



More Than a Bed  
Foster & Adoptive  
Family Resource Center

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



501(C)(3) NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION

QUALIFYING FOSTER  
CARE CHARITABLE  
ORGANIZATION

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This is More Than a Bed!

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# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



More Than a Bed (MTaB) is now 8 years old. We began this endeavor September 2014 as a way to lessen the financial burden for the families that are associated with fostering children.

Grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers and even good friends accept the responsibility of fostering so that the children have a safe haven to be all they can be. Many of these children have experienced unspeakable circumstances. Thankfully there are family, friends or licensed foster families to provide a nurturing environment. However, there are over 150 children in group homes, many of them with behavioral issues that family or foster parents are unwilling to contend with. These behavioral issues are usually due to the treatment they received in their original homes. The sad fact is that these children do not stand a chance in the real world without education or a caring adult to provide for and guide them.

Because of the number of children being removed from their biological homes, MTaB is lacking space to house the items needed for the children ages 0-18. So, we began the process of expansion in May 2022. An additional 50' x 50' warehouse

has been added to our property for additional storage and offices. This means that we can add additional items and space to the first warehouse and offer more to the families and children.

More Than a Bed has helped these caregivers with beds, clothes, toys, shoes, school supplies, diapers, underwear and much more. You can view the numbers of items dispersed to the families for the children on page 7. We have exceeded our pre-covid numbers and now continue to serve more than 30 new families per month from eight counties (Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima, Pinal and Santa Cruz) in Arizona.

Is there an end in sight? I would like to think so. But, unfortunately, with the increasing drug problems, the lack of state requirements to achieve a minimum high school education, the lack of morals, ethics and character being taught --- I am afraid that we are going to see the abuse, neglect and abandonment of these children increase. More Than a Bed provides a great service to the families and children for the immediate needs and could not continue without the support of our individual and corporate donors. Perhaps, with perseverance along with your help, we can all make a difference in these displaced children's lives.

Many thanks to each of you - individuals, organizations, special interest groups and churches - for the continued support given to More Than a Bed in 2022 and the past eight years. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you. Thank you and may God bless you and keep you.

**MISSION: TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO FOSTER, KINSHIP AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES FOR THE CHILDREN IN THEIR HOMES INCLUDING THOSE IN A CONGREGATE CARE SETTING, BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE VALUED.**

# WHO WE ARE

More Than a Bed was originally established as and continues to operate as a faith based, Christian organization. Therefore, we follow and adhere of first order to the rules and commandments of Scripture and depend on the Holy Bible as our guide.

## MISSION

To provide essential items to foster, kinship and adoptive families for the children in their homes including those in a congregate care setting, because every child deserves to be valued.

## GOAL

To lessen the financial burden for the caregivers and to make sure every child has the essentials they need.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

MTaB complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of and does not exclude people because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

We are here to provide support and resources that contribute to the promotion of the welfare of the foster, kinship and adoptive community including those children in a group home setting, because every child deserves to be valued.

## VISION

To inspire the community to get involved in the life of a foster child, support the families providing care, encourage new families to become licensed and current families to remain licensed.

## PURPOSE

- Provide resources and support to the families we serve
- Connect foster, kinship and adoptive families throughout the community to other resources
- Strengthen the families resolve to provide a safe and loving home for the children



# WHO WE SERVE

## Foster Families

Foster parents are state licensed caregivers. They are licensed through a foster care agency and take extensive classes to care for the children who are placed in their care.

## Kinship Families

Kinship parents can be family members, close family friends, or have an existing relationship to the children who are now in their care.

## Adoptive Families

Families who have gone through the legal process to adopt a child from the state.

## Congregate Caregivers

Caregiving professionals working in a residential setting for children that have been removed from their biological family.

## AYAP & TILP

Teens that are provided services through the state such as Arizona Young Adult Program (AYAP) and the Transitional Independent Living Program (TILP) to assist youth in foster care to develop life skills while transitioning to adulthood.

