

# Stepping Up

Celebrating 40 years of service in our community!



Stepping Stones Agencies Newsletter

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## 40 YEARS OF SPEAKING UP & BREAKING THE SILENCE

Over our 40 years, we have seen thousands of families come to find safety and freedom from domestic violence and other forms of abuse. Each had their own story, but they all started by taking the first step - speaking up and breaking the silence by reaching out for help. With so many who have worked hard to break free from victimization, we wanted to share some notes we've received over the years.

**Take a minute to read these families breaking the silence and changing their lives (and check out some fun photos of Christmas mornings from years past)!**

"Making the call and being here has been the best thing and so educational. I wish I had been educated with this material before I got married and had a child... This class info should be part of school curriculum." - J, 2014



"I first made a call about 2 years ago to come. It's years later, but I finally came in. I'm learning and I plan on continue doing this work daily. I see big changes in my kids' lives...we hear each other now for the first time." - K, 2016



"The program has given me the knowledge to better my life. To see the things I need to do to improve my situation. Ms. DellaCorte is amazing. She has give me insight into my problems. I feel enlightened." - M, 2019

**ADVOCATES AVAILABLE ON OUR 24/7/365 HELPLINE 928.445.4673**



# HELP FAMILIES SPEAK UP AND BREAK THE SILENCE WITH YOUR TAX CREDIT DONATION GIFT

Families can enjoy the holiday season safely because Stepping Stones advocates are available 24/7/365 and have been for 40 years. Our around-the-clock services are supported by our amazing community who shop with us at Stepping Stones Thrift Stores and give - whether \$25 or \$5,000, you are the reason we are here.

You can be a part of it by giving a **2020 AZ Qualifying Charitable Organization Tax Credit** donation to Stepping Stones. Arizona offers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit by making a donation to a qualified charitable organization of any amount (up to **\$400** filing single or **\$800** filing joint on your AZ state return).

When you claim the credit on your state return, you will reduce your tax liability or increase the amount you receive in a refund. You do not have to itemize to receive this credit.

Make a difference in the lives of local families working hard to

find freedom from all forms of victimization by keeping your tax dollars local!

If you would like to give, you can donate online at:

[steppingstonesaz.org/donate](https://steppingstonesaz.org/donate)

or mail a check to our Administration office at:

**2651 N. Industrial Way, Suite A**

**Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

If you would like to make an appointment to drop off your donation or have questions, call Alexis or Brandon at 928-772-4184.

*\*\*Please check with your tax professional for information regarding donations. Stepping Stones' official Qualifying Charitable Tax Credit code from the State of Arizona is: 20034.*



*A visit from Santa was a bright spot for children living at Stepping Stones during Christmas 2019. Support local families with your AZ tax credit donation today.*

## SPEAKING UP AND FINDING SAFETY



Breaking the silence includes learning how to stay safe in the future. From understanding the dynamics of violence to knowing how to plan for safety, families at Stepping Stones are able to learn to live free from all forms of abuse. Adults in our programs take an anonymous survey upon exit to provide feedback. From Jan 1- September 30, 2020, those who participated shared:

**100%** reported they feel they are regaining control in their life.

**98%** reported they feel their safety improved, even after leaving Stepping Stones

**100%** reported they have an increased knowledge of domestic violence and its effect on their lives.

**97%** reported they are completing their goals.

**100%** reported they know how to plan for their continued safety.



# HELP OUR THRIFT STORES STAY OPEN: MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

Our thrift store team is working hard to operate our stores safely as our community navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. We have implemented the CDC and state recommended mitigation procedures, but we need your help to ensure that our doors stay open for shopping and donating. Please remember to **always wear a mask** when you visit our stores and keep **at least 6 feet distance** between you and others when possible. Our team is doing their part, too. They are wearing masks, cleaning our stores hourly to ensure that high touch

surfaces are disinfected regularly, and all donations are sprayed and disinfected. Thank you for continuing to come in and shop with us - you are helping us ensure our doors are open for local families who are experiencing violence and abuse in our community. We would not be able to do this without you, and we need you help to keep it going! We are grateful for you and your help in keeping our community safe, our doors open, and the chance to help support local families in need.



## EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK DURING THE HOLIDAYS JOIN FRY'S FOOD COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



The holidays may look a little different this year, but one thing we do know, cooking at home will be a part of it! Whether you're making treats or a full holiday feast, you can support local families all while you shop!

It's easy - sign up for Fry's Food Community Rewards Program. Enroll your Fry's VIP card in the program and choose Stepping Stones as the recipient. Then, all that's left is shopping! Check out the instructions below and call Alexis with questions at 928-772-4184.

### Fry's Food Community Rewards Sign Up Instructions

- Go to [www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program](http://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program) and click "Enroll Now"
- Log-in to your current Fry's account or register for a new one (requires basic contact information and your current Fry's VIP card number).
- Enter Stepping Stones' Organization Number: HN881, populating STEPPING STONES FOUNDATION, INC. Select it and click "Enroll".
- Use your VIP card each time you shop at Fry's Food Stores to support local families with us!



# INSPIRATIONAL GIFTS FOR FRIENDS IN RECOVERY

Looking for something special for your family member or friend in recovery? Our 12-Step Recovery Bookstore and Gift shop in Prescott Valley has a wide variety of specialty items for you to choose from!

We have many inspirational books from daily reflections to self-improvement titles for all types of recovery programs.

In addition, we have medallions to celebrate every milestone - whether it is a brand new accomplishment or a new decade of sobriety. We also take special orders!

Our 12-Step bookstore is located at 2651 N. Industrial Way, Suite A (located inside our Administration Offices). Open Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm; Fridays by appointment only.

Questions? Call Suzi at our office for more information or to place an order - 928-772-4184.



Our 12-Step recovery bookstore including 12-step and support group books and reflections, medallions for birthdays and special occasions, and gifts like medallion displays, jewelry, t-shirts, and mugs! Open Mon - Thurs 9-4 in Prescott Valley.

Happy Holidays!

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**THRIFT**  
YOUR GIVING GIVES BACK!



## HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS GIVE THOUGHTFULLY SUPPORT LOCALLY

Buy one card, give two gifts!

Give a gift card to your favorite treasure hunter AND give a safe, peaceful holiday to adults and kids who live at Stepping Stones' 24/7/365 safe home for the holidays.

Gift cards available at both Stepping Stones Thrift Store locations in Prescott and Prescott Valley.

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