

# Hope's Crossing NEWS RELEASE

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### IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, HOPE'S CROSSING LAUNCHES NO WOMAN LEFT BEHIND INITIATIVE, TO SUPPORT WOMEN RECLAIMING THEIR LIVES AFTER SERVING TIME

**Phoenix, Ariz. – February 12, 2019** – In honor of Women's History Month, [Hope's Crossing](#), a local nonprofit dedicated to being a one-stop resource for women in transition back to healthy and sustainable lives, is launching "No Women Left Behind" initiative to raise \$25,000 and recruit 25 volunteers by March 31, 2019, expand programming and serve more women in 2019.

Hope's Crossing provides valuable resources, programs and services to restore hope to women who are reclaiming their lives from the cycles of physical and emotional abuse, trauma, sexual assault, addiction, incarceration and homelessness.

"It is with a dedicated team of community-based agencies, volunteers, mentors and donors that Hope's Crossing connects with to successfully eradicate the issues affecting women and their family's lives," said Laura Bulluck founder and chief executive officer. "But we're a small, direct service organization and the needs far outweigh our current capacity to serve. So we're calling on community members and business leaders to consider making stretch donations and volunteering their time to help make an impact on the lives of mothers, sisters and daughters who need some support and life skills training to get back on their feet and contribute meaningfully to our communities."

The "No Woman Left Behind" initiative comes on the heels of a recent report from FWD.us, a bipartisan political group founded by Silicon Valley leaders, showing a dramatic increase in the number of women behind bars in Arizona for nonviolent drugs and property-related crimes. The report found that Arizona female imprisonment rate increased from 2000 to 2016, going from 69 per 100,000 to 107 per 100,000. The national average increased from 53 per 100,000 to 57 per 100,000 in comparison.

"After serving time for drug abuse and shoplifting, I knew I needed to make a change" said MiMi Pedro, a recent graduation of Hope's Crossing. Since participating in Hope's Crossing, I've earned my GED, have been reunited with my children, reacquired my driver's license, secured independent living and have paid off all fines and fees from my time in jail. Hope's Crossing helped me take control of my life again."

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Since launching in 2010, Hope's Crossing has supported 325 women by providing them with free programs to help them get back on their feet to be sustainable, contributing members of our communities.

Help us continue to make a difference by donating, volunteering and sponsoring a woman through the program, today. Be the resource women need by reaching out a hand of hope to help them play their natural role as mothers and sisters. "Regardless of our experiences, challenges or barriers, women should always have a resource to be empowered to become leaders in their lives and their families. That is what 'No Woman Left Behind' is about and how Hope's Crossing continues to provide that support," added Bulluck.

Extend your hand of hope today by donating at <https://hopescrossing.org> or calling us at 602.795.8098. Hope's Crossing is an Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Organization. Your donation to Hope's Crossing can be used as a tax credit on your Arizona state taxes up to \$400 for an individual or up to \$800 for a married couple.

### **About Hope's Crossing**

Hope's Crossing is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to serving women who are reclaiming their lives from the cycles of physical and emotional abuse, trauma, sexual assault, addiction, incarceration and homelessness. We offer job skills training and a program of emotional support geared toward rebuilding self-confidence, unveiling a sense of self-worth and promoting whole and healthy living. Hope's Crossing provides a team of Mentors, Facilitators, and Case Managers who are dedicated to helping participants overcome barriers to success. Through our unique comprehensive approach, we give women all of the tools that they need for a new beginning and sustainability. Since our founding in 2010, Hope's Crossing has assisted hundreds of women of all ages develop self-worth, personal accountability and restoration of hope and family. We seek to prevent substance abuse, chronic unemployment and recidivism in order to improve the lives of the women we serve, strengthen families and improve our community. For more information on Hope's Crossing, visit <https://hopescrossing.org> or call us at 602.795.8098. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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