



Stepping Up

Stepping Stones Agencies Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025



Stepping Stones' early thrift store location in Prescott Valley.

COMMUNITY KEEPS US GOING 24/7/365

Because of the amazing community support we've received over the years, families have been able to find safety, healing, and hope through our safe emergency shelter and advocacy support services.

Our community friends have participated in so many different ways to support families at Stepping Stones. From attending events to donating to shopping at our thrift store, we have 45 years of memories with our friends.

If you are looking for more ways to get involved and support families with us, we invite you to come by our office and chat with our team! We are so GRATEFUL that because of our community, families are able to find freedom from abuse every day!

ADVOCATES AVAILABLE 24/7/365 ON THE HELPLINE: 928-445-4673

WWW.STEPPINGSTONESAZ.ORG

**2651 N. INDUSTRIAL WAY SUITE A
PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ
928-772-4184**

**STEPPING STONES THRIFT STORE:
928-499-3260
DONATION PICK-UP:
928-759-0225**

COMMUNITY SUPPORT THROUGH SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Stepping Stones has always aimed to create sustainable ways to continue our 24/7/365 advocacy services. One way we have accomplished this goal is through social enterprises.

Social enterprises, like Stepping Stones Thrift Store and the 12-Step Recovery Bookstore, allow the organization to provide services or goods to the community and bring in proceeds that directly support the mission.

Since 1998, we've operated Stepping Stones Thrift Store as our primary social enterprise. While we've had a range of one to three locations over the years, Stepping Stones Thrift allows us to ensure

that we can always keep the lights on and doors open for families to find safety, healing, and hope in our 24/7/365 advocacy services and safe shelter.

Other social enterprises we've operated over the years include Step One Coffee House, Next Chapter Recovery Bookstore, Step One Publishing, and our current 12-Step Recovery Bookstore (along with more!). Each of these opportunities allowed Stepping Stones to serve families and our community - a win-win!

Thank you for supporting local families by shopping, donating, and being a part of our community!



Step One Coffee House and 12-Step Bookstore at it's original location in Prescott Valley.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT

Advocates at Stepping Stones provide crisis and ongoing advocacy support for adults and children who come to us. But, we know that there are all kinds of different services and support that families will need outside what our advocates can provide. It's important that adults get the resource connections they need in the community so that they can continue to receive support long after they leave Stepping Stones.

Adults complete an anonymous survey upon exit to provide feedback. From January 1 through December 31, 2024:

100% reported they increased knowledge of services available to them.

100% reported they have an increased understanding of their legal rights.

100% reported they feel secure with their connections and ability to access ongoing justice advocacy and support.

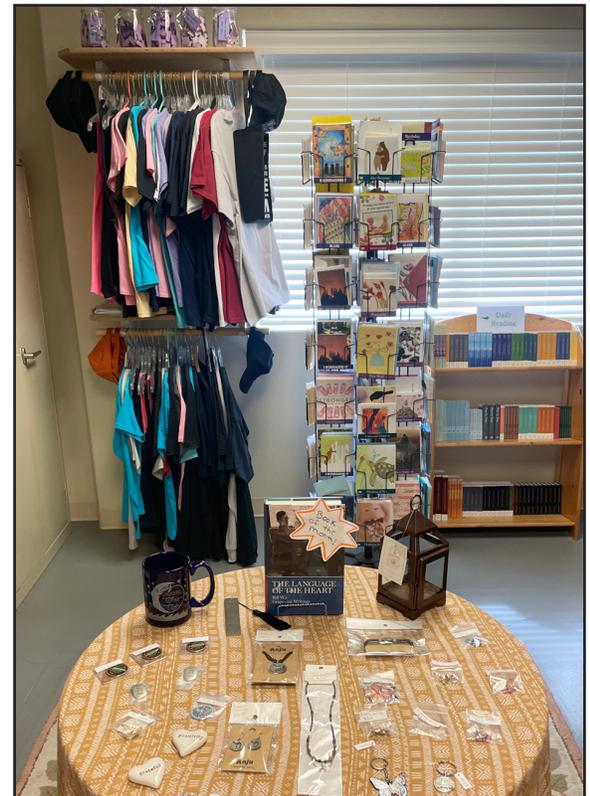
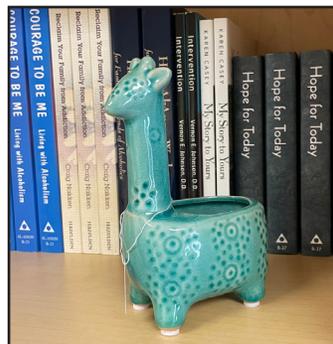
100% reported they felt confident they would be free from abuse even after leaving Stepping Stones.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FRIENDS WALKING THROUGH THEIR RECOVERY JOURNEY

One thing we've learned over the years is that domestic violence and abuse often are just one part of a chaotic and difficult life. Substance abuse can often be a part of one or both people involved in a violent or unhealthy relationship.

In order to help support those on their journey of recovery, and those who have been in relationships with addicts, Stepping Stones provides meeting space for 12-step meetings that happen daily. These meetings offer fellowship support and learn how to apply the 12-steps to their own recovery. The meeting schedule is located on our website at www.steppingstonesaz.org/recoverymeetings. Additionally, our 12-Step Recovery Bookstore offers a variety of medallions, books, jewelry, shirts, cards, and other gifts for anyone in recovery or looking for inspirational gifts. Open Mon - Thurs 9-4, by appointment Fridays. Questions? Contact Savannah at 928-772-4184.



Our 12-Step Recovery Bookstore features a variety of books, medallions, jewelry, shirts, cards, and other inspirational gifts.

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Volunteers are a huge part of Stepping Stones! We have a wide variety of volunteers who lend a hand across our agency.

