



More Than a Bed

*Foster & Adoptive
Family Resource Center*

JULY NEWSLETTER

Jumping into summer!

Serving foster, kinship and adoptive families since 2014
because every child deserves to feel valued.



It's officially summer and it's hot, hot, hot. Looking for a way to cool down?

Click the links below to find info for summer water fun:

[**Tucson Splash Pads**](#)

[**Tucson Public Pools**](#)

[**Marana Aquatic & Recreation Center**](#)

[**Oro Valley Aquatic Center**](#)

Enrichment Center Update



Work is continuing on the Enrichment Center and each week we get closer to this dream becoming a reality. The building exterior is finished and build-out of the interior will begin soon. While we're waiting on permits and inspections, we're continuing work on developing programs and fostering partnerships. We currently have plans for martial arts, drama, and visual arts classes for children 5-18, as well as life-skills classes, mentorship, and employment resources for children aging out of foster care.

Since 2014, we've provided essentials to children in foster care because every child deserves to feel valued. Our prayer is that the Enrichment Center will be a place for kids to realize their God-given value through dynamic experiences, access to opportunities, and interpersonal connections. We'll continue to share updates as progress is made!

CAREGIVER CORNER

Just Between Friends Consignment Sale

July 23-26

Shop a HUGE selection of gently-loved and new clothes, toys, shoes, books, videos, baby gear and much, much more at unbeatable prices!

Learn more and get tickets [HERE!](#)



Support Opportunities for Caregivers

Parent Cafe: Feeling Safe in An Unsafe World

Tuesday, July 8th

10am-12pm OR 6pm-8pm | Click [HERE](#) for the flyer

Parent Cafe: Have You Ever Felt Alone in Parenting?

Tuesday, July 22nd

10am-12pm | Click [HERE](#) for the flyer



Strengthening Families Program

Adapted for Parents Raising Children with Trauma

Every Thursday from July 10 - Sept 25

Virtual: 9:30am-11:00am | Click [HERE](#) for the flyer

In-Person: 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Click [HERE](#) for the flyer

WARM WELCOMES

We're excited to welcome two new staff members and a summer volunteer!



Deborah Szelewski

Program Manager for the Enrichment Center

We're excited to have Deborah join the MTaB team. She has an extensive background in behavioral health and program management and is passionate about giving Tucson's most vulnerable populations the resources and support needed to be happy, healthy, and growing. Originally from Syracuse, NY, she has called Tucson her home for 18 years and believes that strong families come from strong communities. When she's not working, you can find her rockhounding in the mountains, cuddling her 3 dogs, and playing video games with her husband.



Robert Reyna

Maintenance Manager

Robert worked in International Service Systems for the City of Tucson for 29 years as a supervisor, area manager, and district manager before retiring 6 months ago. Sitting around in retirement did not suit his hard-working nature, so he joined More Than a Bed to stay busy, share his expertise, and help support our mission. We're grateful to have him as part of our team and love the energy he brings to the warehouse.

Brenden Keating

Summer Volunteer



Brenden attends high school at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy and has generously chosen to spend his summer volunteering at More Than a Bed. His work ethic, great attitude and strength (he's a football player!) have been a welcome presence in the warehouse. He's no stranger to helping out- he has served at organizations all over Tucson. We're grateful for the upcoming generation of servant leaders like Brenden!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We couldn't do this without the support of our community, volunteers, staff, and of course our generous donors. June was a full month of fun and support!



This dedicated MTaB supporter, Tegan, has made it her mission to collect new and gently used suitcases and duffel bags for children in foster care. She even recently started her own nonprofit, Carrying Hope, to expand her vision!



We're grateful for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern AZ and their generous donations of diapers, pull-ups, toys, and more. We love how organizations in our community come together to support children and families!



We loved having the OVCN Middle School group come volunteer. They helped sort, cleaned toys, organized shelves, and scrubbed shoes until they sparkled.



The Middle Schoolers from Vail Christian Church visited us last month and we had a blast! They learned about what we do, and then went to work helping in the warehouse.



Have you seen these ridiculously cute



Diapers are always one of our most-needed

Weecliners in our warehouse? They are provided by [Bob's Discount Furniture](#) and we raffle them off every month to lucky winners! It's a fun way to steward the gifts we've been given.



Thank you to Isaac Schoepfoerster, manager of three local Dutch Bros., for creating a Giveback Event in support of MTAB. Because of the community's involvement (and Dutch Bros delicious drinks), we received an extremely generous donation that will go directly towards supporting foster families.

items. We were blessed to receive a generous donation from our loyal supporters, [Ticket to Dream](#). These will help so many families!



Our warehouse staff and volunteers are busy all day long, so we were grateful for the kindness of Girl Scout Troop 418 who dropped off a huge supply of Girl Scout Cookies! Staff had so much fun as they picked out boxes and debated favorite flavors. Just what was needed for an afternoon boost.

JUNE IMPACT

Below is just a snapshot of the support we provided last month.



SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Learn more about current ways you can support More Than a Bed

Jim Click Millions for Tucson Tickets

Enter the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle. By purchasing your tickets from More Than a Bed, you'll be entered to win amazing prizes from Jim Click, and all of the proceeds for your ticket purchase will go directly to support More Than a Bed. It's a win-win!

Learn more and purchase your tickets [HERE](#).



Partner with Fry's Community Rewards

Are you a Fry's Rewards Member? You can designate More Than a Bed as your charitable organization of choice, and Fry's Food Stores will donate annually based on a percentage of your spending. It's a great way to shop & give at the same time!

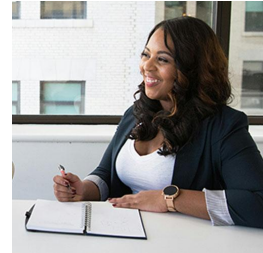
Learn more about how it works [HERE](#).



Ever Considered Joining the Board?

Join the More Than a Bed Board of Directors and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of this organization. It's a direct way to make a lasting difference in the lives of foster, kinship, and adoptive families.

Interested? Learn more and apply [HERE](#).

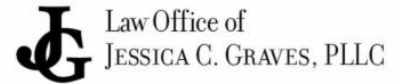


There are many ways to get involved and support More Than a Bed's mission. Click below and learn how you can donate your time, treasure, or talent. Thank you!

DONATE TODAY

THANK YOU!

We are deeply grateful for the generous support of our community partners.



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3637 North 1st Avenue Tucson, AZ 85719

Wednesday - Friday: 8:30 - 1:30

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 8:30 - 1:30



Providing essential items to foster, kinship and adoptive families for the children in their homes, including those in congregate care settings, because **every child deserves to feel valued**.

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