

Hope Stories General Questions List 2018

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Las Cruces, New Mexico

These questions are designed as a general outline to the intentions of the Hope Stories project, and as a working guideline for how the interview might progress.

A good core-list of narrator questions helps to establish rapport, to create greater access of memory recall, and to prepare participants for the day of the interview. The following list is subject to change with each narrator's background, field of specialization in the community, and the personal story that each individual narrator chooses to share.

Suggested subjects, personal events, and specific questions for discussion and conversation are always encouraged. For more information about working together and developing questions for the story you would most like to tell, [Contact me](#) by phone or email with questions, thoughts, and comments.

All recordings begin with a short introduction which details interview location, date, and anyone who may be present other than the narrator and the interviewer. In addition to the digital file-name of the recording, the interview begins when the narrator states their

Full name

Date of birth

Location considered hometown

Current role or recent advocacy at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

Biographical

Will you share a story about growing up

Where did you go to school — What career did you imagine for yourself

Talk about highlights of your personal biography before Mesilla Valley Community of Hope — Education, Travel, Business, Volunteerism

Talk about the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and Doña Ana County services that matter most to your work

Hope Stories

What is your perspective on holding good employment in Las Cruces

How did you first experience what today is commonly called a “tent-city”

Discuss differences between sanctioned and unsanctioned tent-cities

How can community support help or hinder success for the homeless

Talk about the benefits of transitional housing programs like Tents-to-Rents— Complications

Discuss some of the challenges of maintaining health when experiencing homelessness

Which clinical services and healthcare programs help the homeless to access food and shelter

Hope New Mexico

Tell me about services and resources outside Camp Hope that work — those that do not

How do access services to public housing differ throughout the State of New Mexico and the City of Las Cruces

What is your knowledge of poverty and hunger in rural areas of the state

Have you worked with Community of Hope clients from New Mexico Colonias

What is your knowledge about New Mexico's transition between the traditional federal Food Stamp Program and today's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

In your experience, have programs like New Mexico's use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) helped avoid homelessness

Hope Work

How do City, State or Federal funding programs play a role in your work

Can you talk about specific city or state institutional challenges of helping people who are living at Camp Hope

Discuss some of the challenges of maintaining health when experiencing homelessness

Which clinical services and healthcare access programs help the homeless access food and shelter

Are soup kitchens vital to the homeless community

Hope Care

In your own daily and weekly routine, what methods of self-care work best

What programs are you aware of that help to alleviate the stress that can occur for those working to help the homeless

Are there employer, city, or state systems which support your healthcare

Do you have a retirement program as part of your work

Hope Future

Do future programs show promise to help the homeless in Las Cruces

Name three of the most valuable contributions or levels of support, not present today, that would help the homeless in Las Cruces immediately

How do you envision the future of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope