ICS's monthlong Freedom from Hunger food drive is wrapping up June 27 with a party – and YOU'RE INVITED!!!

We've been collecting food donations since May 28 at the following locations:

• ICS offices at 2820 W. Ina Road and 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
• Our member faith communities
• Hughes Federal Credit Union offices at 971 W. Wetmore Road, 3131 E. Speedway Blvd., 7970 N. Thornydale Road, 9052 S. Rita Road, 280 N. Pantano Road, 8701 S. Kolb Road and 951 E. Hermans Road
• Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offices at 3430 E. Sunrise Drive and 7367 E. Tanque Verde

The food donated to ICS supplements the monthly emergency food boxes it distributes to households in need. According to the most recent “Hunger in America” study, more than 888,000 Arizonans – almost half of them children under the age of 18 – received emergency food in 2009 – 85 percent more than in the 2006 study.

Freedom from Hunger Celebration!
• 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 27
• Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway

We'll have free ice cream and free entertainment by:

• Gestures of Joy, a group of about 20 residents of the Splendido retirement community will perform lively sign language routines to popular music.

• A quartet of students from the Tucson Jazz Institute, including middle-school member Grant Cherry, who was recently named an outstanding pianist at the 2010 Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival at Lincoln Center in New York.

Both groups promise to get your toes tappin’ and fingers snappin’.

If you haven’t donated to the food drive yet, you can bring your donation to the celebration.

A free will offering for ICS will be taken during the concert. Donate – and don’t miss the party!
Benefit concert July 30
The Mixed-Voice Summer Community Chorus is rehearsing for a concert on July 30 that will benefit ICS. The free concert will be at 7 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1220 W. Magee Road. A free-will offering will benefit ICS. Thanks to the Southern Arizona Women’s Chorus and its director, Terrie Ashbaugh, also the music director at Ascension Lutheran, for including ICS.

Women golfers give $3,000 to ICS
The Women’s Golf Association at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort has given ICS $3,000 in proceeds from its 4th annual Red Boot Classic tournament.

Naarah Turpen and Sharley Bryce, co-chairs of the 2010 tournament, and association President Mary Stewart presented a check to ICS Executive Director Bonnie Kampa and board Vice President Steve Pollyea on May 13.

The financial goal of the tournament has always been to have fun and break even, Naarah said.

“We were very fortunate this year and made extra money,” she said. When the tournament organizers told the participants that any revenue after expenses would go to ICS, Naarah said, “They all opened their purses and bid in our silent auction.”

The March 21-23 tournament fielded 132 players.

UA concert brings in 300 pounds of food for ICS
Many, many thanks to the Arizona Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Choir, UA Symphonic Chor and the audience at the May 2 “Vive la France!” concert at Centennial Hall for their food and financial donations to ICS.

We were able to stock our food bank shelves with more than 300 pounds of food donated as part of the national Orchestra Feeding America campaign.

Special thanks to Conductor Thomas Cockrell for inviting ICS to be a beneficiary of the food drive.

Organist’s farewell concert raised more than $1,000
The organist at Casas Adobes Congregational United Church of Christ, Marilyn Van Roekel, organized a benefit concert for ICS at the church before her move back to Iowa City in June. Marilyn and fellow musicians Janet Tolman, Corbett Alley and Mary Walker played organ, piano, mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer and guitar for a full house. The May 30 concert of American music raised more than $1,000 and also generated food donations to the ICS food bank!

Thanks to Marilyn and the other musicians for their beautiful music and their gift to ICS.

ICS on KGUN 9’s “Morning Blend”
Former ICS volunteer Ruth Protas appeared on KGUN 9’s “Morning Blend” with Executive Director Bonnie Kampa on May 18 to raise awareness about ICS’s service to our community. Ruth, 98, who volunteered for 1½ years as a friendly phone caller to other seniors and disabled individuals, has also used ICS’s transportation, business help and friendly visitor services since 2006. She’s the best PR person ICS could have.

