As she faced open-heart surgery to replace a worn-out valve, the hospital staff asked for answers to questions about end-of-life care. Did she know what she wanted? Did she have someone named as power of attorney? Bobbie Pardue was able to answer "yes" to those questions. She had just filled out that paperwork a week earlier with the help of Karen MacDonald from ICS.

"I was so proud. I didn't know I was going to have surgery. It was a blessing," she says.

Ask Bobbie how she's feeling now and she will tell you, "Just great!" and enjoy a hearty laugh. It's been about four months since her surgery and having decided on her end-of-life care gives her peace. "A lot of people don't want to talk about death. I'm ready when God says it's my time. My son knows my decisions."

ICS Wholistic End of Life Program Manager Suzanne Morrison says, "Completing end-of-life plans can go a long way toward relieving the anxiety of the dying person as well as that person's friends and family. It can also minimize the waste of financial and emotional resources and allow a person to die with greater dignity. We all deserve an opportunity to plan our deaths as much as that is possible."

ICS is one of several non-profits awarded funding from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and The David and Lura Lovell Foundation to educate and encourage people in our community.

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A Word from the CEO

Dear Friends of ICS,

In this issue, I’m honored to share breaking news with you, our dedicated ICS supporters and community partners. For several months, a Tucson nonprofit, Helping Hands for Single Moms-Tucson (HHT) sought a partner to enhance its infrastructure and impact. HHT has a proven program to improve the economic well-being of single moms and their children as they pursue a college education. Currently, there is a wait list of 60 single mom scholars who are attending college, working and raising a family on their own. Over the last two years, 86% of the Single Mom Scholars have graduated, with a 3.5 GPA earning an average salary of $42,000.

As part of our strategic plan, ICS seeks to empower our clients to build greater self-sufficiency. After due diligence, both boards voted to integrate the HHT program into ICS. HHT Executive Director, Lia Pierse, joins ICS as our new Self-Sufficiency Director and continues to lead Single Mom Scholars.

Single Mom Scholars offers expanded resources to benefit single parent households and creates a comprehensive approach to reduce generational poverty and offers long-term solutions for self-sufficiency. We’ll share more about this program in coming months but wanted to share this good news with you first.

Serving with you,

K. Daniel Stoltzfus
Chief Executive Officer

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Find out more about the tax credit donation at www.icstucson.org or call Deborah Carr, Philanthropy Director, at 520-297-6049 ext. 4222.

Lunch and Learn

Noon-2pm
Thursday, October 26, 2017
New Life Bible Fellowship
4900 W. Cortaro Farms Rd.

What can we learn about the signs and symptoms of suicide?

Are there ways to know if your loved one is at risk?

Join us to hear clinical psychologist Dr. Patricia Harrison-Monroe speak about the impact of suicide and its effects on loved ones left behind.

Hear real-life stories from people who have dealt with the trauma, guilt and unanswered questions that suicide can bring.

Register online at www.icstucson.org.
Call 297-6049 ext. 4233 with questions.

ICS is proud to have received the highest possible rating of four stars from Charity Navigator for ”demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.” This is the eighth year in a row ICS has received this exceptional rating! Charity Navigator says this rating shows ICS “executes its mission in a financially efficient way.” The four-star rating ranks ICS in the top 2% of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator.

Advance Care Planning

cont. from page 1 especially the underserved and vulnerable, to plan for their care in any life-threatening situation. ICS will host workshops to help people make their plans for end-of-life care. Are you interested in finding out more or volunteering in this area? Call Suzanne Morrison at 297-6049 ext. 4270 or email smorrison@icstucson.org.

Support ICS all year long while still being free to cancel or change at any time.

Keep Your Tax Dollars Working in Pima County with the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit for Southern Arizona

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Be a Champion of Hope.

Be a Monthly Giver and Do More Good Than You Ever Imagined.

Choose your monthly gift amount when you sign up at www.icstucson.org.

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Families in need often struggle with the cost of holiday gifts. You can help by being a part of the ICS Gifts of Love Adopt-a-Family. Your generosity can bring some holiday cheer to a family this year! Invite your friends and family to join you as you enter into the holiday season of giving.

Call 297-6049 and ask about the Holiday Gifts of Love. We will match you with a family who can use some help this holiday season. We provide you with clothing sizes and gift suggestions. You do the shopping and drop off gifts at the ICS Main Office. It’s a great way to focus on giving during the holidays!

Call 297-6049 to find out more.

