Rising Tides

When one of us rises we all rise!

Tempe Community Action Agency

TCAA Named 2026 Nonprofit of the Year!



Dear %contactInformalName%,

Tempe Community Action Agency is honored to be named the **2026 Nonprofit of the Year** by the **Tempe Chamber** through its **Business Excellence Awards.**

This award recognizes a year of **dedication, compassion, and impact** made possible by our staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners. It reflects the **countless acts of service that strengthen our community**, from delivering Meals on Wheels, distributing food, helping families remain housed and connecting neighbors with critical resources.

Your continued support helps us build a stronger, healthier East Valley.

A Message from our CEO



Arizona's **extreme summer heat** creates **life-threatening conditions** beyond what air temperature suggests. While air temperatures may reach 110°F, **asphalt can exceed 160°F and concrete can top 140°F**, placing individuals experiencing homelessness at immediate risk of **burns**, **dehydration**, and **heat exhaustion**.

Without access to shade, water, or cooling spaces, many unsheltered residents face prolonged exposure that can **quickly become deadly**. Expanded shelter, cooling centers, outreach, and long-term housing are urgently needed to keep our neighbors safe.

TCAA helps reduce these dangers by connecting neighbors to **shelter**, **hydration, and critical support** during extreme heat. **Community support strengthens these life-saving services** when demand is highest.

Phillip Scharf
CEO

Help Our Community Beat the Heat!



To support those most affected by the heat this summer, there is a simple way you can make a direct impact: **host a water drive or heat relief drive**

through your workplace, church, neighborhood, or community group.

Most-needed items include:
Bottled water
Sunscreen (travel-sized)
Hats
Reusable water bottles
Electrolytes
Cooling towels

You can also host a **Virtual Drive**, enabling TCAA to purchase water and heat relief supplies in bulk.

Join us in **making a difference this summer** by hosting a drive today.

Volunteers Needed: Meals on Wheels



The city clears out a bit in the summer, but our **volunteer needs do not!**

TCAA delivers meals daily to homebound seniors in Tempe and Scottsdale, providing not only **nutrition, but also meaningful connection**.

Volunteer shifts are flexible and whether you drive weekly, monthly, or as a substitute, **your time makes a real difference**.

Thanks to a generous donor, **TCAA is now able to cover the cost of the required Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card for new volunteers** who commit to six months of service. This support helps remove a financial barrier so more people can get involved.

Please **email our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer1@tempeaction.org** for additional information about how you can participate!

Free Public Skate at Mullet Arena!



From **June 6th through June 27th**, Bar-S Foods, Mountain America Community Iceplex and Tempe Community Action Agency are teaming up to help fight hunger among Tempe's homeless population through a community food drive.

Guests who donate five canned food items or make a $10 cash donation will receive a **free public skate** voucher as a thank-you for their support.

Cash donations must be made on-site during a public skate session to qualify, and donations are limited to one public skate voucher per donation.

Join us in making a difference for local families and individuals in need while enjoying a day on the ice.

Rent Assistance Made the Difference



When Crystal's husband lost his job, their family quickly fell behind on rent and struggled to cover basic expenses. While relying on temporary food assistance and support from local churches, **they faced the possibility of losing their home.**

Through TCAA's rent assistance program, the family was able to **catch up on rent, avoid eviction, and keep their children in the same schools.**

"We have been praying, and the timing was a blessing to my family to receive this assistance from TCAA," Crystal shared.

Today, the family is back on stable footing and able to **maintain their housing** after receiving timely assistance through TCAA's rent assistance program.

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At Tempe Community Action Agency, we envision a society where every person has what they need to live a healthy, purposeful life.

It is our mission to eliminate poverty and advance equitable communities.

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