

GOD AT WORK

A CELEBRATION OF A YEAR'S PROVISION AND PROGRESS



Dear Friends,

Each year, we love to share how God has been working in our ministry in the previous twelve months. As I reflect on 2022, God did some amazing foundational work. In the pages ahead I hope you'll recognize how God laid the foundation for renewed spiritual growth in the men, women, and children who called House of Refuge Sunnyslope their home during the year.

God also had us dig deep to build a foundation for the future. We purchased a new property that contained nine parcels, basically half of a city block, just 150 yards from our main campus. The miracles lined up for us to purchase this property, doubling the number of people we can serve in a clean, safe, Christ-filled home. This foundation will lay the groundwork for a more impactful ministry with our mission to accomplish three simple things daily: Love. House. Equip.

In Christ,

Julie Supplee
CEO



This book was created especially for you.

*Thank you for being a part of our vision to
provide a home of restoration and share
God's promise of an eternal home.*



AT A GLANCE

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want to read about.*

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A Praise :

2023 - 35TH YEAR OF
PROVIDING SAFE,
CHRIST-FILLED
HOUSING.

God shall supply my every need.

Philippians 4:19



Our Why

Sobering Statistics

**RIGHT NOW, OVER 9,000 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS.
AND THAT IS JUST HERE, IN MARICOPA COUNTY.**

- 56% of those people are sleeping on the streets with no access to basic needs, a 22% increase in the past year.
- Nearly 2,000 children and their families are impacted by these sobering realities.

These heartbreaking statistics are why we are so passionate about our mission here at House of Refuge Sunnyslope. Here, those experiencing homelessness are given opportunities to rebuild their life. Your partnership helps us provide housing, meals, fellowship, and career services. Everything our residents need to beat homelessness.

WHERE WE FIT AND HOW WE **SERVE.**

The 4 Phases of Homelessness

Phase 1: Hidden

When someone is temporarily living with others (or 'couch-surfing') with friends or relatives because they lack other housing opportunities.

Phase 2: Transitional

When someone is currently in a shelter or temporary housing program for a specific time.

Phase 3: Episodic

When someone is currently homeless and has experienced at least three periods of homelessness in the previous year.

Phase 4: Chronic

When someone is continuously homeless for a year or more or has had a minimum of four episodes of homelessness in the previous three years.

House of Refuge Sunnyslope serves those in the most prevalent category of homelessness: **transitional**. People in this phase of homelessness have often been hit with a catastrophic life event or sudden life change. This can be due to a life of addiction, job loss or domestic violence just to mention a few of many different circumstances.

By reaching those in phase 2, we can help prevent the decline into deeper homelessness. Our Vision for Victory methodology has helped thousands of individuals in transitional homelessness find their pathway to a sustainable life.



*A plan to experience a resilient,
Christ-focused and thriving life*

VISION FOR VICTORY

Vision for Victory

Vision for Victory is a plan to experience a resilient,
Christ-focused, and thriving life.

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor 15:57

OPEN TO GOD

- ▶ Willing to Listen
- ▶ Curiosity
- ▶ Desire to Learn

TEACHABLE

- ▶ Willing to Listen
- ▶ Willing to Consider
- ▶ Willing to Act

SEEK HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- ▶ Boundaries for Unhealthy
- ▶ Restoring Healthy
- ▶ Forming New

DESIRE FINANCIAL STABILITY

- ▶ Consistent Fulltime Employment
- ▶ Ability to Budget
- ▶ Exit Strategy

HOW WE WALK THAT VISION OUT:

Love

We welcome all who desire a place to live, have the ability to work, and a desire for vision for victory in their life. We share God's love through multiple Bible studies throughout the week where mentors are paired up with residents to walk alongside them and point them to Christ.

House

We provide Christ-centered housing through three programs: Working Men, Working Women, and Working Moms and their Children. They work full-time and pay program fees at a subsidized rate. The residential stay of 1-2 years allows them time to work on their Vision for Victory, a plan to experience a resilient, Christ-focused, and thriving life.

