



RIO FRESCO HEALING CENTER

COMMUNITY MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2023



AGENDA

- **Community Partnership**
- **Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) Overview**
- **Homelessness Data**
- **Healing Center Vision**
- **Healing Center Services**
- **Project Site Overview & Timeline**



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Rachel Milne
Director, Office of Homeless Solutions
City of Phoenix

Detective Aaron Raine
Homeless Resource Coordinator
Police Liaison to City Manager
Mesa Police Department



WHO ARE WE?

- **Founded in Mesa in 1982**
- **40 Years of Service**
- **1996: 1 Program, 1 Contract**
 - **1 Location, 20 Employees**
- **2002: EVAC became Community Bridges Inc. (CBI)**
- **2022: 87 Programs and 1,700 employees**



Mesa



East Valley Alcoholism
Council (EVAC)



Our Mission:

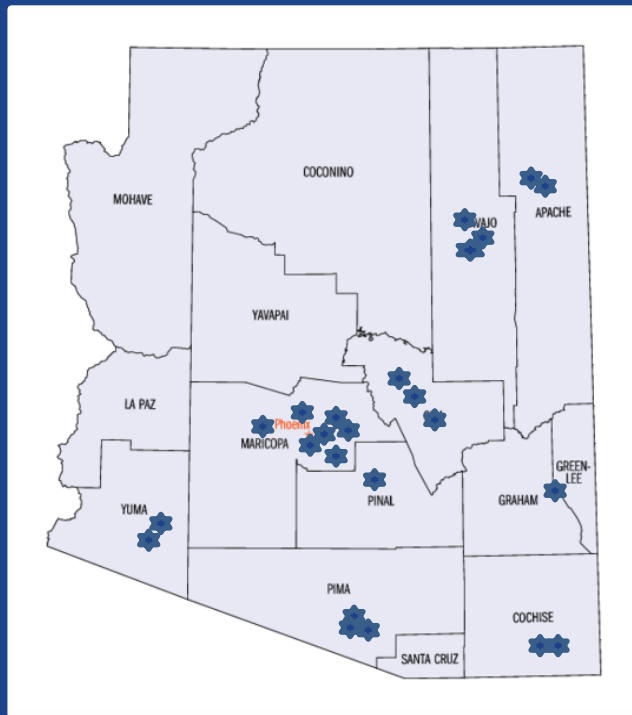
To maintain the dignity of human life.

Our Purpose:

To be an agent of positive change
in our communities.

LOCATIONS ALL ACROSS ARIZONA

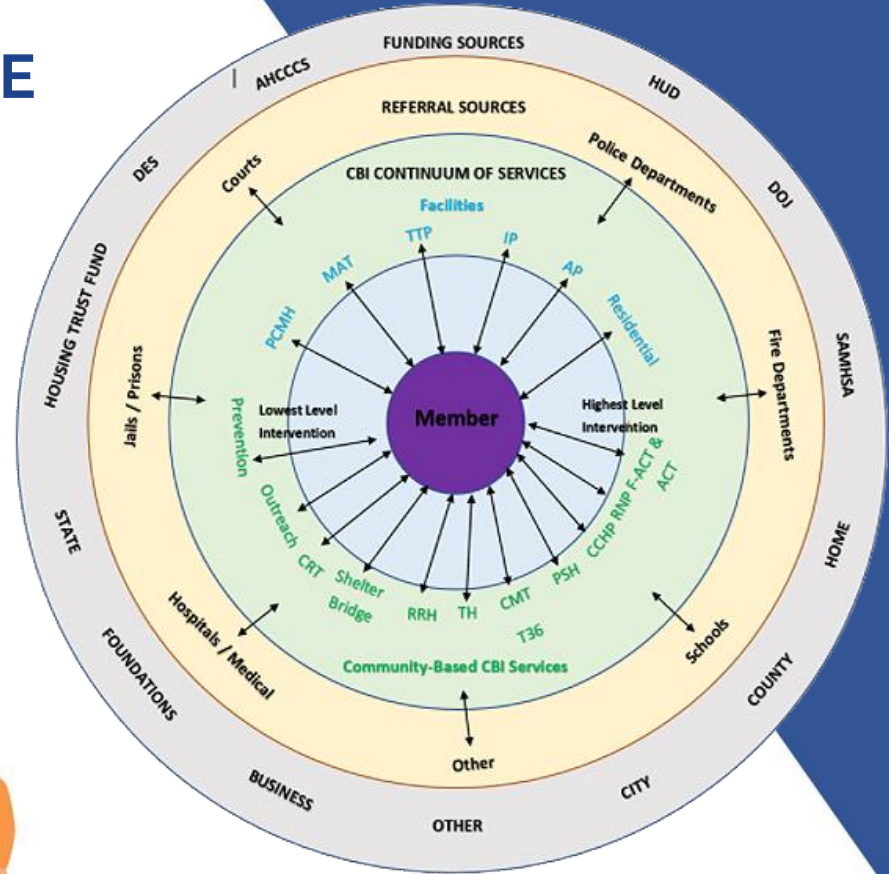
- Crisis Observation (5)
- Inpatient Facilities (7)
- Urban Transition Points (2)
- Rural Transition Points (3)
- Residential (4)
- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT/ACT) Teams (5)
- Crisis Mobile Teams (12)
- Patient Centered Medical Homes (8)
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services
- Bridge Housing/Shelter (7)
- Community Based Outreach/Navigation
- Peer Support Services
- Housing