Our Appreciation to the following businesses and private and family foundations for their recent grants and gifts:

- Aetna Foundation
- AmazonSmile Foundation
- Shaaron Kent Endowment at The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
- Corporation for National Community Service/Senior Corps
- Edward Jones/David Ahmad
- Even Stevens
- Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona
- Northern Trust
- Phillips Family Foundation
- Pleasurebent Tours
- RBC Foundation USA
- State of Arizona Employees Charitable Campaign
- Sunstreet Mortgage
- The David and Lura Lovell Foundation
- Thrivent Financial/Diana Lonbeck, David Petz and Mathew Gigstad
- Tucson Electric Power
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Pella Rollscreen Foundation

Many thanks to Splendido at Rancho Vistoso, Even Stevens, MVP Team at V.I.P. Mortgage, Southwest Gas, faith community partners, and all the individuals who went shopping on their own and dropped off donations.

Southwest Gas volunteers helped distribute more than 200 backpacks at the ICS Southside Volunteer Office, where students also enjoyed crafts and refreshments.
Volunteer Update

ICS Anywhere Drivers kept things rolling during the hot summer by volunteering to drive people anywhere in the zip codes ICS serves. That gift of time and energy allowed ICS to give nearly 1,000 rides in the months of June, July and August!

To recognize these valuable volunteers, a random drawing was held each month in June, July and August to award ICS Anywhere Drivers a free ticket to the upcoming ICS Empty Bowls event in March or to Eat, Drink & Be Giving, held in September.

You can see the winners pictured left! These volunteers and many others are providing rides for people who need to get to the grocery store or doctor’s office and can keep living independently if they receive some help with transportation.

Because of these awesome volunteers, ICS has now been able to fulfill all ride requests for more than a year! At press time it was a string of 64 weeks and counting! Our thanks to so many dedicated volunteers helping people lead stable, healthy and independent lives!

Do you have time to give as an ICS volunteer? Go online at www.icstucson.org and click on the Volunteer tab to find out more. Or email Volunteer Resources Manager Tori Carlson at tcarlson@icstucson.org or call 297-6049 ext. 4217.

Volunteer Orientation

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ICS Job Resource Center several times a week, and she’s been working at finding a job for eight months now. “I would rather be working. Why would you give up? Don’t ever give up.”

She has applied for a job with the State Department and is patiently waiting through a long process. An interview last month gave her some hope and she is optimistic she will hear good news soon. In the meantime a friend has helped revise her resume, and she’s applying for other jobs.

She credits her faith for keeping her going, along with the support of family and friends. While she waits she is volunteering at her church and at the ICS Food Bank. She’s also enrolled in Pima Community College. Nora learned about the ICS Job Resource Center from her church. Now it’s become a key location in her ongoing job search, and she finds the volunteers helpful as she works at keeping a positive attitude by getting out of the house every day.

The ICS Job Resource Centers offer free use of a computer and volunteers who have real-life experience and can help people apply for jobs online, improve their interview skills, and sharpen their resume. The Job Resource Center at the ICS Eastside office is open from 10am-3pm Monday-Thursday, and at the Main Office on Ina from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday.

To find out more or volunteer at the ICS Job Resource Center contact Resource Center Coordinator, Chris DeGraff at 297-6049 ext. 4243 or email cdegraff@icstucson.org.
In a festive celebration of many faiths and one purpose, 250 people gathered to mark a milestone in ICS history: 100 faith community partners! The event brought together both new and longtime volunteers along with members and leaders of faith communities, and the community at large. The time together gave everyone a chance to reflect on the beginnings of ICS and its 32 years of growth since it was founded by Rev. Barbara Anderson and six faith communities.

Pastor Jim Toole (left) of St. Andrew's Presbyterian prayed alongside Rabbi Avi Alpert from Congregation Bet Shalom (pictured right). St. Andrew's is a founding faith community partner and housed ICS in a trailer on the church parking lot for many years.

ICS CEO Daniel Stoltzfus offers a look to the future as he announces a grant to fund recruiting bilingual volunteers as ICS continues to grow in serving the overall community and strengthening its efforts at the ICS Southside Volunteer Office.

Bonnie Kampa (pictured left with ICS Health and Senior Services Director Veda Kowalski) began serving as ICS Executive Director in 2002 with a two-year agreement. She retired in 2015. Bonnie spoke of the need to be aware of how unique each faith community is and recognize how they come together through ICS.

Volunteers and members of the six founding faith communities were asked to stand and be recognized for their role not only in the start of ICS but in continuing to support it today.

Pastor Anthony Moss of Agape Christian Church International, the 100th faith community partner of ICS, offers a prayer with Fr. Miguel Mariano of St. Odilia Catholic Church.

