Homelessness in Tempe, Arizona

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Housing

We are opening up more shelters that have a set amount of time of occupancy, we decided to make housing that can act as a middle ground between a shelter and fully independent living.

How We Can Help

Opening up more homeless shelters will only get people temporary relief for a short period of time, and with the rate of homelessness rising in recent years this solution isn’t sustainable. So instead we decided to try to reduce the rate of homelessness by focusing on rehabilitation instead of short-term housing. Without having to worry about rent homeless people are able to keep a lot more of their money received, they don’t have to worry about not getting fired for personal hygiene as they will have showers ready for them, and lastly we can have staff that monitors drug use and makes sure that they are getting the help they need. This solution is the best because we aren’t putting a bandage on the problem but instead attacking it directly at the core. We will be giving people a safe place to sleep, eat, and relax all while teaching them how to reintegrate with society and giving them hope for a second chance. Overall most people have the same answer and opinion for homeless people, feeding and housing them. 80% of the people who answered our survey thought that it would be beneficial to extend the number of a lot of nights at homeless shelters.