THE MEMBER ACCESSING THE CBI CONTINUUM OF CARE

POPULATIONS SERVED

- Mental Health (Serious Mental Health)
- Substance Use, or
 - Co-Occurring
- Homelessness
- Low-Income/Very-Low Income
- Criminal Justice Involved
- Veterans
- Women and Children
- Adolescents
- Users of First Responders
- Tribal



CBI ECOSYSTEM





RIO FRESCO HEALING CENTER PROJECT

Rise in Homelessness

Total PIT Count, 2016-2022

Unsheltered Sheltered



Source: Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care PIT Count, 2016-2022

*The PIT Count was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic

2022 PIT Count Total

9,026

people experiencing homelessness
in Maricopa County on the night of
January 24, 2022



44%
Sheltered

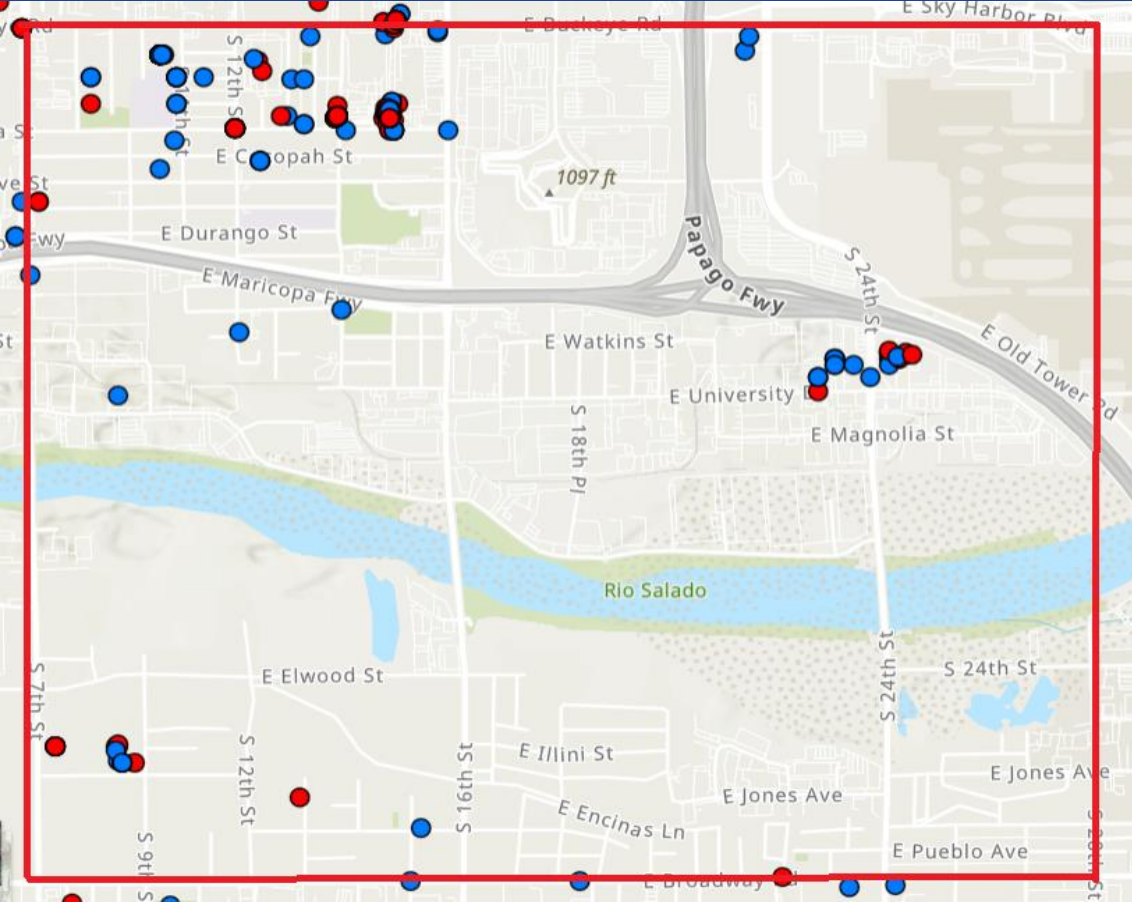
in Emergency Shelter,
Transitional Housing,
or Safe Haven Programs



