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## **BRIDGING AZ FURNITURE BANK TO PARTICIPATE IN AZ GIVES DAY FUNDRAISING EVENT**

### **Local Nonprofit Organization Seeks Support for its Veteran Program**

Phoenix, March 28, 2020 — Bridging AZ Furniture Bank will be taking part in Arizona Gives Day, an online 24-hour marathon giving event that invites the public to support their favorite local nonprofits. While the annual fundraiser officially starts on April 7, those interested in contributing can donate early through the organization’s site: [www.azgives.org/bridgingaz](http://www.azgives.org/bridgingaz).

Through this special day of generosity, Bridging AZ aims to raise funding and awareness for one of its outreach initiatives, the Veterans Furniture Project. The program is designed to engage the community’s veterans — particularly those who struggle with physical and mental illnesses — through specially tailored woodworking classes.

“Turning wood into art is literal what we do,” said Jim Piscopo, the executive director of Bridging AZ. Established in 2018, the program was created to offer veterans a sense of community and provide a therapeutic experience through hands-on workshops. Every Tuesday, Piscopo teaches multi-level classes on crafting custom wooden pens. The weekly lessons are offered for free at Victory Place in Phoenix, a complex that houses more than 200 veterans.

The donations received from Arizona Gives Day will support this specialized program. Apart from direct contributions, individuals can also purchase the veteran-made pens from the organization’s nonprofit retail store, Got Legs Furniture and Décor. All proceeds will go toward funding the program and ensure that free classes can continue to be offered to the community.

Donations made to Bridging AZ qualify for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit, allowing contributors to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. For more information about Bridging AZ and the Veterans Furniture Project, please visit [www.BridgingAZ.org/pens](http://www.BridgingAZ.org/pens).

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