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ABOUT CIRCLE THE CITY

Circle the City is the vision of our founder, Sister Adele O’Sullivan, CSJ, MD. After earning her medical degree she began caring for people living on the streets. During that time, Sister Adele noticed a lack of sanitary conditions for wound care, challenges with medication management, and the lack of a place for people to rest and recover from a serious illness or injury. That inspired the vision for a medical respite center for people facing homelessness.

Today we provide two medical respite centers, two healthcare centers, five mobile medical units, health navigators in seven hospitals, and street medicine teams for individuals facing homelessness in Maricopa County. Over 10 years of experience and commitment have earned Circle the City recognition for providing healthcare to individuals facing homelessness.
OUR MISSION

To create and deliver innovative healthcare solutions that compassionately address the needs of men, women, and children facing homelessness.

We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Federally Qualified Health Center.
Dear Friends,

As I think about the past year at Circle the City, one word comes to mind, 
**gratitude**. Circle the City is grateful for our donors, our remarkable team and 
our partners from across the Greater Phoenix region. I continue to be in awe 
of our incredible team of doctors, nurses and support staff. The work 
achieved every day and the passion and commitment we have for our 
patients are inspiring. As the only Federally Qualified Health Center 
exclusively serving people facing homelessness in Arizona, I’m continually 
amazed at our team’s passion and dedication.

When I think of our staff, I’m proud to share the growth we have seen. Over 
the past year, we have added dozens of team members across our facilities 
and we continue to grow to serve the needs of those facing homelessness.

It has been a challenging year. Our unhoused population is ever-increasing. 
The need for food, water, shelter and medical care remains acute. In fact, we 
served more than 8,000 patients last year in our two respite centers, our 
fixed-site health facilities, our mobile units, via our health navigators and 
street medicine teams.

We could not do this without the support of the community. Our partners in 
the health industry and other nonprofit organizations are as strong as ever 
and we are thankful for the ongoing compassion.

Delivering innovative healthcare solutions for men, women and children 
facing homelessness remains our mission. We are planning on opening a 
new facility in the East Valley. This growth will add to our existing Phoenix 
locations and provide vitally needed services in the East Valley. I’m excited to 
see this come to life and the impact our team will make.

It is my pleasure to recognize the outstanding contributions to the 
leadership team at Circle the City:

- Chief Medical Officer - Melissa Sandoval, MD
- Chief Administrative Officer - Michael Zenobi, MBA
- Chief Clinical Officer - Sharon Dipasupil, MSN-L, RN
- Chief Development Officer - Jim Gouveia, MS, MS
- Chief Financial Officer - John Moore, MBA
- Chief Human Resources Officer - Barbara Mitchell, SPHR
- Chief Technology Officer - Jason Suttor

Our founder, Sister Adele O’Sullivan, CSJ, MD, had the vision for us to strive to 
achieve many of the goals we accomplished this past year. Our work is 
ongoing – we have hope for those we serve and envision a brighter future 
for all.

Sister Adele is fond of saying, “We meet people where they are.” We remain 
dedicated to our mission and know that we could not achieve our success 
without your support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Kim Despres

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CIRCLE THE CITY

Impact Numbers

**8,000+**
Patients seen by Circle the City yearly

**UP TO 100**
Respite patients per day who receive a bed, daily medical care and meals

**45**
Patients seen daily by mobile medical teams

**42%**
Of respite patients receive in-house physical therapy

**30%**
Of patients receive behavioral healthcare

**100,000**
Meals served to respite patients yearly
INDIVIDUALS SERVED
In Fiscal Year 2023

* Includes Medical, Behavioral Health and Physical Therapy

OUR RESPITE CENTERS

217
Downtown Medical Respite Center (DMRC)

254
Midtown Medical Respite Center (MMRC)

OUR OUTPATIENT CENTERS

1,183
Parsons Family Health Center

2,795
Downtown Family Health Center

STREET MEDICINE

684

OUTREACH

3,829
OUR SERVICES
Innovative Healthcare

Outpatient Care
Outpatient clinics provide integrated primary and preventive healthcare.