Scrapbooks offer a look at the past when ICS began in 1985 with volunteers making calls to shut-ins on a regular basis. A $500 donation started the ICS "Good Samaritan" Fund to help people in financial crisis.
ICS welcomes our newest partner faith communities! The Village Church led by Pastor Julie Brunson and Alive in Christ Lutheran Church led by Revs. Robert Feller and Daniel Haertling are very excited to be partnering in outreach with ICS. These congregations and their members have already been involved with ICS in various ways and look forward to continuing their participation.

Here is just a sampling of other ICS faith community partners in action:

- **Desert Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church** began offering ICS office space for our case managers and health education staff.
- **Ascension Lutheran Church** hosted the Summer Chorus concert which raised money and food for the ICS Food Bank.
- **Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church** hosted our most recent ICS Faith Council Meeting for advocates from our faith community partners.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 102 faith community partners! Together we’re impacting many lives for the good. To schedule a visit to ICS or to have ICS staff speak to your congregation or to explore your congregation joining ICS in the good work described in this newsletter, call our Community Engagement Director, Tim Kromer, at 520-297-6049 ext. 4201.

Faith communities played a big part in keeping food coming this summer. While demand increased at the ICS Food Banks, overall donations slowed down. Thanks to our faith community partners for pitching in to feed hungry families!
Memorials and gifts of honor are a special way to remember friends and loved ones, as well as make a tax-deductible donation to ICS. An acknowledgment is sent to both donor and honoree. Thank you!

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Joel C. Parrish Sr.: Gil & Kathy Parrish
Ulin/Greenberg Family's Husband/Father Steve: Barry Kalpin & Diane Bart-Kalpin
Lisette Varcoe, My Twin Sister: Ruth Robertson
Ella Waltz: Mary Bauer; Myra Jacobs
Father Gregory Wyes: Dick & Bonnie Kampa
Zveitel Family's Beloved Grandmother June: Barry Kalpin & Diane Bart-Kalpin

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Susan Franklin: Pete & Sheila Li Pera
Marjorie Funckes: Arnold Funckes
George Hartung: Barbara Gustafson; Lois Myers; Harmon & Marilyn Peaco; David & Ellen Vellenga
Robert Hurst: Margaret Hurst
Rena Lude: Dan & Mary Cain
Ann Manns: Katherine Manns
Jasper Melton: Betty Huitsing

If you would like more information about the Jenkins Family Legacy Society and how you can help sustain ICS’s work into the future, please contact Deborah Carr, ICS Philanthropy Director at 520-297-6049 ext. 4222 or dcarr@icstucson.org.

The Health Education Outreach recognizes boundaries in order to best care for those in need. When do you set limits or say “No”? These issues and more will be explored in a safe, fun and supportive learning environment in this free workshop open to all.

RSVP to Mara Levin, MSW, Health Advocacy Coordinator at 297-6049 ext. 4226 or email mlevin@icstucson.org.

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When you buy a Millions for Tucson raffle ticket from ICS all the proceeds go to supporting our life-changing work. Buy one ticket for $25 or 5 for $100!

Stop by the ICS Main Office at 2820 W. Ina between 9am-4pm Monday-Friday to buy your tickets! Or call 297-6049 ext. 4228 to buy them over the phone. The deadline to buy tickets is December 8.

Thanks to Jim Click Automotive for this fundraiser!

A 100% chance of snow, indoor electric light parade, cast of 150, music spectacular. See Pastor Larry's final musical before he retires!

This December enjoy the show at Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene. Proceeds benefit ICS!


Splendido is a Life Plan Community for those 55 and better, with spacious floor plans, resort-like amenities, financial security, and on-site health care, so you can relax and enjoy all those things you love the most... knowing there's a plan in place for the future.

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ICS Staff Updates

Dr. Suzanne Morrison joins ICS as the Wholistic End of Life Program Manager. Suzanne holds Bachelors degrees in Spanish and Philosophy, M.Div. in Social Ethics and a Ph.D. in Religious Studies/Comparative Religions. Suzanne enjoys sightseeing, reading, collecting Mexican folk art, and herding cats!

Eliana Meza is the new ICS Eastside Receptionist/Admin Assistant. Eliana is married with three children, enjoys helping people, is creative with arts and crafts in her spare time, and is happy to spend time with her two granddaughters.

Phyllis Ripley is the new ICS part-time program assistant in Mobile Meals and transportation. Phyllis has a background in writing and owned a magazine for 20 years. She raises and shows long-haired guinea pigs—one of which just took Best in Show at an event in Texas!