56%
Unsheltered

on the streets or other
place not meant for
human habitation

Most Recent Homeless Census 2022-2023



OUTREACH SUMMARY REPORT	
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Date Range 1/2022 - 1/2023	
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Area of Interest: 7th St to 28th St and Broadway to Buckeye	
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Total Contacted (Latest Encounters Only):	304
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Age Range:	
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Older Adults (age 62 and older)	50
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Adult (Age 25 - 61)	233
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Young Adults (18-24)	19
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Children (Age 17 and Younger)	2
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Veteran Status	

No	275
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UnKown	1
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Yes	28
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Chronic Status	
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No	155
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Yes	149
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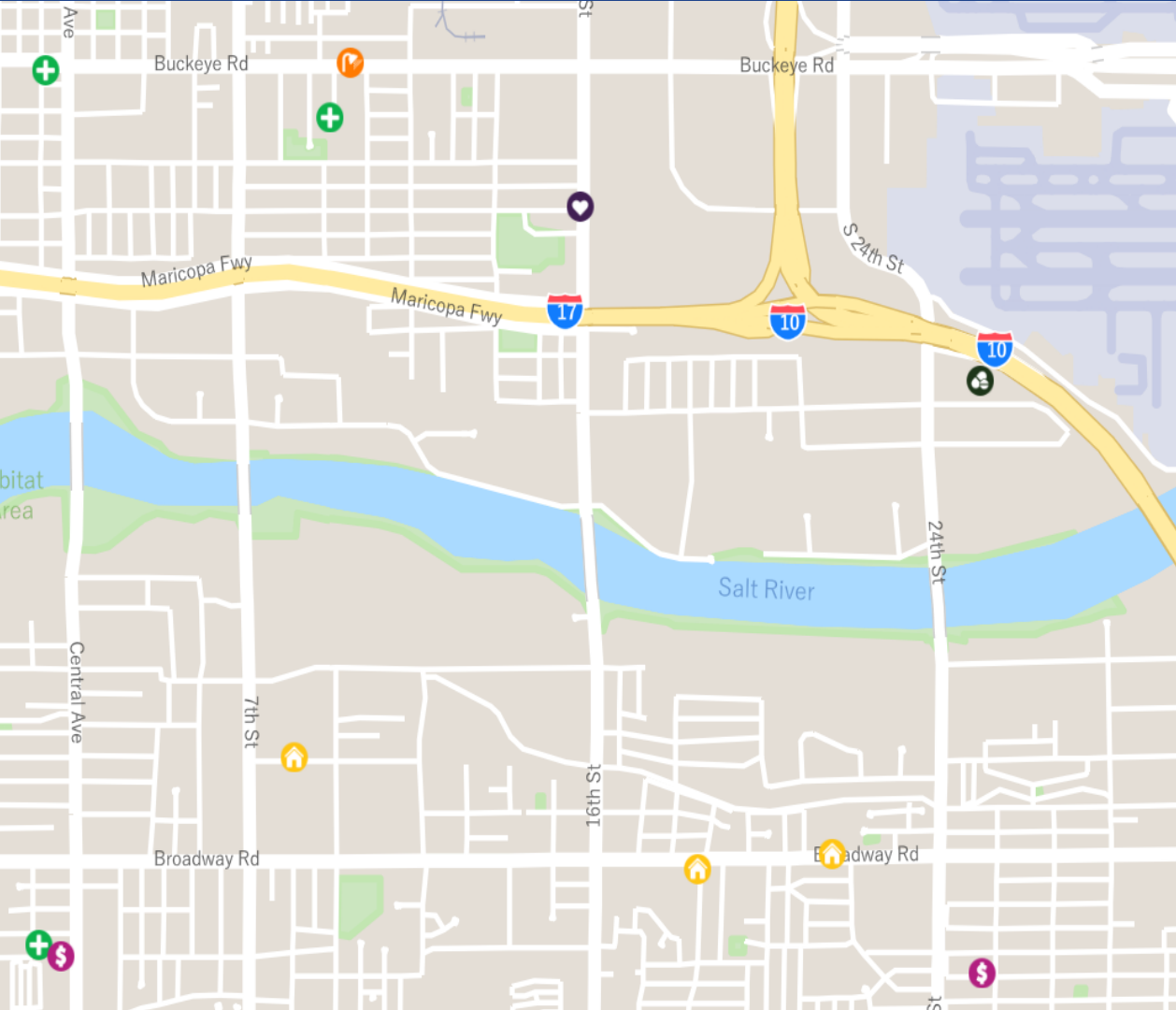
Gender:	

