housing, and emergency services. She has 15 years of non-profit experience including management and operational oversight in areas such as administration, fund development, social services, crisis services, housing, emergency shelter, and community-based programs. Most recently Jamie led TMM Family Services right here in Tucson as President/CEO. She holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice and a graduate degree in Criminology with an emphasis in Social Justice from Northern Arizona University.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve OFS and to support the organization's vision of a socially and economically just community where everyone has a safe, affordable, and



stable home. Last year, OFS served 3,384 individuals through programs serving youth and families experiencing homelessness and the Reunion House program, the only emergency shelter of its kind operating in southern Arizona, meets a critical need to provide safe shelter for LGBTQ youth," said Jamie. "I am honored to join the OFS team of talented staff, community partners, and board members, who advocate for social change and who bring awareness to the need for critical

housing services in Southern Arizona."

As a lifelong Southern Arizonan, Jamie has a deep connection to the area. After pursuing her passion for social justice and earning her degrees at NAU, she returned to Tucson to raise her family in the vibrant community that she has always loved. She has dedicated herself to serving in the nonprofit field so that, "my home would also be a safe, welcoming, and equitable home for all youth and families." In her free time, Jamie enjoys long distance runs, challenging CrossFit workouts, traveling, and baking for her two young sons.

"The board of directors is delighted to welcome Jamie as CEO for Our Family Services. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion and commitment to serving families and youth experiencing homelessness," said Geneva Escobedo, Our Family Services board chair. "We look forward to her leadership and to building greater success for Our Family."

Church Gift Makes Big Impact at Reunion House

Casas Adobes Congregational Church led by Pastor Michael Bush once again stepped up in support of Our Family Services with their Multiplying Our Gifts Campaign. The Ministry of Mission and Outreach (MMO) chaired by Dave Brown with members Jane Spande and Kari Collins reached out to Our Family wanting to offer their

support again this year. Through an online tour of Reunion House, Our Family's shelter for youth 12-17, the congregation was able to see firsthand the facility where runaway and homeless youth are provided safe and stable shelter. Last year's Multiplying Our Gifts Campaign went to support Eviction Prevention and this year the MMO

wanted to work as a congregation to help youth in our community. An initial gift of \$40,000 was received on Giving Tuesday with additional gifts received to reach a total of over \$84,000 toward Reunion House! All of us at Our Family are grateful to Casas Adobes Congregational Church and the amazing work they do to support community partners.

Jamie's Corner



At the start of every new year, I am reminded of the opportunity for change, transformation, and growth. I have embarked on my very own journey of transformation as I

settle into the first few weeks as the new CEO of Our Family Services.

Throughout this transition, I find myself reflecting on my deep feelings of gratitude and appreciation for the organization's commitment to serving the community, the dedication and selfless giving of donors and volunteers, and the collaborative efforts of our community partners. Just this morning, I shared a meal with a couple who has been supporting OFS every year for the last 28 years! My days here at OFS have been filled with touching stories of OFS supporters going above and beyond to care for their neighbors. With your help, OFS was able to provide shelter to an average of 571 people per night in FY22. That's 571 people, who are experiencing their own journey of change and growth in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment.

I am inspired and in awe of the power of our community to lift each other up and to care for our neighbors during an ongoing and ever-changing global pandemic environment. Thank you for your investment in our organization and our journey of growth. We simply could not do this work without you!

Jamie Snyder
Chief Executive Officer



MISSION: POSSIBLE

Save the Date!

Our Family Services cordially invites you to join us for Mission: Possible, A Virtual Celebration, benefiting our mission to eliminate homelessness and strengthen our community on

Friday, April 29, 2022.

Your support of Mission: Possible will enable us to house more youth and families experiencing homelessness than ever before. Join us to meet our new CEO, Jamie Snyder, hear from our community sponsors and learn about the programs impacting homelessness. Together, this Mission is Possible!

Sponsorship opportunities are available! For more information, please visit: ourfamilyservices.org/event/mission-possible

2022 Directory of Community Resources Now Available

The directory connects people to thousands of resources right here in Pima County and can be purchased for just \$40 online on Amazon. Community members can also dial 2-1-1 to speak to an information specialist for referrals to organizations that help with health care, food boxes, legal assistance, counseling, parenting classes, animal services, and much more. For more information, please visit: ourfamilyservices.org/information-referral

Our Family's Senior Leadership

Jamie Snyder, Chief Executive Officer
David Hagan, Chief Financial Officer
Laurie Mazerbo, Chief Program Officer
Kimberly Yost Moyer, Chief Development Officer

Our Family's Board of Directors

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Julian Easter, Geneva Escobedo, Jessica Hayes,
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In Memory of Melissa Suba



Our Family is deeply grateful for Melissa's 23 years of excellent volunteer service.

Melissa regularly held donation drives and even organized a mobile dental clinic day for Our Family clients. One such drive has become an Our Family legend; Melissa went above and beyond by personally renting a U-Haul which she filled with donated paper goods and delivered to Our Family. In 2018 Melissa was recognized as volunteer of the year at the Our Family Spring Luncheon. We extend our deepest condolences to Melissa's family and friends. Her bright smile, kindness and generosity will be dearly missed.

Jump Start 2022 with New Trainings at the Center

Our Family's Center for Community Dialogue & Training is excited to announce their new trainings.

WORTHY You Are: Self Empowerment Series: This 6 course series focuses on what it means to know one's worth mentally, physically, emotionally, spirituality, and environmentally.

Lunch N' Learn – Family Communication Series: This online series is for busy parents who want to improve their communication and conflict resolution parenting skills, but can't spare much more than a lunch hour.

Conflict and the Police: This training is for people who have found themselves questioning whether or not to call the police when a conflict arises.

To learn more and to register, visit:
ourfamilyservices.org/training

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to the following foundations, clubs, and businesses who donated or held fundraisers for Our Family from September 1 through December 31, 2021.

AmazonSmile Foundation
Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation
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Casas Adobes Congregational Church
City of Tucson ECAP
Connie Hillman Family Foundation
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Support Our Family with Trust and Confidence

We're excited to share that we have earned a 2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency with Candid (formerly GuideStar). We are also a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity. This means that you can rest assured that any gift you make to Our Family is handled with the utmost financial responsibility and transparency.

Visit our Candid and Better Business Bureau profiles to learn more:

[guidestar.org/profile/94-2598560](https://www.guidestar.org/profile/94-2598560)

[bbb.org/charity-reviews/tucson/our-family-services-inc-in-tucson-az-1600](https://www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/tucson/our-family-services-inc-in-tucson-az-1600)

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Arizona Gives Day Returns April 5-6, 2022!

Arizona Gives Day is an annual giving movement uniting nonprofits big and small, new and established, to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Arizona through online giving.

Your support of Our Family on Arizona Gives Day will enable us to continue to provide safe housing to 550 of our most vulnerable neighbors nightly, up from 470 individuals housed per night just last year.

To learn more and to make your Arizona Gives Day gift, please visit: azgives.org/ourfamilyservices