It is a busy Thursday evening at Northminster Presbyterian Church. A group of around ten people meet every week in one of the church classrooms to attend a “Getting Ahead” class. This program run by ICS and funded by the Pima County “Ending Poverty Now” initiative helps ensure people are not just getting by, but are instead “getting ahead” with an intensive 16-week course designed for people in or near poverty.

For three hours each week, ‘investigators’, as participants are called, help each other work through modules in the Getting Ahead workbook. They discuss the challenges they face in their lives. The class provides a safe learning environment to explore the impact of poverty on themselves, their families and their communities. Participants assess their own resources and make plans for their own future. Class facilitators learn alongside the investigators. Together they explore the modules designed to dig deep into the causes and systems of stagnation that may be holding them back.

Investigators look frankly at their situations and begin to map out

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A Word from the CEO

Dear Friends of ICS,

Recently I moved my office next to the Northwest ICS Job Resource Center. Some days I can’t help but overhear the stories of those coming in. Being unemployed and not knowing where to turn can be stressful for any of us. But someone from ICS is always there in a time of need.

At ICS, it’s not about one-time help and shuffling people out the door. It’s not enough to give aid without support to address an ongoing barrier.

This issue, you’ll read about Elaine. She came to ICS for assistance to prevent homelessness. Through our Steps to Stability program, we helped with that need but didn’t stop there. Elaine joined our new Getting Ahead effort. I was at the workshop when she celebrated a new certification and now has a new job.

ICS can only be there to to facilitate the journey out of poverty and into opportunity with your support. Thanks for sharing help that means hope.

Serving with you,

K. Daniel Stoltzfus
Chief Executive Officer

Getting Ahead

ways to move from instability towards prosperity.

Elaine heard about the 16-week course at the ICS Job Resource Center. Elaine has participated in the ICS “Steps to Stability” program and was a regular at the Resource Center. When she heard about the class she thought it would be a good fit for her and her daughter.

Elaine says she has been truly blessed. After a brief period of homelessness, she got help from Gospel Rescue Mission and rental assistance from ICS. She was able to purchase a mobile home, and ICS was able to help her get a working stove and air conditioner. Elaine has been pursuing her certificate as a recovery support specialist and works at a local nonprofit. She has been struck by the diversity of the participants in the Getting Ahead program. Elaine says the most challenging part of the workshops has been sharing her own
Alisa is a co-facilitator and a graduate of the Getting Ahead classes. Just 16 months ago, Alisa completed the Getting Ahead workshop through Pima County’s “MAMA” project. Since then she has gone on to complete the “Caridad Culinary Training” program through the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and completed Understanding Poverty workshops and Getting Ahead Facilitator Training with Pima County Ending Poverty Now initiative. The impact of the program on her life has been dramatic.

Alisa first heard about the Getting Ahead workshops through a family member. Alisa was a teen mom, and now at 29 has three children ages 13, 11 and 2. She says she comes from generational poverty and cannot say enough good things about the Getting Ahead program. It has been life changing for her and has helped her see things in new ways. She and her fiancé have moved to a new house, are both working for a photography company that is growing. She has completed the culinary training program at Caridad which taps into her passion for cooking, and she has begun facilitating Getting Ahead workshops. When asked what is the one thing she wishes everyone knew about the program, she pauses and takes a deep breath. “I feel very strongly about the Getting Ahead program. It affects every part of your life; spiritual, mental, financial, material. I wish everybody could take the course.”

The 16-week course is nearing its completion. More classes are planned to begin in August. To learn more about participating in the Getting Ahead workshop contact Paula Ryan, ICS Resource Center Coordinator at pryan@icstucson.org or 520-526-9320

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**Gifts of Love**

Backpack & School Supply Drive

A brand-new backpack stuffed with school supplies is a great way for children in need to start the school year prepared! Your generous donations make this possible in the ICS Gifts of Love Backpack and School Supply Drive.

We are still accepting last-minute donations before we distribute backpacks on **Wednesday, August 1st** at our Northwest location and **Wednesday, August 1st** at our Eastside location.

**Most Needed Items**

- Backpack
- Binder
- Paper
- Spirals
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Folders
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Protractors
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Pens
ICS Board Update

Krista Brayer
As a businesswoman, local leader and mother, Krista felt a need and desire to be active in her community. She spent over 10 years within the Boy Scout organization where she contributed as a Fund Raising Chair, Eagle Scout Advisor, Merit Badge Counselor and an educator for sustainability. Until the integration with ICS as Single Mom Scholars, Krista was an active board member with Helping Hands for Single Moms - Tucson. Krista’s studies on trauma and self-reliance have led her to believe that mitigating generational poverty will not only enhance society as a whole, it will allow a healthy growth process that reaches far beyond Arizona and the U.S. Krista is also a member of National Bank of Arizona’s Women’s Financial Group, 100+ Women Who Care Tucson, and now serves on the Development Committee at ICS.