Male	167
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Female	135
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Unknown	1
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Female, Transgender	1
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HOMELESSNESS ASSETS IN THE LOCAL AREA

- Coordinated Entry
- Shelters
- Housing
- Food
- Clothing/Hygiene
- Health Care/Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Financial Assistance
- Employment
- Legal
- Transportation Assistance
- Pets
- Other



CBI PROJECT SITE

- Rio Fresco Healing Center
- 2425 S. 24th Street
- Phoenix, AZ 85034
- 62,000± sq. ft
- 3.43± ACRES of Land
- Zoned A-2 Light Industrial
- \$12.5 Million Acquisition

HEALING CENTER

- Total of 117 rooms
 - Prioritized for individuals identified to be experiencing street homelessness in the outreach area of interest
 - Unsheltered prioritization
 - Local precinct prioritization
 - Local business prioritization
 - No Walk-Up Access; Referral Based through Community Hotline
- Mental Health Treatment, Substance Use Treatment, Physical Health Services, Peer Support, Groups, Counseling
- 24/7 On Site Security with Camera Access
- Dedicated Phone Line for Local Businesses
- Coordinated Efforts with South Mountain Precinct



NAVIGATION SERVICES

- Coordination into Mental Health Treatment, Substance Use Treatment, Physical Health Services, Peer Support, Groups, Counseling
- Document Ready (ID, birth certificate, social security)
- Expedited access to Social Security Disability Income (SSI/SSDI)
- Street Outreach in the area of interest
- VI-SPDAT (Assessment to determine the appropriate housing intervention)
- Housing application and housing search assistance
- Independent living skills, budgeting, employment
- Benefits, (ESNAPS, AHCCCS)
- Placement Services (transitional living, halfway house, emergency shelter, diversion)



MEMBER STORY

- Homeless for greater than 90 days but less than one year
- 21 Interactions with Phoenix Police in 6-month period while on streets
- Declined current shelter options
- Moved off streets to hotel within 8 days of enrollment
- Housed in apartment through Rapid Re-housing within 90 days

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Established Zoning Stipulations
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- Restrictions on Use per Contracted Scope of Work
- Performance Reporting/ Certification of Continuing Use

HEALING CENTER TIMELINE

- November 2022 – Execute Hotel Booking Agreement
- February 2023 – Community Outreach
- February 2023 – Community Meetings
- May 2023 – Pending Receipt of Special Permit
- May 2023 – Potential Close on Purchase of the Property

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

- General Information: email at info@cbridges.com
- Call the CBI Rio Fresco Community Line at [\(602\) 361-2689](tel:(602)361-2689)
- Dedicated Website: <https://RioFrescoHealingCenter.com/>