Removal of a child from their existing home is typically due to extreme circumstances, such as abuse and/or neglect.

# WHAT WE PROVIDED *in 2022*



# FINANCES

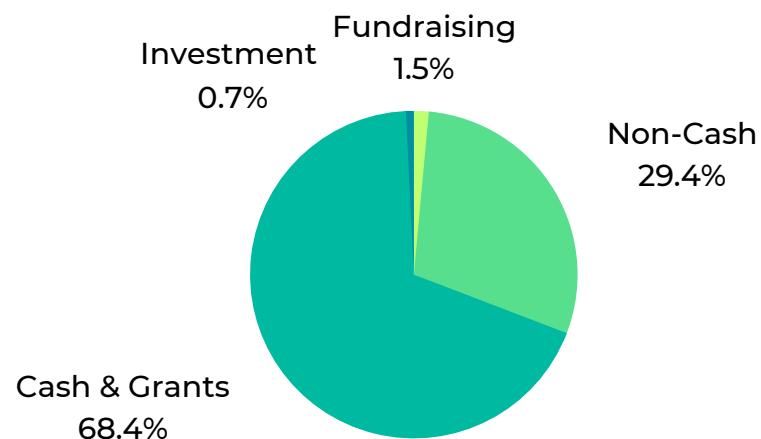
## KEY CHALLENGE:

Keeping up with the demand of essentials for the children in foster care.

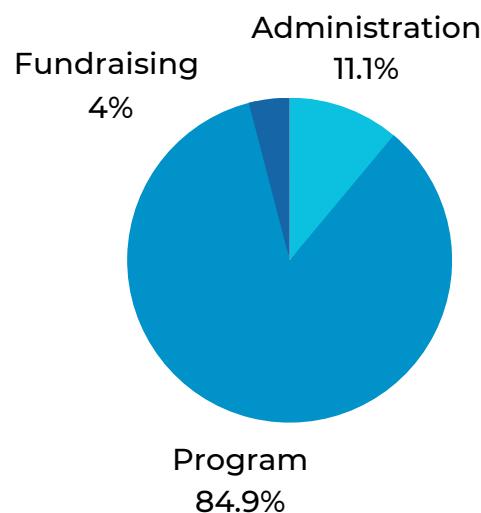
## BUDGET BREAKDOWN\*

\*Fiscal year budget breakdown is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**INCOME**      **\$1,358,548**



**EXPENSES**      **\$800,506**



**ASSETS**      **\$2,085,010**

**85% OF EXPENSES GOES TO PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN**

# PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE



## 2014 FOUNDED

Received 501(c)(3) public charity accreditation. More Than a Bed began with serving 5 families out of a garage.



## 2015 QFCO APPROVED

November 2015, approved by State of Arizona as a Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization (QFCO 10032). Began hosting quarterly 'Give Without Measure' events for the families at a local church.



## 2017 CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED ON WAREHOUSE #1

Opened for families to shop June 2017.



## 2022 CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSE # 2 BEGINS

Estimated to be complete 1st quarter 2023.

# OUR TEAM

## STAFF



**Grace Stocksdale**  
Executive Director



**Stefanie Mathon**  
Director of Operations



**Tori Bellino**  
Warehouse Manager



**Carol Abrahamson**  
Administrative Assistant



**Pamela Kennedy**  
Household/Toy Supervisor



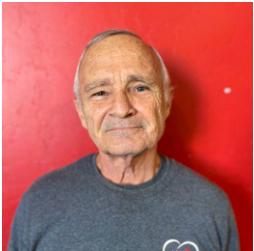
**Lori Thomas**  
Second Sort Supervisor