Ruth talked about when she first moved to Tucson seven years ago and didn’t have a way to get to her doctor. Her grandson told her to call ICS.

“I can’t tell you how delighted I was. Being blind, I need the service and Interfaith…has a special place in my heart…. The volunteers get as much joy as I do and some of them have become good friends of mine for life…. It gives me a feeling of independence. I know when I have no one to take me to a doctor, I can depend on Interfaith….

“I recommend them to anyone. Anyone who does volunteer work through Interfaith will get a great deal of joy because they’re friendly, they’re kind…. There’s a feeling of friendship right through the whole thing.”

You can view the five-minute segment at www.tucsonmorningblend.com/videos/93776689.html.

Thanks to Executive Producer Kristi Kline for inviting us!

UA student interning at ICS
Renee Sebag, who is pursuing her master’s degree in public administration at the University of Arizona, is doing a 400-hour internship at ICS. Her degree focus is local government and nonprofit management. She is a member of Congregation Or Chadash. Look for her working in all the different offices and programs at ICS this summer and into the fall.

“I consider my internship with ICS the most important part of my graduate education,” Renee said. “This opportunity to work closely with the knowledgeable staff and volunteers has been a true blessing.”

Welcome, Renee!

Thanks…
…to Witte Design, the Paper Patch and Dakota Café for their contributions to recent ICS projects and events.
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Northern Pima County Chamber of Commerce Presents

Volunteer gets Ben’s Bell

Longtime ICS volunteer Jessie Deyoe received a “Ben’s Bell” on June 14 in recognition of her service to the Tucson community.

The creation and distribution of Ben’s Bells was begun in 2003 by the family of Ben Maré Packard as a way to honor the 2-year-old who died of croup a year earlier. The project is aimed at promoting kindness and community. Each week a person who has contributed to making Tucson a better place is “belled.”

At ICS, Jessie is known as “St. Jessie.” She has been a volunteer for ICS for 10 years. In 2005, she received the ICS Founder’s Award for volunteer service “above self.” At 77, she’s still going strong, driving recipients to medical appointments and shopping; helping them with mail, bills and paperwork; making friendly visits and phone calls. If someone needs an emergency ride, she will drop whatever she’s doing, and she will drive to any ZIP code area where transportation is needed.

Several times she has taken care of a hospitalized recipient’s pet – she actually took the animal home with her. She attended our recent volunteer event and brought along a former recipient who now lives in a nursing home and whom Jessie continues to visit and take on outings.

DONATE YOUR CAR...
whether it’s in Tucson or elsewhere... and support the mission of ICS. Call Toll Free 1-877-537-5277 or send an email to donations@charitableautoresources.com.

We recently received nearly $1,900 from car donations... much-needed funds for ICS programs... thank you! See www.icstucson.org/vehicleonation for more details.

Northern Pima County Chamber of Commerce Presents

Annual Gala & Fundraiser Cocktails • Dinner • Dancing Casino Show • Entertainment Benefiting NPCCC and Interfaith Community Services

Saturday • November 6 • 5:30 P.M.

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

More Information Call 297-2191
Upcoming seminars on preparing for end of life

The saying goes, “No one gets out of life alive.” Tani Bahti, a registered nurse and founder and executive director of Passages: Support and Education in End of Life Issues, will present a series of seminars at ICS on Tuesdays in July. Tani is an experienced and compassionate hospice nurse who brings warmth and insight to these end-of-life topics.

The seminars, from 10 to 11:15 a.m., will focus on:
• July 6 – “My Life, My Choice – Navigating the Challenges of End of Life Decision-making”
• July 13 – “You Call This Living? How Dying Transforms Us”
• July 20 – “From Touchy to Touching – Demystifying the Dying Process”
• July 27 – “Navigating the Storm – Tools for the Caregiver.”

