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ARIZONA HOUSING COALITION TO HOLD 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (April 28, 2026) - The Arizona Housing Coalition is set to host its 31st Annual Conference, *There's No Place Like Home*, on May 12-13 at the Phoenix Convention Center. As the premier education and networking event for the affordable housing and homeless service industries in Arizona, this event is expected to attract 700+ participants from the public and private sectors.

This year's event will feature speakers like Director of the UCSF Benioff Homelessness & Housing Initiative, Dr. Margot Kushel; Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, John Scott; Housing Advocacy Coordinator for the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Kenza Idrissi Janati; Housing Strategist for the Arizona Department of Housing, Kirby Milner; and Research Director of ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy, Alison Cook-Davis. Emmy Award winning news anchor, investigative journalist, and host Carey Peña will serve as this year's master of ceremonies.

The 2025 Point in Time (PIT) Count found over 9,700 people experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County alone. The number of unsheltered individuals included in this count increased by 28% from 2024. Additionally, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, there are only 24 affordable rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households in Arizona. This conference is imperative in addressing these harrowing issues, exploring innovative solutions, and creating lifelong partnerships that advocate for safe, affordable homes for all.

Conference sponsors include JPMorganChase, Mercy Housing, Pima County Community & Workforce Development, Wells Fargo, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Wellpoint, PNC Bank, Vitalyst Health Foundation, DollarDays, Arizona Complete Health, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, NewWest Community Capital, Arizona Department of Housing, Arizona Community Foundation, Coalition for Supportive Housing, and more.

Members of the media are invited to attend. To make arrangements, contact Madeleine Lovett, Director of Marketing & Communications for the Arizona Housing Coalition, at madeleine@azhousingcoalition.org.

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The Arizona Housing Coalition is a 501(c)3 collaborative association leading statewide efforts to end homelessness and advocate for safe, affordable homes. The Coalition's membership includes more than 350 nonprofit organizations, affordable housing developers, government entities, and others that share its vision of stable homes for all. To learn more about the Arizona Housing Coalition, visit www.azhousingcoalition.org or call (602) 340-9393.