

# MADD Arizona

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### A message from our Executive Director, Tania

MADD Arizona has been hard at work and we are thrilled to bring you our first quarter recap! As you will read in this newsletter, we have accomplished more than we had anticipated this quarter. From events, to legislative work, and most importantly serving victims and survivors throughout Arizona. We also have exciting news coming to Flagstaff. Watch our social media to hear the news coming up north. As always, thank you all for your support and encouragement to continue to serve Arizona.



## First Quarter Recap 2023

Below you will find all we've been doing from January - March and all that we have coming! We hope you enjoy reading it just as much as we've enjoyed bringing our work into the community!



# New Staff

Emily Chressanthis (she/her)



 Tucson Office

We are so excited to welcome Emily to our team! Emily came to Tucson from Philadelphia in 2018 to attend U of A, and loved Tucson so much she decided to stay post-grad after earning a B.A. in Creative Writing with a Geography minor. We can't wait for you all to meet her!

Victim Services Specialist

Beginning April 3rd, MADD Arizona will officially have a fully staffed team! Our two newest staff will be filling a Programs position in Tucson and a Programs position in our newest location, Flagstaff. Keep your eyes peeled for the next newsletter to meet our whole team!



Stacey D Stewart  
MADD National CEO

## National



Tess Rowland  
MADD National President

**Don't want to wait until the next newsletter  
to meet our team?**

Our whole team will be announced on our socials and our website! Be sure you're following us to see our team and stay up to date on everything we're doing in the community!



# Legislation



## S.B. 1085

### What is it?

S.B. 1085 allows for prosecutions for simple and extreme driving under the influence (DUIs) offenses to be prosecuted within two years after actual discovery of the offense.


### How is it different?

Prosecutors currently have 1 year to prosecute misdemeanors (most DUI cases) from time of offense.

### What can you do?

Call or email your Arizona Senator to show your support of this law and help victims and survivors increase their chance at receiving justice from these crimes.

### Directly connect today

 (202) 224-3121



## Arizona Activation



MADD Arizona is working to get involved with legislation again! It has been a few years since we've last been involved in legislative efforts but that time has officially run out. Keep your eyes peeled as more news and information is to come!

## Are you interested in getting involved?

If you'd like to stay up to date with legislative action, are interested in giving any testimony to get bills passed, or would like to learn more; please reach us at:



Rebecca Sustayta



Rebecca.Sustayta@madd.org

# Healing Journey

We are so excited to share this year  
we have kicked off....



This is a completely new type of group at MADD AZ. It's a space for victims and survivors to feel supported through their grieving process by allowing time for themselves to do things that help with our daily lives. Most importantly, to help improve our physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.

These workshops consist of open discussions and new or expanded knowledge regarding self-care while completing an activity. Every month we will have a different topic and activity revolving around grief and self-care.

## When



First Friday of every month

## Where



Zoom



6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Arizona time

## Interested in attending our next workshop?

This group is for anyone looking for an excuse to start practicing and incorporating more self-care into their daily lives. We can't wait to welcome you!



Clarissa Meda



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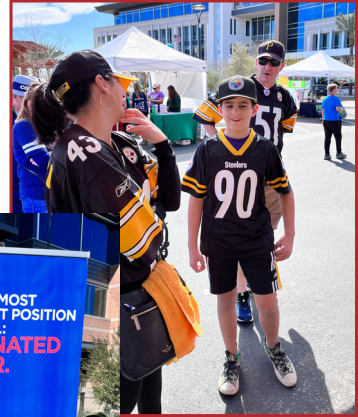
# Community Events

## Super Bowl LVII

Super Bowl LVII was a crazy time for everyone in Arizona! Here at MADD AZ, we want to take every opportunity possible to share our mission, especially on Super Bowl Weekend! Luckily, we had some help from our new National President, Tess Rowland. She, along with our team, were able to attend many events and meet many of you amazing Arizonians! Here's some of the events we attended...

- Game On! Goodyear Block Party
- Superbowl Music Fest with Anheuser-Busch
- Tabling at Buffalo Wild Wings
- Tabling at Twin Peaks

We also held a giveaway where a lucky winner, Diana Okabayashi, was able to win a signed Kyler Murray mini helmet! Thank you to all who entered!



MADD AZ loves getting out into our communities in any way we can! If any community events are happening in your area that you would like us to attend or table, please let us know!



[AZ.State@madd.org](mailto:AZ.State@madd.org)



# Programs

## Power of Parents

We secured a grant from **Communities Talk** and **SAMHSA** to promote our Power of Parents workshops! These workshops are where we work with parents and caregivers to discuss how parenting styles impact a youth's chance of drinking before 21, strategies you can provide your child, and how to help kids develop good decision-making skills around alcohol and cannabis use. Learn more by checking out our Linktree!

