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ICS on the Front Line for Families in Crisis

Strong Turnout for Clergy Roundtable

Plenty of questions and a lot of interest filled the room as 26 clergy members attended a special breakfast hosted by ICS that focused on changes the state is making to programs assisting the needy. (see article at right). "Faith communities are often called upon to help people in need. We want clergy to be informed about the help that's out there," says ICS Community Engagement Director Tim Kromer. A staff member with the Department of Economic Services acknowledged that it’s tempting to offer a "quick fix" to people in need, but it’s better to make sure people are connected with resources and offered case management as ICS does to help people get on a path to self-sufficiency.

This July, more families may be looking to ICS for help as Arizona shortens the amount of time families can receive funding from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program to one year. The average family right now receives $195 each month with a maximum monthly benefit of $278. Families in Arizona had previously been able to receive this aid for up to two years. The TANF program is designed to help parents as they look for jobs and provide a temporary financial safety net when they cannot work.

"These are usually single parents who have been taking care of children, so the challenge is to find good quality child care that’s affordable and getting the job skills to make a livable wage," says ICS Social Services Director Terri Patt-Smith. The state estimates about 300 families in Pima County will be affected by the cuts. As that assistance ends, ICS anticipates seeing more families calling for help. We will also see a rising need for assistance with job searching and coaching provided at the ICS Job Resource Centers.

A single mother who visited ICS recently talked about how grateful she is to get help in paying a utility bill. She has hope since she found a home for herself and her 8-year-old son after struggling with homelessness. "I've had my son with me since he was a baby. It's a blessing but it's really hard." She is trying to stay positive and believes she has job skills which will keep her afloat, adding "I know how to survive." With your help ICS can continue to reach out to support families in need.
A Word from the CEO

Dear Friends of ICS,

We enter our new fiscal year with a sense of optimism and gratitude as we look back at the many ways you helped sustain us this past year—even expanding our ability to bring help and hope to those in need. Earlier this year, we faced funding cuts, but with the help of so many generous individuals, faith communities, agencies and foundations, we didn’t cut back our services. We actually increased our assistance for those in crisis.

New resources such as a HUD Emergency Solutions Grant from the City of Tucson prevented homelessness for two dozen families. The funding from the Lovell Foundation allowed ICS to add the Care Partners program which provides vital support to patients referred by Banner University Medical Center who are without community support and at high risk for re-admission.

Many people in our community continue to face financial stress. We want to be a lifeline of emergency assistance and support on the path to self-sufficiency. Your continued partnership and investment in our work, along with the dedicated service of our volunteers, enables ICS to meet the need with compassion and dignity.

Thanks again for standing with us!

Serving with you,

Daniel Stoltzfus

Gifts of Love
Backpack & School Supply Drive

Local students head back to school in the next few weeks, and you can help them have the supplies they need for a successful year. Bring in backpacks or school supplies to the ICS Main Office on Ina or the ICS Eastside Office at Old Spanish Trail and Camino Seco. You can find a list of the supplies most needed by grade at https://www.icstucson.org/gifts-love-school-supply-program and donate through July 29.

Bargain shoppers Wendy and Nicole Camp topped last year’s generous donation! They brought in 275 backpacks they bought before Christmas. Mother and daughter are skilled shoppers who buy in bulk. "One day I got 120 backpacks and the next day I went back and got 80 more," Wendy says. We’re grateful for them and all generous donors who support the Gifts of Love Backpack and School Supply Drive. Thank you!
Many of you support ICS by taking the Arizona dollar-for-dollar state tax credit when you make a donation. The amounts allowed for those tax credits have now been doubled with a new state law signed by Governor Ducey in May. The new limits allow an individual to take a $400 tax credit and married couples to contribute up to $800 for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit.

We hope you will consider boosting your donation to take advantage of the bigger tax credits and support ICS at the same time. Your donation helps families at the ICS Food Bank, people in crisis who need emergency help with rent or utilities and seniors who depend on nutritious Mobile Meals delivered to their home, among many others.

The tax credit is a great way to reduce your tax burden to the state and keep your tax dollars working right here in your community. You can also make monthly donations to reach your tax credit donation goal (see back cover for our Champion of Hope program). Learn more about the new changes, including a new April 15 deadline, at www.icstucson.org or call Deborah Carr, Philanthropy Director, at 520-297-6049. ext 222.

