

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH MENTOR SERVICE

Stepping Stones advocacy services provide support for hundreds of families each year as they work hard to live free from abuse. As the adults receiving support continue to take steps forward, they often want to support others who are walking the same path. What we know after 44 years of service is that some of the best support an adult can receive comes from those who truly understand what they are experiencing because they've been there before. Because of this, residents in our transitional housing also serve as mentor advocates. A mentor advocate helps provide support on our shelter campus by welcoming and answering questions for new residents, as well as helping advocates with

phone calls and educational support groups.

Mentor advocates are able to give back and serve by offering their own experience, strength, and hope for the families who are just starting to take steps toward lives free from abuse. One mentor shared:

*"When I first came to Stepping Stones, I met Sarah\* within my first hour at shelter. She had been there for 6 months. We started talking about living at shelter and her story sounded a lot like mine. I felt like someone understood me and got what had happened in my life. That conversation helped me feel better and less scared to be in shelter. Now, I get to be someone else's 'Sarah' by sharing and supporting them when they*



*come to shelter. It makes a big difference."*

If you or someone else needs support because of domestic violence or other forms of abuse, please call our 24/7/365 Helpline and speak with our advocates - 928-445-4673. *\*name changed*

## SUPPORT FROM LOCAL SERVICES FOR FAMILIES



Families find support day and night through Stepping Stones' 24/7/365 Helpline: 928-445-4673

At Stepping Stones, supportive fellowship, connections to resources, and supportive one-on-one support all play a role in helping adults find freedom from abuse. Adults complete an anonymous survey upon exit to provide feedback. From October 1 through December 21, 2023, they reported:

- 100% reported they are (re)gaining control of their lives.
- 100% reported they felt safe and believed at shelter.
- 100% reported they feel secure with their connections to local resources and know how to access them.
- 100% reported they felt confident they would be free from abuse even after leaving Stepping Stones.

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STEPPING STONES THRIFT STORE: 928-499-3260  
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ADVOCATES AVAILABLE  
ON OUR 24/7/365  
HELPLINE 928-445-4673

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# GIVING BACK THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Do you love crafts or are an avid sewer? Do you always have your nose in a book and know a good one when you see it? Or maybe you are a fashionista and can spot a quality shirt from a mile away?

We could use you in our thrift store as a volunteer! Our awesome team of volunteers help throughout our store sorting and check items like books, games, clothing, dvds/cds, and so much more. They also help by putting items out on the floor for our customers to browse.

If you are interested in getting involved and learning more about Stepping Stones, please call Traci, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 928-772-4184. We'd love to have you as a part of our team!



Volunteers at Stepping Stones help throughout our agency! If you want to give back and volunteer with us, please call Traci at 928-772-4184. Above: Volunteer helps by checking and stocking puzzles in our book area. Left: Volunteers help by checking craft supplies like fabric, and others stop by for a quick clean up!

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

It's your last opportunity to give a Qualified Charitable Organization tax credit donation for your 2023 Arizona state taxes! Give a donation by April 15, 2024, and you can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when you file your 2023 state taxes.

Arizona offers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your AZ state return by making a monetary donation to a qualified charitable organization of any amount (NEW for 2023 - give up to \$421 filing single or \$841 filing joint). When you claim the credit using Arizona form 321, you will reduce your tax liability or increase the amount you receive in a refund.

To give, visit [www.SteppingStonesAZ.org/Donate](http://www.SteppingStonesAZ.org/Donate).

Please check with your tax professional for information regarding donations for your specific tax situation. You can also learn more about the tax credit by visiting [azdor.gov](http://azdor.gov). Stepping Stones' official Qualifying Charitable Tax Credit code from the State of Arizona is: 20034.



# NOTES FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS: "THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF SERVICE"

Stepping Stones' 24/7/365 advocacy services, safe shelter, and social enterprises could not operate without the amazing support of our friends who volunteer and give back every

single day. Volunteers help in so many ways from stocking the shelves in the thrift store (knowing it is a never-ending process!) to helping advocates by making information

packets and filing paperwork. We are so grateful for the time and talents our volunteers bring to our organization. Check out a few notes from them about why they love being here!



Volunteers help put items out on the shelves and racks for customers to shop - from seasonal holiday to clothing to books and more!

Thank you for the opportunity to Be of Service - ♡

Stepping Stone is such an amazing place! A gathering of people who have words and needs in their lives, Abused, feeling of not being loved or wanted. Just needing to find warmth in their life & surrounded by people that understand & really care about helping others... because they have been there too.  
Thank You - Stepping Stone & all the People & Friends I have made.



