

Word on the Street

Sedona Area Homeless Alliance

Mission Statement

To create Projects, Programs and Services that Protect, Advocate for and Empower those in our local homeless community.

Sedona Area Homeless Alliance offers ways to address the immediate needs of the homeless and mobilizes the community to help create long term and permanent solutions.

Vision

...to create a new model of reconnecting those experiencing homelessness in Sedona and the Verde Valley back to their communities

Homeless in Sedona~A Community Meeting

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On Thursday July 19th the Sedona Area Homeless Alliance is sponsoring a Community Meeting at the Sedona Public Library, a Town Hall so to speak.

The meeting will begin at 7:00pm with an informative presentation about the many issues intertwined in the subject of local homelessness.

As we look at the struggles within the homeless community and create ways to help, at the same time we have to look at the different ways the homeless community impact the homed community and let that also help guide us to bring more balance in the entire community.

There are many layers to both the issues *and* the answers regarding our local homeless population and the fast growing number of transient homeless that travel through Sedona.

This will be a combination of an informative presentation, lively discussion and Q&A time that just might surprise you!

We'll talk about crime, police sweeps, mental health, legalities, how do we help those in need, what are their needs, how does homelessness impact the homed community, health and safety issues, panhandling and more.

Information from the Sedona Area Homeless Alliance, the Mental Health Coalition of Verde Valley, and the Sedona Police Department will offer a balance to ensure that we are looking at the subject from multiple directions.

This meeting is for ALL Sedona community members regardless of where you stand on this issue. Homelessness is not going to just disappear and it is the responsibility of each community to create the answers that best fit for them.

Do you think that there should be a Homeless Shelter in Sedona? Why? or Why not?

Encourage your friends, family and coworkers to attend. Invite those community leaders that you want to be part of this important conversation! Help Us get the word out!

There will be 100 seats that we would Love to fill with community members that can and will push this mission forward!

Sam Barreda

The meeting begins at 7:00pm but please come early to get a seat, enjoy some refreshments and to listen to the beautiful acoustic music performed by the awesome Sam Barreda.





Through Lens of Love

In an effort to protect, build trust, and honor those we serve it is rare that we identify someone that is in the homeless community.

There have been more and more requests, however for us to do so it must be only with the permission of each individual.

“Through the Lens of Love” will be a permanent addition to SAHAs monthly newsletter and we hope that it gives you a deeper sense of both the struggle and the beauty of the amazing souls that we have fallen in Love with.



Adam Wilson
(Narwal)

Meet Adam...sweetest soul, was part of the very first group of people that we offered “Cold Night Shelter” to.

It was literally a few weeks after SAHA was founded and it was colder than most winters. We were very much in the learning stages and of course our policy was no alcohol on property and everyone was asked to sign an agreement to that.

Adam was experiencing addiction but gladly signed the agreement because he was so grateful to be warm. Also as per the agreement those sheltering generally leave the space by 9:00a.m.

Because the temperature was just so bitter cold, staying under freezing during the day which is rare for Sedona, the very generous person that was allowing us to use the space, realizing it was just too cold to ask everyone to be outside for the day allowed everyone to stay in. And out of respect of our agreement Adam did not drink on property but also did not go to get a drink off property.

By day 2 he was experiencing the “Shakes” which was terrifying and we learned quickly that serving is about protecting and not judging. We changed our “no alcohol” policy to reflect a more compassionate way of treating someone we are there to help.

Beginning that night and without waiver Adam was part of our hearts and mission. He would leave for a few months at a time and then return saying he needed to be with his street family as something kept calling him back.

The last time we saw Adam he was heading to California and wanting relief from addiction. It was just weeks later that he was found on the sidewalk unable to be revived as he was waiting to enter rehab.... very difficult words to type.

We are sharing Adam with you with the permission of his grieving Mother, Robin 

You are dearly Loved Adam, thank you for teaching us how to Love unconditionally.

We Are Able to Serve Because of You

SAHA serves those in need because of community donations

As a NonProfit 501(c)3 that does not accept government funding ...and who is also a Volunteer Organization we *REALLY* count on You!

Since 2015 Every penny, Every item and Every meal has come from you, our generous and compassionate community.

Please consider donating to this very important community service, without you we can do nothing.

We are actively searching for a building in West Sedona to offer our Day Services and simultaneously raising funds to cover a lease.

You can donate by

going to our website www.sedonahomeless.org

or

to PayPal sedonahomeless@gmail.com

or

mail your check to SAHA POBox 1411 Sedona, AZ 86336

THANK YOU 

♥ Calling All Volunteers 📢

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION OFFERED JULY 21ST

Sedona Area Homeless Alliance is offering a

Volunteer Orientation

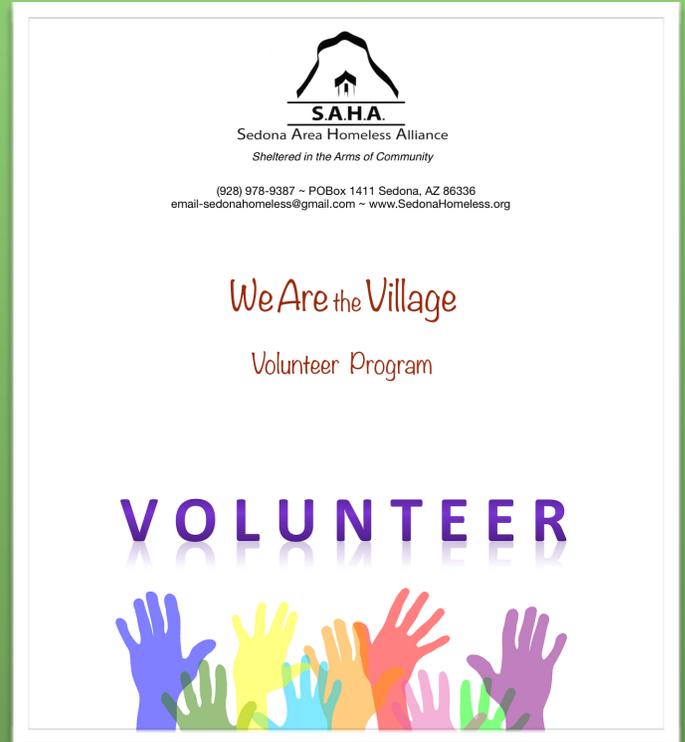
July 21st 3:30-5:00pm

Volunteer opportunities include

- Administrative
- Project Coordinators
- Donation Collection
- Street Outreach
- Fundraising
- Event Volunteers
- Social Media
- Volunteer Program Coordinator
- Marketing
- Newsletter
- and more

Get In Where You Fit In ♥

Register here <https://www.facebook.com/events/236699396929021/?ti=icl>
or contact us at (928) 978-9387 or www.SedonaHomeless.org



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