Respite Care
Centers for men and women to recover from acute illnesses or injuries.

Mobile Medical Units
Integrated primary and preventive healthcare provided by mobile teams.

- East Valley Neighborhood Partnership
- West Valley Neighborhood Partnership
- Central Valley Neighborhood Partnership I
- Central Valley Neighborhood Partnership II
- North Valley Neighborhood Partnership
OUR SERVICES
Innovative Healthcare

Hospital Health Navigator Program
Connects patients to support services upon discharge from hospitals.

Street Medicine
Direct care on the streets to people who are unsheltered.
Making it possible

INDIVIDUAL DONORS
1,014
Dedicated to supporting our mission.

PARTNERS
73
Organizations that work directly with Circle the City to create a community without homelessness.

VOLUNTEERS
68
Individuals who donate their time and talent.

STAFF
214
Our passionate team embodies Circle the City’s mission.
In Fiscal Year 2023, Circle the City received 13 major grants.

This successful year of grant funding validates grantor confidence in Circle the City’s ability to reliably provide integrated primary care services to people facing homelessness and Circle the City’s ongoing expansion of services to meet demand.

Circle the City Grantors

- Bidstrup Foundation
- Board of Visitors
- Bristol Myer Squibb
- Cigna Foundation
- City of Tempe
- CSJ Ministry Support
- HRSA Supplemental (H8F grants)
- HRSA Yearly Grant
- Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation
- Order of Malta
- Season for Sharing
- SRP
- Whiteman Foundation
In response to unprecedented growth in homelessness which was driven by many factors, including the escalating rent costs and the lack of affordable housing, Circle the City (CTC) has expanded service locations, licensed providers, mobile medical units and outreach vehicles.

We have invested in technologies and staff to facilitate state-of-the-art, quality, statistical and financial reporting to extend CTC’s reach throughout Maricopa County. This growth is in response to community needs and has dramatically increased CTC’s assets, revenues, and employees, as demonstrated below:

CTC relies on federal, state, local, corporate, foundation, and private grants, along with individual donations and planned gifts to support approximately 20% of CTC’s annual operating needs.
ASSETS & EMPLOYEES

Fiscal Years 2019-2023

Assets

FISCAL YEAR

2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

$18M $16M $14M $12M $10M

Employees

FISCAL YEAR

2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

250

200

150

100
Francisco, better known as Frankie by his friends, had been a resident of Avondale for as long as he could remember. Life had been good until health issues crept in and he lost his job. With no steady income to pay for his rent, he was forced to live behind a neighborhood church and use his bicycle to get around. For thirteen months, he struggled to find his bearings, living a simple and modest life.

Frankie is a kind-hearted man, always ready to lend a helping hand. One day, he had a terrible accident while riding his bike, which led him to Circle the City’s Downtown Family Health Center. He was treated with the utmost compassion and offered suggestions to transition out of his current situation. Unfortunately, his leg injury worsened and he needed hospitalization. With the help of Circle the City’s Health Navigator, he was admitted to the Downtown Medical Respite Center where he received the necessary medical care and support. It was a turning point for him and he began the process of finding permanent housing.

Frankie’s journey to healing is a testament to the transformative work at Circle the City. It’s because of our community’s support that we can provide a helping hand to men, women, and children facing homelessness. Join us in celebrating Frankie’s resilience and the countless individuals who have found healing and hope at Circle the City.
Love often finds its way into our lives in the most unsuspecting places: at a store, at school or at a friend’s birthday party. Love – and later marriage – also found its way to Jennifer and Adam, two patients at Circle the City’s Midtown Medical Respite Center.

Both individuals were facing homelessness, health challenges, and difficult life circumstances. While receiving respite care, Jennifer and Adam became friends and found that by supporting one another, they were lifted and aided in their many challenges.