Ryan Sermon
Ryan joined the ICS Board in Fall 2017 with the integration of Single Mom Scholars (formerly Helping Hands for Single Moms - Tucson, where he served as Board president). He serves as an Admissions Counselor & Program Coordinator at Pima Community College and has extensive service experience with AmeriCorps. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College in Massachusetts and a Master in Higher Education from the University of Arizona.

Rabbi Avraham Alpert
A native Arizonan, Rabbi Avraham Alpert has served as the spiritual leader of Congregation Bet Shalom in Tucson since 2012. He was recently ordained as a rabbi after studying at the Academy for Jewish Religion in Los Angeles. He has served as a cantor and hazzan for 18 years in Arizona, Nevada and California. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the Herberger College at ASU. In addition to leading services and sharing words of Torah, Rabbi Avi can be found officiating at a full range of life cycle events, counseling those in need, training students of all ages, coordinating lay leaders, developing innovative programs, and teaching creative classes. Avi is known for his fervor and commitment to Torah, prayer and the people of Israel. Integral to Avi’s rabbinical work are his precious children and dedicated wife and partner, Kamala.

George Chardukian
George is Senior Vice President, Financial Advisor for CGC Wealth Management Group/RBC Wealth Management Group. He and his wife Toni have been residents of Tucson since 1982. They have two adult daughters and two grandchildren. George is active in the community as a member of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and was a charter member of the Financial Health Advisory Council, as well as past trustee of the Carondelet Foundation. George is a member of the ICS Planned Giving Advisory Council, Development Committee and Golf committee. He holds a Master of Science in Financial Planning from the American College of Financial Services, a BA in Education from Carthage College and Certified Financial Planner designation from the College of Financial Planning. In his spare time, George enjoys golf, biking, and FaceTime with his grandchildren.

David Grundstrom
David’s service with ICS began as a volunteer in the Eastside office Job Resource Center where he was recognized in 2016 with the Self-Sufficiency Volunteer of the Year award. Since 2017, David has served on the ICS Program Committee. He brings diverse experience to the ICS board after serving as an outcome-focused senior executive in the healthcare field in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He holds a Masters in Health Care Administration from St. Louis University and a Bachelors in Business and Marketing from Washington State University. David is an active member of New Spirit Lutheran (home of the ICS Eastside office) where he serves on the Church Council.
Volunteer News

ICS volunteers engage in a plethora of helping opportunities to impact thousands in our community every year. Here are just some of the ways our volunteer help others in some high needs areas!

**Reception help**

at the ICS Eastside office at Camino Seco and Old Spanish Trail. Volunteers are in great need to answer phones and greet clients.

**Summertime drivers**

are needed to help with shopping and essential appointments or errands for those no longer able to drive. Did you know that our transportation department currently serves 2088 recipients and our summer driving pool went from 220 to 80 drivers to serve all those recipients? To help recruit more drivers, we again offer our summer ANYWHERE driver incentive program. For each ANYWHERE ride you provide your name is entered into a monthly raffle. Go to www.icstucson.org and click on the volunteer tab to learn more or contact Volunteer Resources Manager Tori Carlson at tcarlson@icstucson.org or 526-9308.

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**Mental Health Lunch and Learn:**

The Relationship between Mental Illness and Poverty

We had a terrific turnout at our Spring Mental Health Lunch and Learn which took place on May 17 at Congregation Anshei Israel. The topic was the relationship between Mental Illness and Poverty, with story tellers Darlene Gonzales and Jenifer Frost, who shared their incredible experiences and inspirational stories of resilience. The Keynote speaker was Matthew Pate, LMSW, of the City of Tucson Ward 5 Council office. The lunch and learn also included a resource fair with participants including Gospel Rescue Mission, NAMI Southern Arizona, Our Family Services, Primavera, St. Vincent DePaul, Sonora Behavioral Health, and Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Thank you to our sponsors: Cenpatico/Arizona Complete Health, Catalina In-Home services, Thrivent Financial, Palo Verde Behavioral Health.
The sun peaks over the Rincon Mountains and people bustle about, excited as the truck unloads pallets of produce and bread. A line is forming and you can hear bits of English and Spanish sprinkled throughout the crowd. This is the El Pueblo Mobile Food Pantry, a partnership of Interfaith Community Services (ICS) and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona with the goal of increasing food accessibility on the south side of town. Next to the bustling Roy Laos Transit Center, this ICS mobile food pantry is seeing close to 185 families every fourth Friday of the month and distributing over 10,000 lbs. of food to the community. The Community Food Bank is down the road, but they are already serving over 9,000 families per month at their headquarters and the need to expand access to food in this area is of utmost priority.

