



**Arizona END OF LIFE
CARE PARTNERSHIP**

Anchored at United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

3 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN TUCSON

The Arizona End of Life Care Partnership and United Way of Tucson recently funded CCHS Foundation to conduct an assessment on the end-of-life care needs of those experiencing homelessness in Tucson, Arizona. The results of this assessment illustrate elevated health risks and personal loss among those experiencing homelessness, as well as significant interest in end-of-life care planning. Full results from the needs assessment will be released by CCHS at a later date.

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HIGH MORTALITY RISK

88% of those surveyed had faced the risk of death while unhoused, with **71%** reporting an attack from a stranger, and **57%** having faced life-threatening hyperthermia or dehydration at some point.

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LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Those surveyed experienced significant personal loss. On average, women had 17 friends or acquaintances die while experiencing homelessness, and men on average had 12 friends or acquaintances die.

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HIGH INTEREST IN ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

85% of those surveyed expressed interest in establishing a Healthcare Power of Attorney, and **75%** were interested in completing a Living Will.

How We Can Help

Our Partnership is focused on ensuring everyone in our community receives the care they desire at the end of life. This needs assessment will inform our ongoing work with and outreach to vulnerable and underrepresented communities across Tucson and Arizona.

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