

## APRIL IS SERVICE MONTH AT STEPPING STONES!

There's something truly special about giving back to your community. Whether it's donating your time, skills, or resources, helping others in need can be an incredibly rewarding experience.

At Stepping Stones, service is at the heart of what we do. From providing support to victims of domestic violence to stocking treasures in our thrift store, volunteers have made a huge impact for local families!

Volunteering with Stepping Stones means you are supporting local families and ensuring our advocates can be available 24/7/365.

Whether you're sorting crafts or entering data in our office, your time and skills are making a difference and building a strong community. We are grateful for the hard work of our awesome volunteers who choose to give their time and talents to our mission. There are many ways you can serve at Stepping Stones and if you would like to get involved and give back, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Traci, to learn more - 928-772-4184 or email her at [volunteer@steppingstonesaz.org](mailto:volunteer@steppingstonesaz.org). Thank you for serving with us!



*From sorting and packaging fabric to entering data to cashiering, there are many awesome opportunities for volunteers at Stepping Stones.*

## SERVICE TO FAMILIES TO LIVE FREE FROM ALL ABUSE



Advocates provide 24/7/365 service to families who need safe shelter and advocacy support to live free from abuse. These services are key to helping families not only find immediate safety and support, but be able to stay safe as they move forward. Adults complete an anonymous survey upon exit to provide feedback. From Jan 1- March 31, 2023, those who participated shared:

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

100% reported they are (re)gaining control of their lives.

100% reported they have increased knowledge of services available.

100% reported their safety has improved, even after leaving Stepping Stones.

100% reported they were confident they will remain free from abuse after leaving Stepping Stones.



## LAST CHANCE TO DONATE FOR 2022 AZ TAX CREDIT

It's your last chance to make a Qualified Charitable Tax Credit donation for the 2022 tax year. You have until April 15, 2023 to give a dollar-for-dollar tax credit donation to Stepping Stones to claim on your 2022 state taxes. If you're filing single, you can give up to \$400, and if filing joint/married, up to \$800. Thank you for making a difference and ensuring local families are able to find safety and support day or night here

in West Yavapai County!

For questions or making a donation, call Brandon or Alexis at 928.772.4184 or give online at [steppingstonesaz.org/donate](https://steppingstonesaz.org/donate).

*\*\*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. Thank you for helping local families find freedom from all forms of abuse!*

## SERVICE IS GIVING BACK!

Serving and giving back to the community can be something you do because you are passionate about a cause or maybe you're just looking for something to fill

your free time.

For some at Stepping Stones, they choose to serve because of what they received and they want others to feel that same support! Check

out this note from a volunteer who was a former resident in our shelter but now volunteers to help provide the same support she received years ago.

I Volunteer for a variety of reasons. Mainly for a chance to give back to the community & make a difference to the people around. Stepping Stones Helped My family get back on our feet & Recover from a bad situation, without them who knows where we'd be today

## SERVING YOU THE SALES

Want to learn about our weekly sales or hear about the latest deals at Stepping Stones Thrift? Make sure you follow us on social media! We'd love to see you on our Facebook or Instagram accounts so you can stay up-to-date on everything we have going on. Find our usernames below to follow us on the two social media platforms!

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