You can find more information about the classes and about the sponsoring organization at the Passages website: www.passageseducation.org.

Back to school with gifts of love

The new school year is fast approaching and ICS has begun accepting donations of school supplies for children of low-income families. Needed items include backpacks, spiral notebooks, notebooks, pens and pencils, crayons, markers/highlighters, rulers, scissors, folders, glue sticks, pencil boxes, colored pencils, protractors, erasers, etc.

Students are required to bring their own supplies to school, and the cost can easily run $100 per child. Please bring supplies to the ICS office before July 19. For more information, call ICS at 297-6049.

ICS 25th Anniversary events

25th anniversary celebration on 10-10-10

If you didn’t receive a Save The Date card, please mark your calendars for our 25th Anniversary Concert on October 10 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 7575 N. Paseo del Norte.

R. Carlos Nakai, a Grammy-nominated performer of the Native American flute, and Gabriel Ayala, an internationally known Native American classical guitarist, will be performing together for the first time at this event.

Tickets are $10 and will go on sale on July 1. The sanctuary seats 900 people, and our goal is to fill it with our friends for this milestone anniversary. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert at the church. You can read about Nakai and Ayala on their individual websites:

R. Carlos Nakai: rcarlosnakai.com
Gabriel Ayala: ayalaguitarist.com

Please join us in October. For more information, contact Shar Caulley at 297-2738 x209.

“We Care” Golf Classic on Veterans Day

Save your spot in what promises to be the Omni Tucson National’s biggest tournament in 2010! ICS’s 2010 “We Care” Golf Classic will be played on Veterans Day, November 11.

More than 200 golfers played last year. This year, we hope to get 288 golfers and fill both the Catalina and Sonoran Courses!

New this year is a $250,000 Shoot-out. Purchase shoot-out raffle tickets for $10 by October 31. Four raffle winners will have a shot at a hole-in-one from 150 yards on the Catalina Course for a chance to win $250,000!

The $150 tournament fee per player includes a Mexican Buffet at the end of play; $72.55 is tax deductible. You can pay a $75 deposit per player now, with the balance due by September 1. To honor local veterans on Veterans Day, we have invited Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to send two foursomes to play for free.

We’re recruiting sponsors and soliciting raffle and silent auction items. Special thanks to Dorothy Vanek and Wendell and Rose Tyson for their $2,500 25th Anniversary Golf Sponsorships and to Frank and Sue Cannon for becoming a $1,000 "We Care" Sponsor.

The $2,500 and $1,000 sponsors get logo’d tee box signs on both courses, a foursome in the tournament and recognition in the tournament program, in ICS’s electronic and print newsletters, and on ICS’s website.

The $2,500 sponsors also get four “special friend” tickets to the ICS 25th Anniversary Concert on October 10 and an engraved brick in the ICS Garden of Caring. $1,000 of the $2,500 goes to the ICS Endowment, eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match as long as matching funds are available.

Other sponsorships are...

• $500 “From the Heart” Sponsor: Logo’d tee box signs on both courses and recognition in the tournament program, in ICS newsletters and on ICS’s website.

• “Make a Difference” Donor: Donations under $500 will be recognized in the tournament program.

Register online at www.icstucson.org or contact ICS Development Manager Diane Luber at dluber@icstucson.org or at 297-2738 x229.
From the Director ~ Reflections...

In closing, as we begin a new fiscal year, we know that the needs will be greater than ever. We expect some rocky roads ahead. But we are blessed by a wonderful board, staff, volunteers, supporters and encouragers, and everyone who keeps ICS in their prayers. Thanks for your support.

June, we are approaching $2 million towards this goal (includes gifts, pledges and quantifiable planned gifts to the endowment.) The dollar-for-dollar match from the Jenkins gift is still available for new gifts. An additional goal is to identify 25 planned gifts for ICS by the end of 2010. If you have already included ICS in your will or trust, we’d love to hear from you. (If requested, anonymity will be given.)