Ingrid Cedeno joins ICS as an intern through the Disciples of Christ XPLOR program. Ingrid is from San Diego and enjoys the outdoors and photography. She has a passion for helping people and is excited to contribute to the Tucson community!

Best wishes to Maureen Pattison, who says she "really enjoyed" her 12 years working in ICS Mobile Meals. Maureen recently retired and is now busy taking care of her great grandchildren, crocheting, and relaxing! Thank you for all your work, Maureen!

Pam Hoover is a new part-time Case Manager. Pam has volunteered in the Mental Health Safe Space program and answering phones at the front desk. She enjoys road cycling, travel, and spending time with family, friends and her dogs.

Thanks also to our four high school interns this summer who worked hard in areas from collecting and sorting backpacks and school supplies to answering the phone and helping to provide transportation. Pictured above left are Neha Khulbe and at right Matthew Hinderberger. Not pictured are Hayley Irish and Amber Patton. We appreciate all their work!

Congratulations to ICS Staff Member Jose Rivera (pictured above, center), one of 12 people in Arizona recognized for his work in the battle against poverty with a 2017 Heart in Hand Award from the Arizona Community Action Association. Jose works with clients receiving financial assistance and was recognized for being "humble and polite" and treating every client with dignity and respect. He is pictured here with ICS Social Services Director Terri Patt-Smith, on the left, and Rosemary Cora-Cruz, with Pima County Community Action Agency.

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Our thanks to the Tucson Quilter’s Guild for their donation of 50 lap quilts for seniors and families we serve! We got to see the work that goes into these pieces at the group’s Quilt a Thon. Each quilt involves a number of steps and many hands to cut, stitch, tie, and back. Our thanks to the talented people who create these labors of love and put “a little bit of heart and soul” into each quilt.

The Market will feature many vendors, handmade gifts, a bake sale, Christmas items, raffles and much more.

Breakfast and lunch will be available with donations benefiting ICS (Interfaith Community Services).

For more information and/or to be a Vendor contact Kathy at office@ctktucson.org or call: 520-297-2551
See www.ctktucson.org for a complete schedule of events

The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide program of community events that raises funds to support feeding the hungry both internationally and locally – with a portion of the funds raised here in Tucson going to ICS.

This year’s CROP Walk will be on Sunday, October 29, with registration at 1:30pm and the walk beginning at 2pm at First Methodist Church (Park Avenue & 4th Street). There is free parking available at the UA Tyndall Garage on 4th Street & Tyndall.

Join ICS and many faith community partners and walk to reduce hunger in our community and around the world! If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Tim Kromer at 297-6049 ext. 4201.

Will you be shopping online this holiday season? Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Interfaith Community Services (in Tucson!) to receive proceeds when you buy select items from Amazon. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price. What a great way to support the life-changing work of ICS!

A trip to the grocery store can also make a difference when you sign up to support ICS with the Fry’s Community Rewards program. Just go to frysfood.com, click on the Community Rewards tab and designate Interfaith Community Services (in Tucson!) to receive your rewards. Thank you!
Veterans Day
Friday, November 10, 2017

Omni Tucson National Sonoran Course
12:30pm Shotgun Start
Dinner Buffet·Silent Auction·Prizes·Raffle

Register now before this event sells out! Wear your red, white and blue and your foursome may win for looking the most patriotic! $160 individual, $640 foursome
Support the life-changing work of ICS!

Register and find out more at www.icstucson.org

Presenters: Chardulian-Goldstein·Goe Team & Dorothy Vanek

Rick Braun’s New Year’s Eve Getaway
December 30 and 31, 2017
JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa
Tucson, Arizona

Check out the big New Year’s Eve bash at Starr Pass! You can join Rick Braun in a one-of-a-kind New Year’s Eve celebration with top contemporary jazz headliners.

Because of our friends at Whole Foods, ICS receives a portion of the proceeds from this event. Go to www.tucsonnewyearseve.com for more information and to buy tickets. This event has sold out the last two years in a row!

Tucson Dance Academy will hold its annual “Spirit of Christmas” shows Saturday, December 2 at Centennial Hall and Saturday, December 9 at Saddlebrooke, where part of the proceeds benefit ICS! Check tucsondanceacademy.com for more!

Save the Date!

Holiday Open House

Eastside Office
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
Wednesday, December 6
11am-1pm
Volunteer Recognition at noon

Northwest Office
2820 W. Ina Road
Friday, December 8
2pm-5pm
Volunteer Recognition at 3pm

Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and a festive time for all!