ICS is proud to have been awarded Charity Navigator’s highest rating of four stars for the seventh year in a row! You can trust your donation will be wisely spent as Charity Navigator recognizes sound fiscal management and a commitment to accountability and transparency.

The future is looking bright for wrestler **Danny Vega** as he heads to Iowa State on a full-ride wrestling scholarship. You played a part in his success! Three years ago Danny’s family came to ICS for help in paying travel expenses to a national wrestling tournament. Through your support of our Youth Enrichment Activities (YEA) program, ICS was able to answer the request. Vega won that tournament and has now won seven national events. He finished his senior year at Ironwood Ridge High School with a streak of 116 wins and won his third straight state title. "I like how hard wrestling is. It just helps you push yourself," he says.

Coach Tim Berrier adds, "Danny has a really incredible work ethic. He’s got a great attitude. He really helped out his teammates and became a team leader." Danny’s father, Danny Vega, Sr., says the support from ICS made a huge difference. "I knew if we got his hard work and talent out there it would pay off."

The YEA program at ICS is funded through grants and individual donations. Your contributions have helped many children from struggling families enjoy activities ranging from violin lessons, leadership programs, playing softball, or taking karate lessons that they otherwise would not be able to access. It was the YEA program that also paid for wrestler **Alfredo Calzadillas** to take part in a national wrestling competition when his family asked for help. Alfredo is headed to ASU in the fall. He will walk on to the wrestling team and has the scholarships, grants and financial aid for a full ride. He will major in psychology with a minor in Global Politics. "I love competition. It’s taught me a lot."

Both of these young men are strong examples of how your support changes lives. Giving to the YEA program is a great way to invest in a child and be amazed at the results!

**De-escalating People with Challenging Behaviors**

How do you deal with someone who may be pacing or raising their voice in a tense situation? A big crowd turned out to get answers in a workshop offered by ICS. Participants were encouraged to call 911 for any immediate threat, but also learned supportive listening skills, how to give people options, and the importance of modeling good communication when someone is escalating. Check www.icstucson.org for the next scheduled workshop.
Memorials and Tributes: 4/1/16–6/15/16

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!

In Memory Of: Given By
Ryan Armstrong: Josephine Cordasco
Phylsey Bergeson: Jim & Lora Pirzynski
Eldon Block: Michael & Lori Block
Richard C. Bostrom: Alice Bostrom
Eugene R. Brown Jr.: Larry & Linda Keegan
Bradley Steven Browning: Marilyn Browning
Nell Carlton: Dick & Bonnie Kampa; Charlotte Patt; Terri Patt-Smith
Forrest Carr: Bruce & Karen Hamar Bittmann; Deborah Carr; Barry & Patti Robinson
Betty Carroll: Myra Christenson; Terri Patt-Smith; Mary Jo Peterson
John Clymer: Grant & Karen Simpson
Thomas Trent Connelly: Vicki Bergesen
Ann Day: Betsy Sandlin
John Delli Santi: Josephine Cordasco
Eleanore Fehniger: Thomas & Ruth Ann Gribb
Jacquelyn Freshwater: Loren Freshwater
Judith Fuller: Diana Gertz
June Head: Paul & Marlene Den Herder; Martha Warnock
Jay Huitsing: Bud & Vivian Arnold; Jim & Yonny Beers; Alice Bostrom; Dan & Mary Cain; Myra Christenson; Wayne & Carol Dawson; Jack & Sally Evert; Carol Goeman; W. Neil & Jane Hall; Diane Hendrickson; Stephen & Judy Herzog; Ralph & Elaine Jaarsma; Dick & Bonnie Kampa; Sherwin & Karen Koopmans; Robert & Joyce Lyons; Mike & Gwen Parr; Henry & Kay Sheetz; Lee & Faye Shevel; Freeman & Rebecca Taber; Ella Waltz

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Susan Kershner: Robert & Selma Gervitzman
Helen Mack: Richard & Lois Klein
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Bill Peterson: Ken Briggs; Suzanne Ericson; Judy Fishman; Dieter & Judy Krausser; Robert & Joyce Lyons; Barry and Patti Robinson; Howard & Nancy Ullrich; Diane Vondelinde
Audrey Wade: Cathy Wade
Peter Widlock: Elizabeth Richardson
Patti Wylie: Douglas Wylie

In Honor Of: Given By
Ralph & Marilyn Boeker: Charles & Martha Brown
Janet DeKeyser: Bertha Wolfe
Austin Alexander & Erin Beecroft: Rck & Terry Alexander
ICS Volunteers: Steve & Nancy Lipson
Sensei Al & Mary Ellen Kasznia: Anonymous
Keenan Meier: Judy Gould
Barbara & Jim Souter: Frank & Carla Williams
Eleanor Winston: Judy Gould
Bertha Wolfe: Janet M. DeKeyser
Ann Zasa: Shirley Johnson

Robert Hurst: Margaret Hurst

SO MUCH MORE THAN A PLACE TO LIVE.