Equip

Beginning their first month, we identify residents' needs through case management to equip them with the right services, and we work with them on their Vision for Victory plan to successfully move on from our program. We partner with agencies such as AZ at Work and St. Joseph the Worker to quickly equip residents with full-time jobs. Beyond work, we also teach life skills like budgeting and relationship boundaries. Residents in good standing also have access to dental, scholarships, career and counseling programs. We also provide spiritual equipping through Bible studies and volunteer mentors.

*See our Love. House. Equip. Stats for
2022 on page 14*

2022 Accomplishments

2022 was a year of building the
foundation for the future...



HOUSING MORE PEOPLE

A new property purchase giving us 22 additional apartments will enable us to almost double the number of people we can serve every day. We embarked on a process of planning and renovating these 22 units, which will provide housing for women and children. These renovations are being made possible by generous donors, churches and foundations and will be completed in May of 2023.

This significant growth brings our capacity to approximately 120 people, roughly, one third men, one third women, and one third children.



CELEBRATING THROUGH RECOVERY

For many years, we have had a weekly Celebrate Recovery class for our men, in 2022 we added this for our women as well. Celebrate Recovery® is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, hang-ups and habits of any kind. These weekly meetings have fostered spiritual growth, community, and healing - key foundational items for independent living. Last year, our residents attended 568 Celebrate Recovery classes.

HOPE THROUGH MENTORS

We continue to seek and develop more tools for our volunteer mentors. At the end of 2022, we had 33 mentors paired up one on one with one of our residents; men with men, women with women. Mentors began working through an 8 section Guidebook designed around our Vision for Victory to establish a new life direction.

LAUNCH OF ALUMNI PROGRAM

Several years ago in our strategic plan, we recognized the need to help some of our residents with another step to independence. This need became more urgent and we launched our Alumni Program with five apartments. Residents apply for this program and demonstrate their proven success at setting and reaching personal goals. Residents can stay 6 months, establish their own utility accounts, yet still stay plugged into our community once a week.





2022
Love. House. Equip.

Purple

Let's look at the Statistics



LOVE.

*259 men, women, and children had housing and felt safe,
loved, and hopeful
(11% Increase from 2021)*

*64 children had stability, critical for childhood
development
(68% Increase from 2021)*

*13,930 hours of service lovingly provided
by volunteers
(18% Increase from 2021)*

*98% of residents said they learned more about
God
(5% Increase from 2021)*

*97% of residents said they learned how to
handle relationships in a healthier way
(12% Increase from 2021)*



HOUSE.

**We provided housing for
259 individuals via:**

6 single family homes

33 apartments

8 dorm rooms

*229 tons of food donated to meet all our food needs
(26% increase from 2021)*

*76,020 meals provided
(1% Increase)*



EQUIP.

*65% of qualified residents left with a financial safety net
from our Moving On Savings Program*

*780 evening classes equipped residents with Bible
Studies, Life Skills, Celebrate Recovery, and childcare
(19% Increase)*

*94% of residents said they learned new life skills
for the future
(2% Increase)*

26 baptisms

33 volunteer mentors

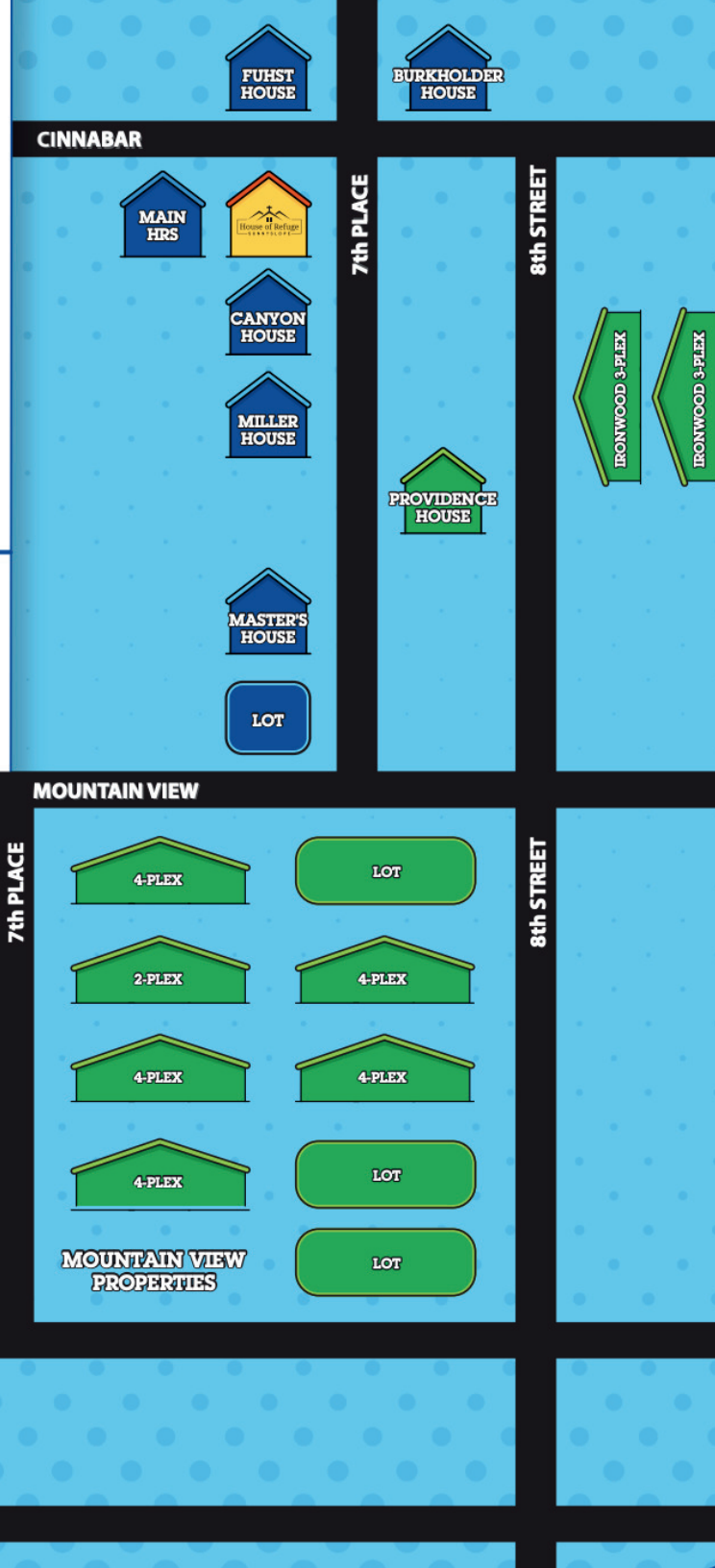
...and the future starts now.

OUR VISION FOR 2023



OUR CAPACITY TO SERVE IS GROWING

LEGEND



We are increasing our housing from 10 to 16 buildings. This will allow us to serve 57 more people.

Mountain View property purchased

9 parcels containing 22 apartments, several single-family homes and a 16,000 sq ft lot. The development of this property will increase us from 10 to 16 buildings and provide housing for 120 people, increasing our capacity by 60%.



Caring for More

WITH CARING FOR MORE PEOPLE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO STRATEGIES THAT DEEPEN THE **LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES**, SUCH AS:

Comprehensive case management and individualized goal setting for each resident

Growth of our Career Readiness program to move adults into careers with sustainable wages

Volunteer recruiting and engagement

Soul care and healing through Celebrate Recovery and counseling resources

Collaboration with strategic community partners



Partner with us in 2023

3 WAYS TO CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER IN 2023

Pray

Join us in Praying for the Ministry
refugesunnyslope.com/prayer



Serve

Become a Volunteer
refugesunnyslope.com/volunteer



Give

Make your one-time gift or set
up monthly giving
refugesunnyslope.com/give

