



Transforming Lives Through Employment since 1988

Mission

Assisting homeless, low-income, and other disadvantaged individuals in their efforts to become self-sufficient through quality employment.

In 1988, the Andre House created St. Joseph the Worker in response to a humble plea from homeless individuals receiving dinner in the park: "we want jobs, but we don't have the tools." And since then, St. Joseph the Worker has focused solely on empowering men and women who are truly "down and out" – with literally nothing – to transform their lives through employment.

History



"It's a great feeling to have a good job!" Eddieberto begins his work day with a smile.



St. Joseph the Worker distributed 15,936 public transit passes this past fiscal year.

To escape a dangerous relationship, Grace found the safest choice for her family was to move into an emergency shelter. She had to leave the job she loved, most belongings, and friends behind in order to be safe. Grace was now unemployed, her family homeless, and on foot. Overwhelmed, yet determined, she knew employment was vital to her self-respect, financial stability, and well-being of her precious family.

St. Joseph the Worker's workforce development program staff and volunteers worked to help Grace prepare a plan for success, an impressive new resume, and provided her with comprehensive job search assistance, including mock interviews, job leads, and bus passes. Within a few weeks, Grace secured a customer service position with a reputable company and St. Joseph the Worker was able to purchase Grace's uniform requirements. Three months later, Grace saved enough money to move her family into their own place. Grace's self-esteem has gradually mended; one accomplishment at a time. Grace and her children will never forget their past, but they have every reason to be optimistic about their future.

Issue

On any given day in Arizona, there are an estimated **36,497** homeless adults and children living in shelters, cars, unsafe buildings, or on the street, along with **1.24** million Arizonans experiencing poverty.

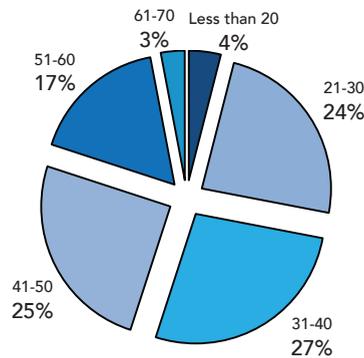
Impact

St. Joseph the Worker helped **3,883** individuals struggling with homelessness and poverty gain employment; creating a pathway towards renewed hope and self-sufficiency.

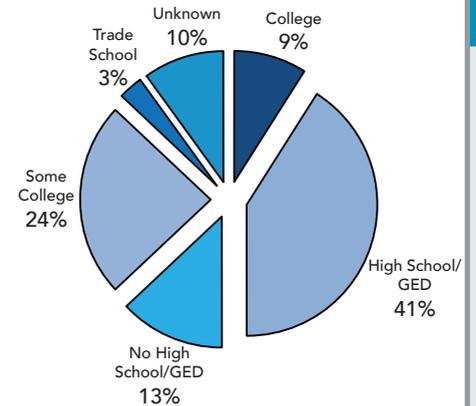
FY16/17 Success

- St. Joseph the Worker assisted **3,883** individuals in their efforts to secure quality employment
- The average starting wage for full-time employment was **\$11.27**
- **42%** of the positions offered benefits

Age of Participants

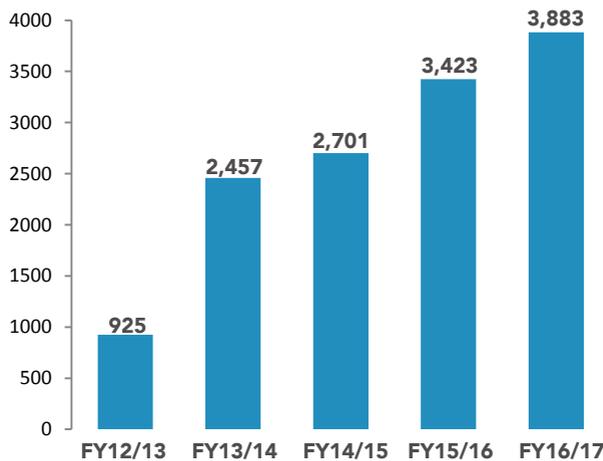


Education of Participants



Job Placement

Number of participants who gained employment



Four years ago, St. Joseph the Worker expanded the availability of services provided in the downtown Phoenix office, that now includes satellite locations hosted by partner agencies, and on the Mobile Success Unit.



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St. Joseph the Worker client services fall into three main categories:

Job Readiness

Help to prepare a resume or job application, mock interviews, personal presentation and communication tips, how to effectively explain a criminal history or large gap in employment, and building confidence.

Job Search

Address and phone number for messages, internet access to job search and submit applications, clothing that is clean, neat and professional, basic hygiene items, and daily bus passes to ensure transportation to and from interviews.

Employment Support

Reduced monthly bus passes to ensure transportation, financial assistance to pay for work uniforms or shoes, help securing certification or license fees, and assistance for individuals in low-income or part-time employment in locating a higher paying job.

St. Joseph the Worker recognizes that not everyone needs all services. Clients work closely with their Job Developer to determine what level of service is right for them.

