

The Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless exists to be an expression of the presence of Christ among the homeless population in the Valley. We do this by ministries of presence, direct service, advocacy, and spirituality in order to assist homeless people in their effort to rebuild their lives.



# STREET-WORTHY

## ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY FOR THE HOMELESS

June 2003  
Hours: 9am-1pm  
(Mon. -Thurs.)

### “Stats”

<u>2002</u>	<u>January to May</u>	<u>2003</u>
373	AZ License or ID	594
195)	Birth Certificates	221
35)	Hygiene Kits	361
51	Socks	523

### “Wish List”

- Large Print Bibles
- Regular volunteers to extend service to Friday & keep service reliable all week
- 2-line cordless phone
- **“Basic Hygiene Needs”**
- Toothbrushes & Paste
- Razors
- Small ziplock bags of laundry soap

### Welcome New Board Members!

Emory Wellman

Mia Merrick

Cynthia Svatora

Sam Buford

## “Chat’s with the Chaplain”

Many have asked what the impact of moving the ten blocks to our new location has been. Although there have been some challenges, to move was definitely the right decision. When we first left the Historic First Presbyterian Church building after many years of close association, we gave up a number of things, including space and time flexibility. It has meant discontinuing clothing distribution, (except socks) not having restrooms for the homeless to use, and not serving coffee and pastry in the morning. Though these seem like big losses to our program, we made the decision knowing that a few blocks away are three “clothes closets,” Andre House, Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, and St. Vincent de Paul. We are close to the restrooms at C.A.S.S. and Andre House, and are working on getting coffee, pastry and fruit served nearby.

In five months we’ve been on Madison, we’ve had 410 more contacts than the same period last year, of which 105 were first time visitors to the Chaplaincy. Those figures for JUST THE MONTH OF MAY were 159 and 34. We are reaching more homeless every day, and are making a difference. Friends are always wondering how we know we are helping, and truthfully most of the people who succeed in getting off the street don’t let us know how they’re doing. We have not yet started reunions of folks the Chaplaincy has helped, (it would be a large crowd) but we do find out in various ways...

My desk faces a window out to our waiting area. Several times a week, someone will come up to the window to show me an I.D. we got for them, or their first paycheck. Many people show their gratitude by coming in to the Chaplaincy before we open and cleaning up the waiting area or offices.

[One day] I was with a client, and a young man rushed past all the volunteers and barged into my office. Breathlessly, he handed me a \$10 dollar bill and said, “I want to pay you back for my Food Handler’s Card. I got a job in a restaurant, and my own apartment. Thanks for getting me off the street.” Without another word, he left the Chaplaincy, all smiles.

The other day, a member of the Chaplaincy’s flock called to say she was in the hospital. On my way to visit her, I stopped at a local convenience store. When I got to the counter, the clerk yelled, “Hey Chaplain! Remember me? Minnesota I.D. I got this job and my own place! Thanks!”

So, as you can see, many people are getting a new chance at life, thanks to your generosity. We provide the key. Identification is the first step on the road to getting off the street.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT RECENTLY RECEIVED

### OUR GRATITUDE EXTENDED TO...

\*The Arizona Diamondbacks

\*Desert Hills Presbyterian Church

\*The Slater Family

\*Trinity Cathedral

\*Rio Verde Community Church

### ALL SEASON NEEDS

Socks, Socks, Socks, SOCKS!!

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## SUCCESS!

(We are always excited to hear from former clients who are doing well!)

Hi Dave,

I cannot begin to thank you and everyone at "The Chaplaincy" for your

help and kindness and in particular your own personal expenditures for me. I am a very lucky man to have met you and will keep in touch with you, at least via email. Sister Eleanor helped me successfully [to] get a bus ticket

to Albuquerque for late this evening. Please thank her for me. Please tell Neil, Betty, Dave Dzuback, and Walter thanks as well.

Cheers, my friend!

"K"

## Thank you, thank you...

*To all our wonderful regular volunteers who show up week after week and do all the work... you're the best!*

To **Dave Kidder** of Armature.net, who is rewriting our data collection and client tracking program to make it more useful, and for the computer!

**Roland Fontaine** for the computer monitor, key board and office supplies.

**George and Marge Slater** who arranged for HUNDREDS of hy-

giene kits to be delivered from Minnesota.

**Desert Hills Presbyterian Church** for 100+ hygiene kits (and more on the way)!

**Jim Claycomb** for his beautiful artwork...drawing "The Key" logo, and giving us a wonderful watercolor of the picture.

**Chompies** for providing dozens of bagels every Thursday.

**Steve and Sandy Ketterer** for researching and designing our new referral list and map!

**An Anonymous Donor** for a new printer, palm pilot, phone cards for clients, office supplies and equipment.