Over the past several years, ICS has taken note of the increasing number of families that are visiting the Northwest ICS Food Bank from the south side of town. In an effort to reach out to those families with necessary food items, ICS is providing produce and bread at their new Southside office in one of the most highly trafficked community centers in Tucson. With organizations like El Rio Community Health Center, Congressman Raul Grijalva’s office and Emerge! Domestic Abuse Treatment Center (among many others at the center), the addition of emergency food will be yet another support to the community and those in need. For more information about how to get food, or volunteer to help distribute food, please contact Lauryn Valladarez at 520-526-9288.

Saturday, November 3, 9-12
Canyon del Oro Baptist Church
9200 N Oracle Rd

Be a part of the biggest food drive of the year for the ICS Food Banks! Join Scouts, schools, staff and clients of Edward Jones offices and bring in your food donation. Help collect crucial supplies for our holiday food bag distribution.
Faith Community Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith community! **Hope City Church**, led by Pastor Jeff Logsdon, is very excited to be partnering in service with ICS. This faith community and their members are quickly getting 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:

**Dozens of Faith Communities** have collected nearly 10,000 jars of peanut butter for the ICS food banks during the Summer Peanut Butter Party Food Drive!

**Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Church** chose ICS as their “Woven Basket” charity of the month in May.

**Congregation Anshei Israel** hosted our most recent Mental Health Lunch and Learn where the topic was on the relationship between Mental Health and Poverty.

**Desert Valley Adventist Church** began hosting a bi-monthly mobile food pantry in partnership with ICS and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

**Casas Adobes Congregational United Church of Christ** is hosting the ICS RSVP Volunteer Conversational Spanish class.

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our **106 Partner Faith Communities!** 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 520-526-9290.**

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1985 by six faith communities and is proud to work with 106 partnering faith communities today.

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Paula Ryan, Resource Center Coordinator. Paula attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion where she majored in nursing and business management with an emphasis on marketing. She brings enthusiasm, a keen sense of humor, intellect and creativity to collaboratively work with her teams. She is truly passionate about making a difference.

**Fun Fact:** Paula could fly Piper PA-28 Cherokee four-passenger and Cessna 206 six-passenger airplanes before she had her driver’s license.

Tricia Yeggy is our new full-time Case Manager. Tricia brings a diverse educational and experience base to the ICS team. She has 10 years' experience managing programs addressing poverty, hunger and homelessness working with rural farm worker families at Catholic Charities in Immokalee, FL, and moved to Tucson in 2015 where she served with A Place to Call Home working with foster care families. Tricia is bilingual in English and Spanish, has extensive Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) experience and brings a passion for service and helping clients find their path to stability and self-sufficiency. Tricia earned a BA in Spanish and Latin American Studies from the University of Iowa.

**Fun Fact:** Tricia was an owner/operator of a green cab company for 15 years.
We celebrated the opening of our new Southside office at El Pueblo Neighborhood Center with a ribbon cutting, live radio broadcast and delicious raspados provided by Pin-up Pastries (they were delicious!) Thank you to everyone who braved the 103 degree heat to help us celebrate. The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Fimbres, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Councilman Grijalva’s office and Tejano 1600 AM Radio all made our celebration most memorable.

The event included a resource fair with community organizations on hand to answer questions. El Rio Health Center, Congressman Grijalva’s office, Pima County Public Library, Parks and Recreation, Clinica Amistad, Justice for Our Neighbors, Bishop and Brown Medicare Insurance Agency, Emerge! Domestic Abuse Treatment Center, and Primavera Foundation, WIC, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Earn to Learn, Arizona@Work all had information tables.

Our Appreciation

to the following government, public and private foundations and businesses for their recent grants and gifts

Bank of America Foundation
Border States Electric Supply
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation
Cenpatico Integrated Care/Health Net/Arizona Complete Health
Kautz Family Foundation
State of Arizona Employees Charitable Campaign

Trico Electric Charitable Trust
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
Walmart Foundation
Walmart Neighborhood Market #3142, Ina and Thornydale
Waters Corporation
Scholars, Sushi and Suds

On April 25, ICS, community members and supporters joined in honoring the accomplishments of our **Single Mom Scholars**.

*Scholars, Sushi and Suds* provided an opportunity to hear the stories of our scholars and celebrate their accomplishments.

A very special thank you to **Gilbert Perez and Autumn Hufault-Perez** for hosting this elegant event!

ICS is pleased to feature our annual corporate partner Northwest Healthcare, including Northwest Medical Center, Oro Valley Hospital and the new Northwest Emergency Center Marana.

