



Do You Have
a Heart to Heal?



Then join us!

Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona
Medical Respite Center for Men & Women
Experiencing Homelessness

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Just imagine



...recovering from surgery in an alley.

...recuperating after pneumonia on a dusty sidewalk.

...managing medications or a special diet out
of an overloaded cart.

In Tucson today, many homeless men and women leave the hospital and return to the streets. It is their only home, but no place to live, and, unquestionably, no place to recover.

The result is sick and suffering people on our streets, more vulnerable than ever and in danger of complications that could send them back to the hospital. Where the cycle could begin again.

But it doesn't have to.



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There is a great need for medical respite care for the homeless in Tucson. Most people leaving the hospital can go home to recuperate, but homeless people can't do that. They go back to the streets or to a shelter that is not at all set up to care for them. It's so frustrating for me as a nurse to see these people who are sick go back into a setting where they cannot possibly care for themselves and recover.

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—Jean Fedigan,
Executive Director,
Sister Jose Women's Center





Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona is leading a community effort to establish a medical respite center in Tucson where men and women experiencing homelessness may recuperate from an acute condition or illness after receiving medical intervention or hospital care.

The benefits of such a center are undeniable—better health outcomes for at risk women and men, a more efficient and effective healthcare system, and enhanced quality of life for everyone in the community.



The Need in Tucson

Catholic Community Services has served people of all beliefs throughout Southern Arizona since 1933, responding to individual, family and community needs. Recently, CCS conducted a needs assessment and found that each year in Tucson an estimated 1,500 homeless adults need medical respite care. Among that number are roughly 365 homeless men and women who suffer acute medical conditions and would be best served by a medical respite stay of 35 to 45 days.



Medical Respite Center for Men & Women Experiencing Homelessness

The Medical Respite Center will be a place of healing, love, and hope for up to 48 homeless men and women every day, with:

- men's and women's dormitories
- meals and special diet accommodations
- medical care provided by El Rio Health
- follow-up care and care management
- personal care and medication management
- recovery and peer support
- accommodations for patients' pets
- day rooms and a chapel
- access to housing and social services



first floor

second floor

The Medical Respite Center has been designed as a 15,000 square foot, two-story building. Thanks to the support of Mr. Humberto Lopez, a long-time supporter of CCS, and his HSLopez Family Foundation, the facility will be located on the campus of the Gospel Rescue Mission's Center for Opportunity on S. Palo Verde near I-10.



Have a Heart to Heal And Join Our Campaign

Tucson has the heart to heal, with so many wonderful people and organizations that care deeply about the community and all its members. That's why we are appealing to everyone we can to help build Tucson's first dedicated Medical Respite Center for Homeless Men and Women.

We are already within the final \$1 million needed for our \$6.8 million construction goal, but many naming opportunities are still available. Additionally, we have begun raising funds for our start-up operations, and for endowments to support the program and facility maintenance in perpetuity. We welcome and invite you to help us on this journey to build our new Center with a gift or pledge.

To join us, please complete a pledge card, visit <https://www.ccs-soaz.org/> and click on "New Medical Respite Center" or call us at 520-670-0809.

OUR JOURNEY TO BUILD

A Place of Love & Healing



Medical Respite Center

For Men & Women Experiencing Homelessness



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