



## January 2025 Newsletter

I love the beginning of the New Year! New beginnings are great, but it's also important to look back and celebrate last year's success.

For 2025 I will be sending out a Newsletter each quarter. Therefore, I want to re-cap the last quarter of 2024. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, Project Safe Start closed in March of 2024. We have shifted our focus now to help those in need here in the valley. I am working on things currently that should unfold in the Spring but cannot announce yet.....

In the last few months of 2024, we were able to purchase/provide 85 jackets for adults, 20 jackets for sixth-grade students, 15 jackets for small children, 75 warm hats and gloves for both adults and children, 12 sleeping bags for people living on the street, 40 blankets, 120 pairs of socks and we had 200 handmade scarves donated!





Most of these items went to people living in Sunnyslope, a low-income neighborhood. Our partners [Valley Rescuers](#), are diligent to make sure these supplies go to families in need. We have also collected furniture to help some of these families furnish their homes when we have donations come in.

Extra jackets for children went to a teacher who works in a Title One School in downtown Phoenix. She had posted on Facebook that her heart broke to see her sixth-grade students come to school cold and without a jacket. We were able to make sure all of her students were warm within a few days by purchasing new jackets for them! Next year I would like to rally support to more teachers in this situation.

Although we closed Project Safe Start (prison ministry), we stood by a woman's side when she needed it most. Rachel had been pursuing her Bachelor's degree and was only two semesters from completing it. Unfortunately, her paperwork got messed up with the grant she qualified for and she was left without help. We stepped up and paid for the last two semesters and she graduated recently. Rachel will be released in 18 months from prison after serving 7 years in prison. She has used this time wisely. Not only did she complete her education but she has been working on herself as a woman. Rachel said prison saved her life!



At the beginning of October, we met a single Mom who was living in her car with her four children ages 12-17. She asked not to have her photo shared. It was a hard time for this family that lost their home to a foreclosure, in September. Their car needed the Axel repaired so that Mom

could get a job. Julia McKernan Ministries paid for her car to be fixed. We also took a community collection asking for clothing and gift cards! The community came through once again!!

I am happy to report that the Mom was able to obtain a job the very next day!! She is currently at the same job three months later and doing well! Her children have NOT missed school during this entire time.

The first of December they finally got into a shelter. The wait times are so long for families on the street.

Thank you to all who donate and give to this nonprofit to make these things possible!!



Community is the spirit  
of giving back.

All of us are needed.  
Together we can make  
a difference in the  
lives of so many!



How can you help?

1: We collect clothing and shoes in gently worn condition please (casual) for Men, Women, and, Children. Currently, we are taking Winter items. Message me for the dropoff location in Vistancia. (480)343-0075. Men's items are always needed the most as we don't seem to get many.

2: Towels and Sheets gently worn.

3: Cash donations can be given online at:

[www.juliamckernanministries.com](http://www.juliamckernanministries.com) or checks can be mailed to: Julia McKernan Ministries: 24654 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy #103-441, Peoria, AZ 85383

4: Last but NEVER least, please pray that we will always have what we need to help people as the Lord brings them our way.