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**Introducing Northwest Emergency Center Marana.**

When someone in your family needs emergency care, you want it fast. And now, you can get hospital-quality emergency care 24/7 at an additional location - Northwest Emergency Center Marana, located at 6350 Marana Center Blvd., across from Tucson Premium Outlets. From treatment for broken bones to care for life-threatening conditions, count on the dedicated team at our new emergency center.

**Save your spot in line, online.**

Visit [TucsonAnycareNow.com](http://TucsonAnycareNow.com), answer a few questions, pick a time that is convenient for you, and we'll save your place in line before you even arrive.

**NORTHWEST EMERGENCY CENTER**
**at Marana**

6350 Marana Center Blvd.

Because our ER staff must treat patients based on the severity of illness or injury, your time is not guaranteed. We will see you as close to your designated time as possible. If your symptoms worsen or you believe you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Department as soon as possible.
Memorials and Tributes: 4/1/18 - 6/30/18

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
Wayne & Ann Marie Barry: Fred & Sandra Eaton
Frederick W. Bott: Kenneth & Pamela Xeele
Steve Brody: Gary Abbott & Barb Farr
Ann Day: Anne Stalter
Ellyne Dillavou: Kip & Joanne Volpe
Mel Gilmer: William & Kathleen Gardner; Carol & Leroy Gill
Dr. Theodore Greenburg: Beverly Greenburg
Bill Haas: Janet M. DeKeyser
Bob Henry: Bob & Elaine Durham
Robert Hurst: Margaret Hurst
Kevin Koch's Birthday: Mark & Cynthia Flannery
Carl Kowalick: Judy Kowalick
Bernie & Gene Lemme: Kenneth & Pamela Xeele
Kathy Masterson: Ed & Kathy Hastings; Nancy Houk; Jacque Shaffer
Anne & Edward Maxwell: Bruce Maxwell
Betty Nye: Cordelia Lundquist
Matthew Parks: Doreen Parks
Thorie Rode: Stephen & Judy Herzog; Eugene & Nancy Nickel; Jean & Audrey & Scott Rode; Lance & Mary Wald
Grace Ross: Anonymous
Robert Schumann: James & Betty Crooker; Laura Fisher-Bonvallet
George Steele: Barry Kalpin & Diane Bart-Kalpin
Edie Stoltzfus: Daniel & Angela Stoltzfus

In Honor Of: Given By
Ted Bayer: Philip & Suzie Corkill; Ethel Haber
Barbara Davis & Family: Herman Levin & Family
Janet DeKeyser: Bertha Wolfe
Annette Franco, Employee of the Month: Total Transit Foundation
R. Gnanadesikan: Ramanathan & Mrudulla Gnanadesikan
The Marriage of Dee Goeman & Steve Dennett: Neil & Jane Hall
Bernice Kantrowitz’s 95th Birthday: Robert & Selma Gevirtzman
Tim Kromer: St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
Nan & Jim McKay’s 50th Wedding Anniversary: Robert & Rochelle Deragisch; Ronald & Marian Hill
Ted Purves: Thomas & Yvonne Cockrell
Matt Schneider: Roger & Marybeth Schneider
Rose Tyson: James & Kathleen Wells
Betty Villegas: Linda Leatherman
Bertha Wolfe: Janet M. DeKeyser

12th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show

GET YOUR TICKETS for the Tucson Rotary Club’s Tucson Classics Car Show and support ICS! The 12th annual Tucson Classic Car Show is on Saturday, October 20 from 10am to 4pm at the Gregory School featuring over 400 vehicles. Each ticket is $5, and with your ticket you could win one of five exciting raffle prizes, including a 2005 Corvette Convertible.

ICS is a recipient of a Rotary Club of Tucson grant this year. The car show helps fund the club's grants. Ticket sales make a great community activity for youth groups. ICS is offering any faith community youth group that sells over 100 tickets a free pizza party. To purchase car show tickets or to have your youth group participate, contact Matt Sipos at 526-9304.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:30 - 9:30 PM
AT PLAZA COLONIAL
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Taste delectable bites from area restaurants, bid on exciting silent auction prizes, sample wine, craft beer and beverages, and cheer on our CEO Daniel Stoltzfus in a friendly grape stomp competition as we STOMP OUT cycles of poverty!

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Play it Forward
Golf Weekend

Friday, November 9
12:30 Shotgun Start
We Care Golf Classic
at Omni Tucson National
Golf, silent auction, dinner, prizes

Sunday, November 11
2-5 pm
TopGolf Tournament
at TopGolf

Play a round at Omni Tucson National, Drive a Round at TopGolf. Or do both! Any way you swing it, you can play it forward for ICS and help change the lives of neighbors in need.
Details, and registration at icstucson.org. For sponsorship opportunities call 520-526-9310