



Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) works to alleviate hunger, poverty and homelessness in the Tempe community. Some highlights from 2014-2015:

- Delivered more than **49,528** nutritious meals to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities.
- The Pantry added nearly 2,100 new clients in the fiscal year.
- Hosted the first ever I-HELP Walk, attracting 250 walkers and netted **\$8,250** to help provide meals, shelter and case management services to homeless clients.
- Assisted **316** families with utility shut-off assistance and provided **\$80,000** toward rent/eviction prevention.
- Helped develop a new Farmers Market at Clark Park Community Garden.
- Made more than **2,300** home visits to pregnant and new mothers focusing on nutrition, early childhood health, and welfare.

This is just a snapshot of what we accomplished this past year with the generosity of donors and more than **850** volunteers. The numbers tell just part of the story; the real impact of TCAA's programs is seen in the eyes of clients who are relieved to find a safety net during their time of crisis and a helping hand to reach a better future.

Sincerely,

Janet Seegren
President

Bill Epps
Executive Director



The TCAA Food Pantry distributed
572,240 pounds
of food



Our I-HELP program (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program) provided
12,118 bed nights
to **906 clients**.



Health Start, a TCAA program, worked with
284 families in Tempe, Mesa and Scottsdale to **foster healthy birth weights and early childhood development**.

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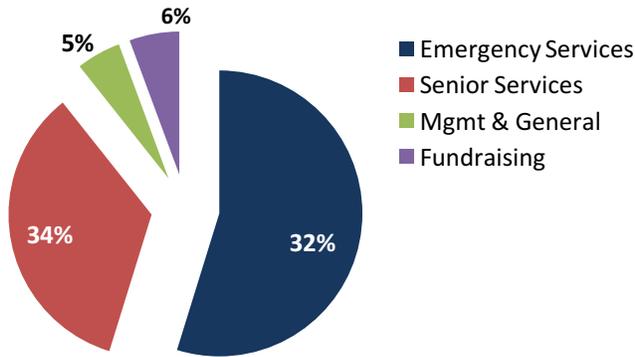
TCAA provides education, stability and advocacy to working poor families, children, seniors and the homeless. We help those who are struggling to obtain adequate food and shelter, as well as seniors and disabled adults working to attain their highest level of independence.

Acting with financial support from the community we serve, TCAA operates a food pantry, three senior centers, aging programs, home-delivered meals, the Tempe Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP), pre- and post-natal services, two community gardens, and other projects and programs that serve our most vulnerable residents.

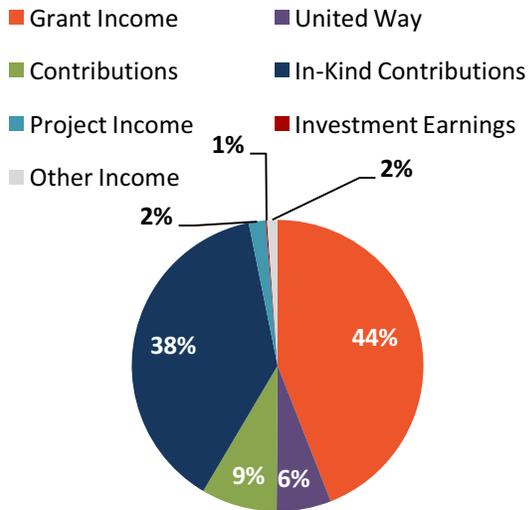
Poverty in our Midst

Tempe's poverty rate is **25%** more than the state average, and **50%** more than the national average.

Functional Expenses



Revenue Sources



The Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP)

Tempe's Only Homeless Shelter

Antonio's struggle with cancer, including two years of chemo and radiation, left him unable to maintain full-time employment. An inheritance paid for medical costs, but left him otherwise penniless. Once cancer-free, but evicted from his apartment, he found employment in Tempe. He lived in a hotel for two weeks. By the third week, he was sleeping in his car. "I finally Googled 'shelters' and arrived at I-HELP feeling ashamed and defeated," he says.

Antonio worked with Case Management for assistance transitioning into a place of his own here in the Valley. I-HELP helped him with shelter, food, showers and developing a saving/budgeting plan to be able to afford his transition. After seven months, Antonio was able to transition out of the shelter program and into his own apartment. Today, he is still living on his own and doing well. He and members of his local church congregation are now meal providers who come to I-HELP to serve dinners for the clients.

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