Everyone is friendly and very welcoming. They make me feel 2 as a part of the team.

It's made me a better person, giving me a chance to give to others, help them thru tough times & helping to get other to smile - enjoy life!

Customers tell me all the time that this is their favorite store, they donate only hard, the store is clean and displayed favorably, they thank me for volunteering, they love that the money supports a local shelter, they appreciate the helpfulness of the staff, many are grateful that we don't take pets anymore.

# STEPPING STONES' BOOKS OF THE MONTH: BILL W.

Each month we'll feature a book or item from our 12-step recovery and inspirational bookstore! These items will be available for purchase inside our Administration Office in Prescott Valley located at: 2651 N. Industrial Way, Suite A, Prescott Valley 86314. Open Mon - Thurs 9 am - 4 pm, and Friday by appointment. Call Savannah at 928-772-4184 to learn more.

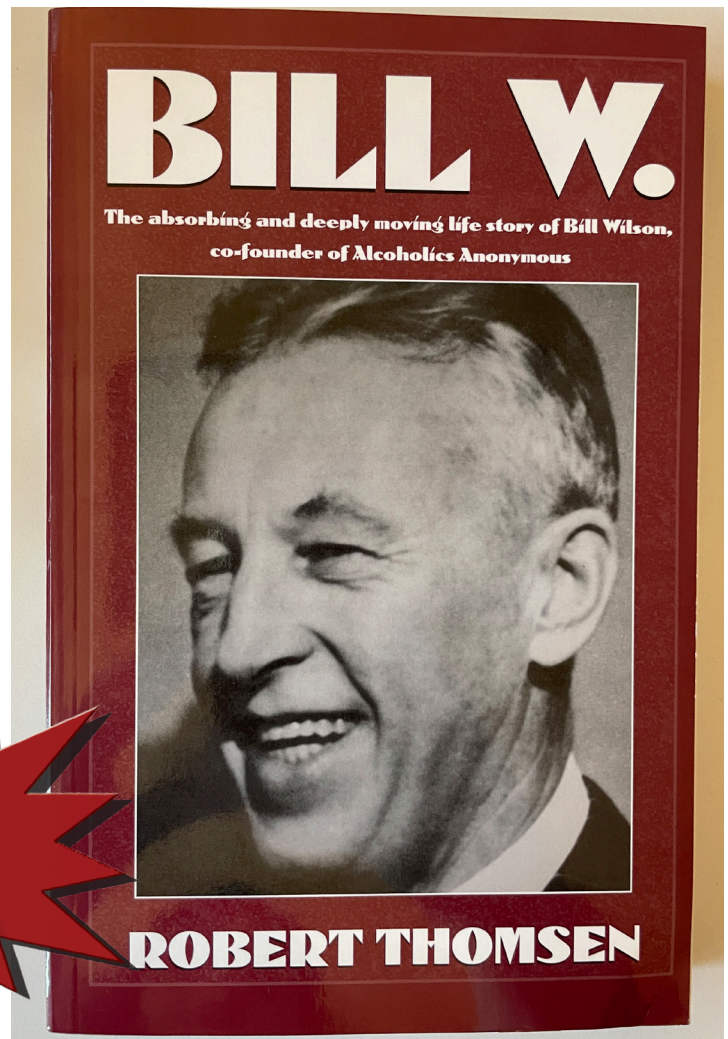
## BILL W. BY ROBERT THOMSEN

Bill W. by Robert Thomsen is a biography about the life story of Bill Wilson, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill's story includes his dependence on alcohol and the moment of insight that saved him.

What is now a global support for people with addictions, Alcoholics Anonymous began in 1935 in Ohio through the meeting of Bill W. and Dr. Bob. Their own growth and development led to a fellowship for millions of people who face addiction. Highlighting the importance of what the meetings provide, "Every night at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings around the world, a

speaker says, 'Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now.' This describes the story of Bill W., a stirring spiritual odyssey through triumph, failure, and rebirth, with vital meaning for men and women everywhere." This book is available for purchase in our 12-Step Recovery Bookstore located inside our office at 2651 N. Industrial Way in Prescott Valley.

**APRIL  
PRICE:  
\$16.95**



**LOOKING FOR OTHER 12-STEP RECOVERY AND SUPPORT  
GROUP MEDALLIONS, BOOKS, GIFTS, AND MORE?**

**STOP BY OUR BOOKSTORE LOCATED AT  
2651 N. INDUSTRIAL WAY, SUITE A (INSIDE OUR ADMINISTRATION OFFICE!)  
QUESTIONS? CALL SAVANNAH AT 928-772-4184**

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

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