Splendido is an all-inclusive community for those 55 and better—and it’s much more than meets the eye. It’s investment protection, financial security, and health care services you may not need today, but will take comfort in knowing will be there.

WE ARE A PROUD PARTNER WITH INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES.
Volunteer Update

An average Wednesday means Sig Smitt gives 5-6 people a ride, including dropping someone off for dialysis, taking another to the chiropractor and a few others to the grocery store. "I’ll go anywhere...only on Wednesday," he says.

Get on the road to help make a huge difference this summer! Through July and August, be an ICS Anywhere Driver! Commit to driving a grateful passenger to the grocery store or doctor’s office anywhere in Tucson. Use your own car and choose a time convenient to you. Mileage reimbursements are available. Appointment times vary but usually are a maximum of three hours. Are you already volunteering in another area of ICS? Consider adding a morning or afternoon shift as an ICS Anywhere Driver. You’ll be eligible to win a monthly prize as a sign of appreciation.

Or, help your faith community take part in the Summer Ride Challenge! In a time of high need, we are once again asking our faith community partners for help. We’ll keep track of which faith community provides the most rides through the end of August. A special prize goes to the winner! Contact Tim Kromer for more information at tkromer@icstucson.org or call 297-6049 ext. 201.

Volunteer Orientation

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ICS Connect!

Volunteers shared a lot of laughs as they got to know each other in the first ever meeting of ICS Connect! 750 volunteers make a lot of good things happen, but they don’t always get to see many of the other people who are freely giving their time and effort. The regular sessions of ICS Connect! are meant to change that by building community. In the first meeting, 17 people shared how much they get out of volunteering.

Ana, who works in the ICS Food Bank, says "Just about every shift I shed a tear of gratitude, or humility. I would pay to be a volunteer here."

The next ICS Connect! sessions are Monday, July 18 from 10am-11:30am and Wednesday, August 24 from 1:30pm-3pm at the ICS Main Office.

New ICS Board Members
ICS Welcomes four New Board Members July 1

Pastor Jim Toole began his ministry at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, a major faith community partner and one of the founding faith communities of ICS, in 2009. He earned his undergraduate degree from Biola University in Cultural Anthropology and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Bob Hendricks is associate professor emeritus and previously served as Head of the Educational Policy Studies and Practice department in the University of Arizona College of Education. He has been a teacher and administrator in Colorado and Arizona and served as superintendent of the Flowing Wells School District for 13 years, being named "Arizona Superintendent of the Year" in 1989.

Darryl Landau is a longtime ICS volunteer and retired insurance professional with a diverse vocational background that includes work in the construction industry, newspaper publishing and law enforcement. He has a Bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and served as past Vice-President and Board Member of Congregation M’kor Hayim.

Reverend Anita Slovak is the new Rector of Christ the King Episcopal Church and new ICS ex-officio Board Member. She served for 15 years in the Dioceses of Dallas and Oklahoma. She has extensive business and technological experience, having worked for more than 20 years at Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas.
Val Clewley is the new part-time Resource Assistant at the ICS Eastside Office. Val makes regular mission trips to Honduras working with an orphanage there. He says his new position at ICS is a “perfect fit” since it is not really a job to him but more of a passion.

Liz LeBaron is a senior at the U of A majoring in Public Health. She intends to continue with a career in social work after graduation. While she interns at ICS this summer she is working with the Health Education Activities Team to create a whole health toolkit.
Faith Community Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith community! **Casas Church**, led by Pastor Glenn Barteau is very excited to be partnering in service with ICS. This congregation and their members have already been involved with ICS in various ways and look forward to continuing their participation. Here is a sampling of other ICS faith community partners in action:

- **The Jewish Community Center** brought over 40 middle school students to help at the ICS Food Bank and throughout the ICS Offices.
- **St. Odilia’s Catholic Church** supported ICS as its mission partner this May during their Jubilee Year of Mercy and hosted our most recent ICS Faith Council Meeting for advocates from our faith community partners.