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Like ICS and be a Facebook winner

You can’t be a fan of ICS on Facebook anymore, but you can “like” us. And we want at least 400 people to like us.

We appreciate everyone who likes us so much that once we reach 400, we will enter everyone into a drawing to win two tickets to our 25th Anniversary Concert with R. Carlos Nakai and Gabriel Ayala on October 10, two ICS license plate frames and a pack of five ICS note cards.

If you already like us, thank you! You’ll be included in the drawing. Please recruit your friends and family. You can see ICS’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Interfaith-Community-Services/113463497562 or go to ICS’s website at www.icstucson.org and click on the Facebook link! Help us spread the latest news about ICS on Facebook.

SUPPORT ICS ON THE GO

Have you picked up your cool license plate holder that says, “I Support Interfaith Community Services”? They are FREE and available to everyone who has a heart for ICS and wants the world to know it! To get yours, stop by the ICS office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Keeping in Touch
We are grateful for all 53 of our faith community partners as they put their faith into action. As a way of keeping in touch and saying thank you, we love to visit congregations to speak to mission, outreach or social action groups, women’s or men’s groups, during worship services — we’re open to any invitation. Or a group from your congregation is more than welcome to visit our office to see firsthand all that we do together.

To arrange for a speaker or to visit ICS, contact Karen MacDonald, Faith Community Outreach Manager (297-2738 x221; kmacdonald@icstucson.org) or Sandi Brickley, Volunteer Resources Manager/NW Outreach (297-2738 x217; sbrickley@icstucson.org).

Thanks to our Congregations in Action
• The Vacation Bible Schools of Ascension Lutheran Church, Desert Skies Methodist Church, and St. Odilia Catholic Church collected food for ICS’s food bank or school supplies for children of families coming to ICS for financial assistance.
• St. Philip’s in the Hills Episcopal Church sponsored an eldercare fair, gathering agencies geared to serving senior citizens, including ICS. This resulted in a photo op for ICS in the Northwest and Foothills sections of the Arizona Daily Star.
• St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church hosted our most recent ICS Council meeting with hospitality and a wonderful lunch. The Council is comprised of representatives from our partner faith communities; the group gathers for information sharing bi-monthly.
You can learn more about all of our partner congregations by visiting their website links on the “Partners” page of www.icstucson.org.

Health Advocacy Outreach
Alzheimer’s Disease — what is it and how will it affect your congregation? Congregations are invited to attend our “Care, Communication & Church” workshop this summer. The workshop will help participants learn about Alzheimer’s and about resources for serving congregation members living with Alzheimer’s. Clergypersons, leaders of nurses guilds or health ministries, and anyone interested in congregation health programs and dealing with Alzheimer’s are invited. The event will be hosted by Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 226 E. Lester St., on Saturday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Karen MacDonald (297-2738 x221; kmacdonald@icstucson.org).

Notes from ICS Planned Giving Advisory Council

Estate Tax Update
by Jim Marvel, Attorney at Law and member of the ICS Planned Giving Advisory Council

What is the status of the federal estate tax? This is an update which is really a confirmation that there is nothing to update, yet.

Past. In 2001, Congress enacted legislation which accelerated an increase in the unified credit which offsets federal estate tax, commonly referred to as the exemption. In 2002, the exemption for each decedent increased to $1,000,000. The exemption equivalent was increased to $1,500,000 in 2004, to $2,000,000 in 2006 and $3,500,000 in 2009. The legislation provided that the federal estate tax would be abolished in 2010, and reinstated in 2011 to the 2002 level of $1,000,000 exemption. In 2009, if the total estate of a decedent had a value of less than $3,500,000, no tax was owed and no return was required.