## Prescott Valley Mock Crashes

Prescott Valley Police Department has been very active in spreading our shared message of underage alcohol and drug use prevention and safe driving practices! Amy Stone, Officer Shawn Caswell, and others from the Prescott Area have been working together to plan and host mock crashes. These mock crashes have speakers from the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Safety, and Victim/Survivor speakers. During the first quarter, we were able to share our Power of You(th) Program and all of the impactful insight and experiences the speakers shared with over 600 students from AAEC and Tri-City Prep! We are not done spreading these important messages in the Prescott area as we have another mock crash coming up on May 3rd at Mayer High School!



## Want to learn more about our programs?

Check out these links below for more information and reach out with any questions!



Power of You(th): <https://madd.org/power-of-youth/>

Power of Parents: <https://madd.org/powerofparents>



Beverly Mason-Biggers



[Beverly.Mason@madd.org](mailto:Beverly.Mason@madd.org)

# Upcoming

## Power of You(th) VACTE Walk



### MADD's first POY walk!

Terri has been working with the youth out in Cottonwood to bring our very first POY walk to Arizona. We invite you to join us this year in Cottonwood!

**When:** April 15th, 2023 @ 9:00 am

**Where:** River Front Park  
1284 E River Front Rd, Cottonwood,  
AZ 86326

## Phoenix Candlelight Vigil

Join us in memory of DUI crash victims. We will be hosting our annual Candlelight Vigil to honor & remember the lives lost, injured and affected due to impaired driving.

**When:** April 22nd, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

**Where:** City Square Plaza  
3800 N Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85012



## Learn more about our Phoenix Vigil

Would you like to table at our Phoenix Vigil to showcase the resources that are available to victims of crime and our community? Please reach out to [Rebecca.Sustayta@madd.org](mailto:Rebecca.Sustayta@madd.org) so that we can reserve a spot for you today!



Unable to make it to our Phoenix location for the vigil? We will be livestreaming the entire event on our instagram so be sure to follow us today so that you can still be a part of it! @maddarizona



# Upcoming

## National Crime Victims Rights Week

Join MADD AZ in amplifying the voices of survivors and creating environments where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

We will be running a social media campaign during NCVRW sharing the stories of our families. If you would like to join in please read below on how to register to share your story.



## Southwest Regional Summit



The planning has begun and the West is ready to welcome MADD staff from throughout the country!

MADD AZ will be hosting our second Regional Summit, where staff from across MADD will receive training on how to better serve our community

When: May 23rd - 26th 2023

## Ready To Share Your Story?

Contact your Advocate to register or fill out the Jot Form by scanning the QR Code!





# Volunteer Shout Outs

## January: Barry Adkins

In January, Barry spoke to over 2,300 students sharing the message of our Power of Youth program at Gilbert Highschool.

Barry volunteers his time speaking at multiple Victim Impact Panels throughout the Valley sharing his story, along with his son Kevin's story. Through his healing, Barry wrote a book titled "Kevin's Last Walk" where he invites you into his journey of healing and forgiveness. Thank you, Barry, for all of the work you do to continue spreading awareness of impaired driving and underage drinking!

## February: Rayl Evans

As an Arizona Ranger, Rayl supports our VIP's by volunteering as security for staff and has also become one of our speakers. Rayl shares his personal journey of his battle with addiction with alcohol, providing an honest and vulnerable look into the life of a man in uniform who was able to change his life for the better. There is no session that goes by without attendees thanking Rayl for his honesty and for providing them hope in their own battles with addiction. We are so grateful for Rayl's perspective and are so proud to honor Rayl as he celebrates his 38th year of sobriety! Thank you, Rayl, for all you do!

## March: Amy Stone & Officer Shawn Caswell

Amy Stone and Officer Caswell have gone the extra mile to coordinate 2 mock crashes, reaching over 600 students with our Power of Youth (POY) program throughout Prescott Valley!

They've enjoyed this work so much, they've already planned another mock crash for May ahead of prom and end of the year celebrations. Thank you, Amy and Officer Caswell, for your tireless commitment to our mission and for everything you do for us and our greater Phoenix community. We couldn't do what we do without incredible partners like you!

## We're MADD About our Volunteers!



To show our appreciation, one volunteer is highlighted each month on our socials who has gone above and beyond for us and our mission. Want to be featured? Become a volunteer today by sending interest to [azvictimservices@madd.org](mailto:azvictimservices@madd.org)

# Sponsorship Shout Outs

## Circle K State Presenting Partner



A huge thank you to Circle K for their generosity in donating Fuel Discount Cards for us to use from March until the end of May. Through this donation, we were able to send these cards out to our volunteers as a token of our appreciation for the constant work they do for us and our mission. Thank you, Circle K!

## Arizona Interlocks

We are so excited to share our new partnership with Arizona Interlocks! This year, Arizona Interlocks will be supporting our Phoenix Candlelight Vigil, Walk like MADD, and our Southwest Regional Summit. Thank you so much to Hector and his entire team at AZ Interlocks, we couldn't do what we do without you!



