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New Socks and Underwear Drive to help homeless

Apache Junction (January 2018) – Did you know that there are approximately 14,000 Arizonans that experience homelessness each day with 30% of that population being children and teens and 23% are Veterans? Did you know that most 50% of the homeless are women and children?

On February 13, 2018, the community is hosting a Project Connect Event. The one-day, one-stop event that brings resources for homeless and those struggling to figure out who to contact at what agency, to keep moving forward. “People get so frustrated with navigating the social service maze. Sometimes it’s hard to know which door you need to knock on first. When you knock, you’re told to go to another agency. By then you’ve lost hope and feel defeated” said Mannie Bowler, Executive Director of the United Way. “We hope that by bringing social service agencies to the folks in need we can help folks not get lost in the social service maze and lose hope.”

As part of this event, the Apache Junction homeless coalition is providing new socks, underwear, and personal hygiene products in a goodie bag to those in need. The group is collecting NEW socks and underwear for men and women sizes and personal hygiene items. The drop off locations are:

- Arizona Tiremen Services at 482 North Apache Trail
- AJI Sporting Goods at 10444 East Apache Trail
- Western Lifestyle Realty at 940 Apache Trail

The collection sites will be in the community from January 19th – February 2nd. If you don’t have time to shop and drop off items you can make a tax-deductible donation at www.unitedwayofpc.org.

Mayor Jeff Serdy adds, “ The United Way of Pinal County is a great organization which keeps local donations in the community.”

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About United Way of Pinal County

The United Way of Pinal County is a nonprofit organization that brings people and communities together to advance the common good through services that improve lives. The organization partners with local nonprofits, businesses, and government and social service agencies, to address the communities’ most pressing needs. The mission statement is “United Way of Pinal County matches generosity with community needs to promote lasting change in people’s lives” -unitedwayofpc.org-

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