Thrift - The majority of our volunteers help out in our thrift store. From helping in our donation receiving area to sorting donations to filling the shelves, volunteers provide more hands to make sure the busy store stays stocked and ready for shoppers.

Shelter - Volunteering in our shelter requires a much bigger commitment with background checks and many hours of training. But, those who do volunteer in shelter are able to help advocates with paperwork, phones, and help with child care while mom is working with the advocates.

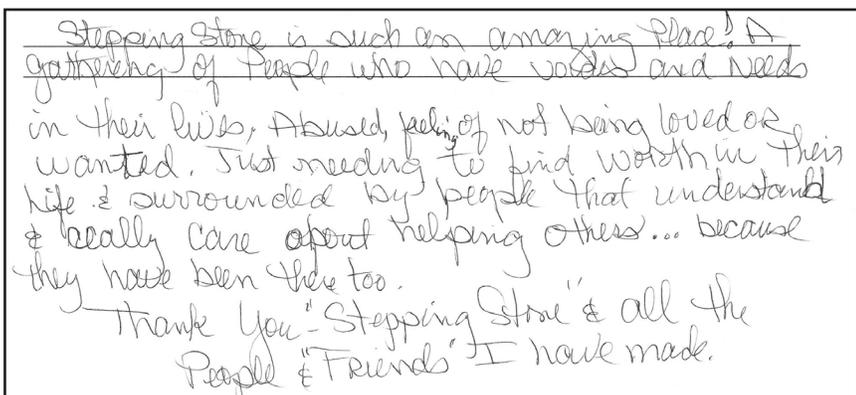
Admin office - In our office, we have awesome volunteers who help juggle all kinds of tasks. Volunteers help with data entry, filing, mailings, special creative projects, creating information packets and binders, and so much more!

If you are interested in joining our amazing community of volunteers, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Khrystyna at 928-772-4184 or Khrystyna@steppingstonesaz.org. We can't wait to have you serve with us!



Volunteers at Stepping Stones help with all kinds of tasks in order to ensure our agency can operate 24/7/365! From helping display items at thrift to serving in our shelter, we love our amazing volunteers!

Below: Special note from one of our volunteers!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT KEEPS FAMILIES SAFE



Tax season is here and you can still make a donation for the Arizona Qualified Charitable Organization tax credit program. You can give a donation until **April 15, 2025** and still claim it on your 2024 Arizona state tax return. Always check with your tax professional about your specific tax situation.

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 2024 - give up to \$470 filing single or \$938 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.

Learn more about tax credits: <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/credits-contributions-qcos-and-qfcos>. To give, visit www.SteppingStonesAZ.org/Donate.

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

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

STEPPING STONES' BOOK OF THE MONTH: THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

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.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART BILL W.'S GRAPEVINE WRITINGS

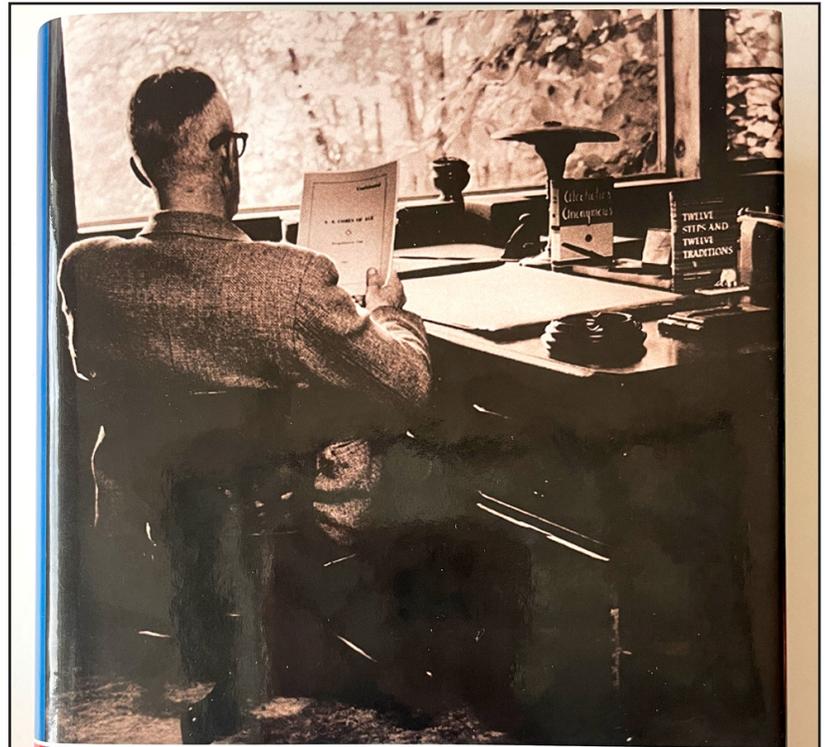
The Language of the Heart is a collection of Bill W.'s articles written for Grapevine, AA's international journal. The articles were written to help *"unite the Fellowship's new groups and hammering out the principles of AA."*

Bill W. wrote, *"Our AA experience has taught us that: 1. Each member of Alcoholic Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follow close after."* (pg. 22)

The emphasis on community and fellowship has always been central to AA and the 12-steps. Coming together for regular meetings, one-on-one support with a sponsor, and enjoying community gatherings helps individuals be a part of the whole fellowship and continue working on their individual and collective recovery.

This book is available for purchase in our 12-Step Recovery Bookstore located inside our office at 2651 N. Industrial Way in Prescott Valley.

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THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings

**FEBRUARY
PRICE:
\$13.99**

**LOOKING FOR OTHER 12-STEP RECOVERY AND
SUPPORT GROUP MEDALLIONS, BOOKS, GIFTS,
AND MORE? CALL US - 928-772-4184**

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