Welcome back volunteers!

The 2023-2024 school year has gotten off to a great start! After completing our initial training and orientations, the new first-year medical students at UACOMP have begun volunteering on street runs.

For those of you who volunteered during PAL block/summer, we thank you for your service! It’s inspiring to see students choose to work with Street Medicine Phoenix even in the scorching summer months. The work that you all have done truly makes a difference!
Frequently asked question:
What do we do when a community member has a medical problem that SMP cannot handle?

Refer them to Circle the City, a health center that provides health services to those experiencing homelessness, regardless of insurance status.

Ask them if they have AHCCCS (Medicare/Medicaid). If they do, they can go to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), such as Valle del Sol.

If they don’t have AHCCCS but are interested in signing up for insurance, refer them to the Brian Garcia Welcome Center on the Human Services Campus, where a case worker can help them sign up and access other services.

If the previous suggestions do not help, go to auntbertha.com or 211arizona.org. You can find many services including transportation assistance, food, housing, medical services, and more!

If you are ever unsure, ask a preceptor or Co-Lead. As a volunteer, you are not expected to know these options, but knowing even just one of these steps could make a difference in someone’s life. If you have any more questions about these resources or want to learn more, get in touch with a Co-Lead or Catherine Miller!

MEME OF THE MONTH

Donor Spotlight

We want to give a big shoutout to Dr. Anandalakshmi for donating T-shirts to Street Medicine Phoenix! We are so grateful for your help and the time that you put into SMP.