



Annual Statewide Conference

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263 N. Center Street in Mesa

2023 Housing Counselor of the Year

José Velazquez, Newtown CDC

This award recognizes José Velazquez, an individual who excels in supporting clients looking to purchase, rent, or avoid foreclosure/evictions. José Velazquez leads a team of four in the Housing Counseling Department at Newtown Community Development Corporation. He does this along with maintaining a full schedule of providing housing counseling, financial coaching, and HUD reporting. José prides himself on being the best Housing Counselor by constantly engaging in continuing education and understanding the current housing market. Recently José helped develop a down-payment assistance program that will be administered through Newtown. The program will provide a grant of up to \$35,000 to income-eligible buyers. José helped come up with the idea, developed the process, and created all the documents necessary for a successful closing.

José embodies the idea of mission-driven work and has for many years. His clients rave about how great he is to work with and his fans include just about anyone who is involved in the home-buying process including lenders, realtors, escrow officers, grant fund administrators, and most importantly, the entire staff at Newtown. Stated his manager, Stephanie Brewer, “José’s knowledge, incredible sense of humor, and desire to make a long-standing impact in the affordable housing space make him an ideal candidate for this nomination and I couldn’t be prouder to make it.”

Congratulations José!

OUR VISION: We're working to create an Arizona where housing stability is universal, and every man, woman, child and veteran has a safe, *affordable place to call home*