**LeeEtta Jungblom**  
Shoe Room Supervisor



**Matthew Palmer**  
Finance



**Henry Leahy**  
Warehouse Assistant



**Yvonne Bohan**  
Warehouse Assistant



**Steven Powers**  
Warehouse Assistant



**Karysa Carson**  
Warehouse Assistant

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Jessica Graves**



**Jon Reardon**



**Kelly Meltzer**



**Lara Iacobucci**



**Brandon Jacobson**



**Eli Bunch**



**Rachael Baker**



**Rufus Tamayo**

## BUBBLE BATHS

It's her second birthday. We had the biggest party for her – a barbecue, cake, all our family and friends, balloons, the whole thing. And now I'm watching her splash in the bathtub. It's like most every night, minus the pink frosting still laced in her tiny blonde curls. The bath is her very favorite part of the day. The weight of this day sits on my chest as a smile simultaneously sweeps across my face as I watch her soak and giggle in the bubbles. I can't tell you what it was like to give her her first bath two years ago, but I can tell you what it was like nearly a year ago when DCS dropped her off at our doorstep. I'd never seen a baby more terrified of the water, of the bath. I can still hear the way she screamed and cried in the back parts of my mind. I quickly learned from the investigator in the following week that the fear she had was because she'd rarely –

if ever- been bathed before. So today even on a day of celebration I have to say that this is my favorite part of the day, too. Because today, I get to give her the bath that she loves so very much – and I will soak in every moment of that.



## THE CAPACITY FOR LOVE



One thing I can promise you if you open your home to foster children is that God will show you what your actual capacity for love is. I know I had an idea as to what I was capable of, what I could handle, what we could manage as a family. Our capacity for "one child" seems silly as I now look at the three little girls playing in my backyard. We could have said no to all of this – to the never-ending stream of social workers, lawyers, therapies, and court date. To the constant rollercoaster of emotions, unknowns, and heartbreak. We could have said no to the three sisters who desperately wanted to stay together. We could have said no, and we could have missed this. The bond that they have, the giggles in the car on every morning, and a capacity for love greater than I could've ever imagined. I'm so grateful for organizations like More Than a Bed, and their ability to assist when that capacity is being stretched – it makes all of the difference.

# CHRISTMAS EVENT



# GOLF EVENT

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# 1 PHOTO = 1,000 WORDS





# GET INVOLVED

## Visit Us Online



Find us online at  
[www.morethanabed.org](http://www.morethanabed.org)  
Stay up to date with  
news and events.

## Volunteer

Get involved with our community through volunteering at the warehouse and/or our events.

## Donate Items

Give financially, donate new or gently used clothes, toys, baby equipment and household items.

## Sponsor an Event

Get involved by sponsoring a drive for diapers, toys, school supplies or backpacks.

## Partner

Become a monthly financial partner with MTaB.

## Tax Credit & Stocks

Choose where your state tax liabilities make the biggest impact. Donate to MTaB for AZ Tax Credit (QFCO 10032). Consult your tax professional. Stock transfers also accepted.

## Facebook



Like and follow  
@morethanabed  
on Facebook.

## Instagram



Follow us on Instagram  
[more.than.a.bed](https://www.instagram.com/more.than.a.bed)

## Join Us



Mark your calendar for our 6th Annual Golf Tournament on April 22, 2023 at Sewailo Golf Club.



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Catalina Rotary Club of Tucson Foundation

Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

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Famous Footwear

Freeport-McMoRan Foundation

GEOST

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Holy Needles

Horrocks Engineering Firm

HS Lopez Family Foundation

Just Between Friends

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Men's Active 20-30 Club

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The Connie Hillman Family Foundation

The Foster Family Private Foundation Inc

Ticket to Dream Foundation

Treasures 4 Teachers

Tucson Electric Power

Tuesday Morning

Vail Christian Church

Walmart: Wetmore, East Golf Links

Wayne Lundeberg Software

Wheels for Kids

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The children in care might not say it, but we can .....  
THANK YOU for your support and for caring for these  
displaced children.



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