



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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To Preserve, Enhance & Engage Phoenix Neighborhoods

Give a Gift that Shapes Change

As the holidays approach, a spirit of giving is evident across the city, from church groups hosting fundraisers to people and families that want to do something for people they see that are less fortunate and experiencing hardship during the holiday season. It is easy to give a dollar or food to those in need, especially the ones that are on the street corners asking for a bit of help. But stop and ask yourself, is this seemingly small act of kindness helping in the big picture?

Most of us don't realize that this seemingly generous act can have a negative impact on the surrounding communities, non-profit agencies, and those very same unsheltered individuals that they are trying to assist. Fortunately, there are healthier ways to give back.

Street giving is a term that is used to describe those that give food, money, and items directly to people experiencing homelessness out on the street.

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Although kind, it is not necessarily beneficial. On the other hand, healthy giving is a way to give back that has meaning and impact beyond one meal. Healthy giving considers the long-term impact for individuals, the environment, and the community at large.

Street-giving not only creates blight but also prevents those experiencing homelessness from visiting non-profit organizations that can provide them with food and shelter. Most of these organizations have case workers on-site to assist in getting people back on their feet and off the street. When street-giving is done, there is no need for

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Join the fun this fall with G.A.I.N

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. G.A.I.N. is a statewide annual event designed to encourage Neighborhood Watch programs and to bring together communities throughout Arizona for a common goal -- to let criminals know that citizens of Phoenix are united in the fight against criminal activity and in making strong communities throughout Phoenix. Turn on your porch lights, go out into your neighborhood, and get to know your neighbors.

In 1998, representatives from all around the Valley sat down and came up with a way to get Arizona communities gathered together to support a safe environment and create a better sense of community.

G.A.I.N. showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in the fight for a safer Arizona. On G.A.I.N. day, Saturday, Oct. 19, neighborhoods come together for parties held by neighborhood groups, HOA, apartment complex communities, businesses and many more interested in knowing and strengthening



their neighborhood.

Want to know the neighborhood groups in your area? Visit NSD's website at Phoenix.gov/NSD.