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The Homing Project Newsletter for September 2026

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

The link for the On-Line Art Auction was incorrect in the original newsletter. It is corrected below and here it is: <https://www.32auctions.com/HomingProject2026>

Welcome Luis Adame Our New Site Manager for THP Village #1

The Homing Project Village 1 has a Site Manager! Luis Adame has accepted the Site Manager position for Village 1, and will be starting his position October 1, 2026. He's had great experience working with housing support and other types of community services, as well as outreach among people experiencing homelessness. Luis has worked in Tucson, Nogales, and Phoenix. His primary role will be to run the day-to-day operations at Village #1, and to ensure that all Participants have what they need to keep working on their goals. He will be working closely with THP volunteers and contractors.

We are still working hard to have the first Participants move in during the middle of October. Luis will be busy working with THP volunteers to get the site ready for our Participants. We will have phone and email contact information for Luis in the October newsletter. If you would like to volunteer, in the meantime, for the last push to get Village #1 open, please email Yolanda.sethi@thehomingproject.org, or call/text our **new THP volunteer phone number: 520-633-6978**.

There are plenty of roles for volunteers! See article below for some immediate opportunities. If you have questions regarding these jobs, or other volunteer possibilities, please call/text the number above, and one of the Volunteer Team members, Yolanda, Shelley, Jody, or Elizabeth will get back to you.

Volunteers and Donors: You Deserve a Badge of Honor



The anticipated opening of Village #1 in October is a monument to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers. While we provided the blueprint, your sweat equity and collective generosity have truly constructed this beacon of hope. You assembled units, you weeded, you built paths and you raised money, each step transforming a compassionate concept into a life-changing reality. Village #1, Tucson's first micro-cabin village, stands as a testament to your hands-on commitment and for your invaluable contributions, **we offer our deepest gratitude and applause!**

Volunteer Opportunities



As Village #1 Opening Nears, Volunteer Opportunities Abound

As we turn the page from a good idea to a community, there will be many new ways to use your talents to support The Homing Project and our participants.

Help Out in the First 6 Weeks: Meal Planning & Coaching

As we get our kitchen facility up and running, we'd love your help with meal planning and food donations for the first six weeks! We're looking for volunteers to bring in simple ingredients (think fruit, yogurt, sandwich supplies, and easy bites) and guide our resident "chef-du-jour" through preparing them. It's a wonderful way to share a few cooking tips and connect. If you'd like to join in, please reach out to **Angie Valenzuela** as soon as you can!



Help Keep Our Site Secure Starting September 28th

We're also looking for friendly faces to staff the guardhouse when our site manager and nighttime security guard are off duty. You'll greet our participants and staff, who are the only ones allowed into the Village.

- **Full training provided:** You'll be trained directly by our professional security team.
- **Comfy setup:** The air-conditioned guard shack doubles as a cozy, comfortable office space while you handle gate control.
- **Shifts:** We need to cover one 4 hour shift daily (Monday–Friday) and three shifts per day on weekends and holidays.
- All shifts are during the day and there will always be an administrator on-call for backup.

If you're interested in taking a shift, please **text Kris Olson-Garewal at 520.444.7676**. We'd love to have you on the team.



Volunteer Opportunities

Fund Raising Continues to Finance Operation of Village #1

Cactus & Plant Sale

October 17 & 18
7 AM - 4 PM



This is the event your yard has been waiting for. Our amazing volunteers, led by co-chairs Angie Valenzuela and Lois Mastrangelo, also known as Cactus Mommy, have been collecting and potting plants and cuttings for months now. You won't want to miss this incredible array of greenery. And every penny raised goes directly to the Homing Project!

Date & Time: Oct. 17 & 18, 7 AM-4 PM

Place: 2800 Block of E. 10th St.
(between Treat & Country Club)

Give your yard a facelift and help give an unhoused neighbor a home. We will see you there.

Monsoon & Moonlight Art Sale

Continues with On-Line Auction
Bidding Starts at Noon, Sept 20th



Missed the Monsoon & Moonlight Art Sale?

If you didn't make it to the event—or left wishing you'd grabbed a few more treasures—you have a second chance. Unsold items from our event are moving online for an exclusive bidding window:

- **Auction Dates:** Noon, September 20th to 6 PM, October 3rd
- [Visit Auction Site](#)

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our local arts and vintage community, the catalog features an amazing selection of original artwork, authentic african art pieces and unique vintage finds. Bookmark the link and get ready to bid! All proceeds directly support The Homing Project.

On-Line Auction

Support Zoning Changes Allowing for Micro-Villages

On February 3, 2026, the City of Tucson declared a Housing and Homelessness Emergency to remove zoning and permitting barriers and expedite the creation of shelter beds. This declaration has paved the way for the opening of Village #1 and other micro-villages.

The City of Tucson Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD), in collaboration with the Drachman Institute at the University of Arizona, is seeking community input on updates to the City's zoning

regulations for shelter care. **Three feedback opportunities (in- person and virtual) are scheduled between September 13 and October 4, 2026. [Click here to Learn More.](#)**

We encourage THP supporters to get involved and support the development of temporary and transitional housing to accommodate Tucson's unhoused population.

If you attend the feedback sessions, wear your Tucson Homing Project T-shirt proudly.

[Get the Details](#)

We are not alone!

THP is part of a movement to combat homelessness.



Locations of some successful micro-shelter villages

From Austin and Seattle to Minneapolis and Denver, and right here in Tucson, The Homing Project is part of a growing national movement addressing homelessness through micro-cabin villages. When The Homing Project's Village #1 opens this fall it will be the **first active micro-village in Tucson**, but it will build on the success of programs throughout the country.

[Click here](#) to learn more about success stories in Seattle, Minneapolis, Austin, and Denver, and innovative research right here in Tucson at the U of A's Drachman Institute.

The Homing Project is happy to be part of this growing effort to provide safe, dignified shelter for those impacted by the shortage of affordable housing in Tucson and many other cities.

Village Tours

Come see The Homing Project Village #1!

We'd love to show you our first micro-cabin village and let you see first hand how it will be a game changer for our participants who will no longer be unhoused..

To schedule a tour, email Elizabeth Day at elizabeth.day@thehomingproject.org.

Individuals and groups welcome.

[Request a Tour](#)



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