## Thank you, Shapiro Law Team!

We'd like to give one last shout out to the Shapiro Law Team as we had a few leftover goodie bags from last December's DUI Task Forces. With these bags, we were able to help support the efforts of Tucson PD as they held task forces over St. Patrick's Day weekend. The last few were taken down to Yuma and delivered to our new friends at Somerton PD. Thank you, Shapiro!



# Save the Date

## Get Ready To Walk With Us!

PHOENIX WALK: 10/7/2023  
PHOENIX RACEWAY

TUCSON WALK: TBD 11/2023  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MALL



Phoenix WLM

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Tucson WLM

## Honoring Heros Recognition Banquets



Nominations are now open! Be sure to start nominating today and help us recognize all the incredible work being done to help prevent impaired driving and support victims and survivors.



Phoenix  
Nominations



Tucson  
Nominations

### Interested in a sponsorship?

Would you like to be a sponsor for one of our events? If you'd like to learn more about these opportunities please reach out to our Development Officer, Terri Bowen.



Terri Bowen



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# Social Corner

## Staff Spotlight!



You may know her as one of our advocates out of Tucson, but did you know Clarissa also has her Master's in Forensic Psychology and is about to complete a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health and Wellness with an emphasis in Grief and Bereavement?!

When Clarissa isn't supporting our community or furthering her education, you can find her cooking up all types of new recipes, spending time outdoors, in her garden, or cozying up with a good book! Being originally from Yuma, Clarissa also loves to travel back home to visit with her loved ones or find new places to continue exploring.



*We love our  
Clarissa!*



## Get to know our staff!



You have all been so wonderful in allowing us to get to know you, that we want you to get to know us in return! Each newsletter this year will highlight one of our staff members so keep your eyes peeled to see who's next!



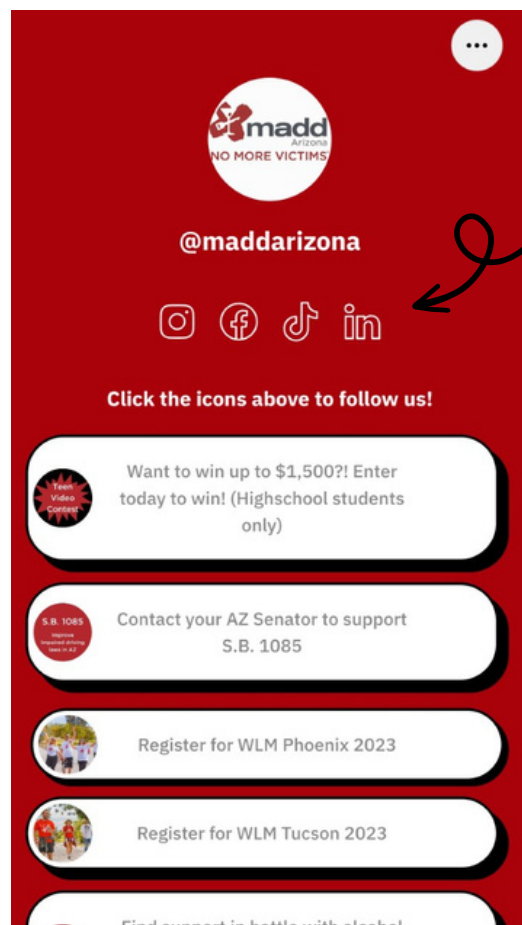
# Social Corner

## Linktree

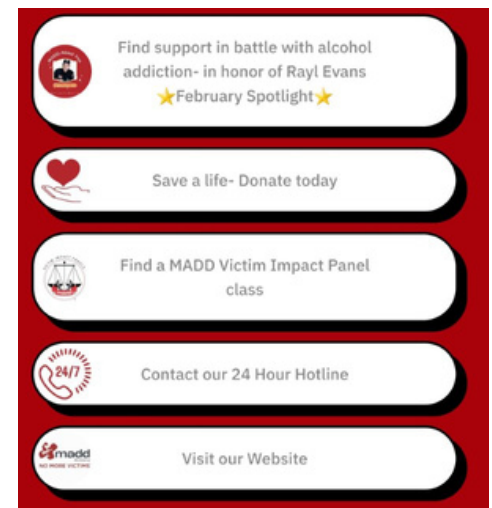
Did you know Linktree is a one-stop shop for all things MADD Arizona? Here you can find all of our social media accounts, register for the walks, and even find information like our National Hotline and registering for VIP's!



**Scan the QR code to find us today!**



Click on these icons to be taken to our social media pages!



## And that's a wrap on Quarter 1!



Thank you so much to everyone who helped us have such a great start to 2023! We cannot wait for everything we are going to achieve this year and none of this would be possible with YOU! Be sure to follow us along on social media to stay most up to date in everything we do and we look forward to our continued work together.