ICS is grateful to Christ the King Episcopal Church for generously leasing the land for the ICS Main Office & Food Bank for $1 a year. Pictured above are Rev. Anita M. Slovak, Rector of Christ the King Episcopal with ICS CEO Daniel Stoltzfus.

- **Baha’is of Oro Valley** recognized their partnership with ICS during their 25th Anniversary Celebration.
- **Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation** made ICS the congregation’s Charity of The Month this May.
- **Christ the King Episcopal Church** hosted the ICS Clergy Breakfast Conversation where 26 clergy members met to discuss Emergency Financial Assistance in Tucson.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 90 Partner Congregations! 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 **Tim Kromer** at 520-297-6049 ext. 201.

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1985 by six faith communities and is proud to work with 90 partnering faith communities today.

Abiding in Christ Fellowship • Abiding Savior Free Lutheran • Aldea Spiritual Community • Alive Church • Ascension Lutheran • Baha’i Faith - Oro Valley • Beautiful Savior Lutheran • Canyon del Oro Baptist • Capilla del Sol Christian • Casas Adobes Congregational UCC • Casas Church • Catalina United Methodist • Christ Church United Methodist • Christ Presbyterian • Christ the King Episcopal • Church of the Apostles Episcopal • Church of the Everlasting Gospel • Church of the Painted Hills UCC • Community Christian Church Marana • Congregation Anshei Israel • Congregation Bet Shalom • Congregation Chaverim • Congregation Or Chadash • Congregation M’kor Hayim • ConnectionPointe Church • C.O.R.E. Life Ministries • Cortaro Vista Community Church • Country Club at La Cholla Chapel • Desert Skies United Methodist • Desert Valley Adventist Church • Dove of Peace Lutheran • Ebenezer All Nations Seventh Day Adventist • Faith Christian Fellowship of Tucson • First Christian Church • First United Methodist Church • Fountain of Life Lutheran • Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal • Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church • Immanuel Presbyterian • Lord of Grace Lutheran • Lutheran Church of the Foothills • Manor Baptist Church • Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist • Mountain Shadows Presbyterian • Mountain View Baptist • Mountain Vista U.U. Congregation • New Life Bible Fellowship • New Spirit Lutheran • Northminster Presbyterian • Northwest Baptist • Northwest Community Friends Church • Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene • Oro Valley United Church of Christ • Our Saviour’s Lutheran • Pantano Christian Church • Resurrection Lutheran • Rincon Congregational UCC • Rising Star Baptist Church • Sanctuary United Methodist • Santa Catalina Catholic • Santa Clara United Methodist • Shalom Mennonite • Southside Presbyterian • St. Alban’s Episcopal Church • St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church • St. Andrew’s Presbyterian • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic • St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist • St. John on the Desert Presbyterian • St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic • St. Mark’s Presbyterian • St. Mark’s United Methodist • St. Matthew’s Episcopal • St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal • St. Odilia Catholic • St. Paul United Methodist Church • St. Philip’s In The Hills Episcopal • Streams in the Desert Lutheran • Tanque Verde Lutheran • Temple Emanu-El • Templo La Unicon • The Good News Community Church • Third Church of Christ, Scientist • Tortolita Presbyterian • Trinity Presbyterian Church • Tucson Community of Christ • Unity of Tucson • Unity Spiritual Center of Peace • U.U. Church of Tucson • Vida Nueva/New Life Church of God • Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church

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Choose your monthly gift amount when you sign up at www.icstucson.org. Support ICS all year long while still being free to cancel or change at any time.

EAT, DRINK & Be Giving

Saturday, October 1
6-9pm
St. Philip’s Plaza
4280 N. Campbell

Sample delectable bites from area restaurants, sip local wines and brews and “stomp out” hunger, poverty and homelessness in a "grape stomp!"

Check www.icstucson.org to find out more about this first-time event in collaboration with GAP Ministries and Arizona Youth Partnership.

We Care Golf Classic

Veterans Day
Friday, November 11
Omni Tucson National Sonoran Course
12:30pm Shotgun Start

Register now at www.icstucson.org
$150 individual; $600 foursome
Enjoy a buffet, awards ceremony, raffle and silent auction, and prizes!

Presented by:

Dorothy D. Vanek