Their friendship would grow into love and later blossomed one day with a wedding ceremony ordained by a fellow patient who officiated the services. Vows were exchanged, tears were shed and a new life adventure began for the newlywed couple.

Soon, Jennifer found employment and was able to leave the respite center. Adam needed additional care and surgery before they were reunited. While the adage, “happily ever after,” means many things for different people, Jennifer and Adam have found their own unique meaning of what “ever after” means for them.
Albert is a true survivor and fighter. He has experienced great trauma, including losing his mother, brother, and sister to separate acts of violence. His addiction struggles, prior convictions, and a cycle of homelessness made it difficult for him to find stability and hope.

Through all these challenges, Albert never lost his optimistic spirit. He served in the military and never lost sight of his dreams. When he came to Circle the City, he struggled with COPD and needed a safe place to recover. Our Downtown Medical Respite Center provided him with compassionate healthcare and support, which helped to improve his health and start on the path toward stable housing.

Today, Albert continues to work towards regaining his health and securing a permanent place to live. His story is a powerful reminder that anyone can overcome adversity and achieve their goals with the right resources and support.
Arthur was facing homelessness, unemployment, and the challenges of addiction. Today, after being hospitalized and later cared for in our Downtown Medical Respite Center, Arthur is on a new path in his life journey.

He is sober and in recovery. Arthur is also employed as a security guard and has reconnected with family members who had become casualties of his circumstances. By reconnecting with his daughter, Arthur says he has found the inspiration to continue to heal and recover. His family connections also helped Arthur become a better father and role model for others.

Arthur’s story is also told through another proven model of therapeutic care: art. His work can be found proudly hanging in our respite locations. His paintings of wildlife are striking and powerful works of nature that showcase his artistic talent. In one work, Arthur creates art with a painting of a turtle on a rock emboldened with the peace symbol.

The turtle metaphor shadows Arthur’s newfound life philosophy – perseverance, steadfastness, healing, and transformation.
Ways you can help.

Make a gift
Make a donation today and help provide lifesaving healthcare to people experiencing homelessness. No donation is too small. Your donation may qualify for a charitable tax contribution.

circlethecity.org/donate

Become a Shoebox Circle monthly donor
Receive special patient updates, information on our growing programs, invitations to tour our facilities, and many other opportunities.

circlethecity.org/shoebox

Volunteer your time
Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to the community and make a difference.

circlethecity.org/volunteer

Become a corporate partner
Corporate support is an integral part of Circle the City’s philanthropic efforts.

circlethecity.org/donate

Planned giving
You can make a stock gift, IRA (QCD) gift, bequest or other instrument and build a legacy to provide healthcare to people facing homelessness.

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Spread the word
Share our mission and the impact we are having on the community.
The Health Disparities Reducer Badge recognizes health centers that have achieved at least a 10 percentage point improvement in low birth weight, hypertension control, and/or uncontrolled diabetes clinical quality measures (CQMs) during consecutive reporting years for at least one racial/ethnic group, while maintaining or improving the health center’s CQM performance from the previous reporting year.

The Access Enhancer Badge recognizes health centers that have increased the total number of patients and the number of patients who recieve at least one comprehensive service (mental health, substance abuse, vision, dental, and/or enabling) by at least 5% during consecutive UDS (Uniform Data System) reporting periods.
OUR LOCATIONS

**Administrative Office**
300 West Clarendon Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 776-0776

**Downtown Family Health Center**
220 South 12th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 258-8282

**Downtown Medical Respite Center**
210 South 12th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 254-4282

**Midtown Medical Respite Center**
333 West Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 776-9000

**The Parsons Family Health Center**
3522 North 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 776-7676

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**MOBILE MEDICAL CARE**

(602) 516-6825

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**HOSPITAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR PROGRAM**

Circle the City has a health navigator located in a growing number of hospitals throughout Maricopa County. Our health navigators help connect patients to our outpatient and respite care services.

(602) 325-3535

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