Present. At this writing, June 16, 2010, there is no tax. No federal estate tax return is required. It does not matter how wealthy the decedent is. There are some cost basis changes which became effective January 1, 2010, but they are beyond the scope of this update. Congress has several proposals which are under consideration. One is a return to the 2009 exemption of $3,500,000 with assets in excess of the exemption taxed at 45%. Another is an exemption of $5,000,000 with a tax rate on the excess of 35%. Both might be made retroactive to January 1, 2010. However, now that June is almost history, retroactivity seems less likely. Congress has not made resolution of the estate tax a priority item. No date to consider the estate tax has been set.

Future. Most estate planning attorneys believe that the estate tax dilemma will be resolved. However, politics may play an important role. The resolution may be that nothing is done and the tax will be reinstated on January 1, 2011, with a $1,000,000 exemption. President Obama and several Senators are on record as favoring extension of the $3,500,000 exemption and the 45% rate on the excess. Senator Kyl is urging a $5,000,000 exemption with a 35% rate on the excess. Trying to predict what Congress will do has proven fruitless to this point. Stay tuned for further developments.
Committee and board news

Tucson-area executives join ICS Community Advisory Board

Nearly 20 Tucson-area executives, professionals and community leaders have agreed to be ambassadors and advisers for Interfaith Community Services.

ICS’s 25th Anniversary Community Advisory Board held its first meeting April 29 at Northern Trust Bank, 3450 E. Sunrise Drive.

“ICS has a very active and effective governing board, but we wanted to use our 25th anniversary year as an opportunity to extend our reach into our community,” said ICS Executive Director Bonnie Kampa.

ICS Board President Ed Jenkins said the Community Advisory Board members have been asked to help raise awareness about Interfaith Community Services and the needs it serves and to be willing to offer suggestions or recommendations when their advice is sought.

“We’re delighted at the enthusiasm our advisory board members have expressed,” Jenkins said.

The members are:

- Kristin Almquist, marketing consultant
- Rev. Barbara Anderson, ICS founder
- Betsy Bolding, director of consumer affairs, corporate relations and communications, Tucson Electric Power
- Jerry Bustamante, business development officer, Canyon Community Bank
- Jannie Cox, former CEO, Carondelet Foundation
- Lori Carroll, interior designer
- Robert J. Edison, executive administrative director, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
- Diane Frisch, president, Frisch and Associates
- Greg Gadarian, estate planning attorney
- Bill Holmes, vice president/community relations manager, Wells Fargo
- Tom Hunt, vice president and wealth strategist, Northern Trust
- Mike Jameson, CEO, Tucson Newspapers
- Paul Kappelman, CEO, Northwest Medical Center
- Ann Lovell, executive director, The David and Lura Lovell Foundation
- Lea Marquez Peterson, executive director of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Frank Williams, director of social services, Casa de la Luz
- Steve Rosenberg, publisher, BizTucson

Mary Ann Brody joins ICS board

Small-business owner Mary Ann Brody has joined the ICS board of directors of Interfaith Community Services.

Brody owns “Kissed By An Italian,” a personal chef and catering service, which she launched in September 2008. Brody has almost 30 years of marketing and advertising experience. Until March 2008, she was director of marketing for the Western U.S. for Wendy’s International for nearly 14 years.

She obtained bachelor’s degrees in marketing and sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a master’s in business administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

“Mary Ann is a smart and enthusiastic business woman,” said ICS Board President Ed Jenkins. “She’s already put her energy and ideas to work for ICS, and we’re happy to have her take on board responsibilities.”

ICS treasurer becomes local food columnist

Lois Britton, ICS’s treasurer and chair of the ICS finance committee and business administrator for St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, has put on yet another hat.

Lois became the new cooking columnist for The Explorer, as of June 2. “Some cooks are reluctant to give away the secrets to their signature dishes,” she wrote in her first column. “I consider it the highest compliment to be asked for a recipe and happily oblige. It’s rewarding to think a guest enjoyed a meal so much that they would want to recreate it.”

Lois also writes about her fascination with food at http://FoodLoveLanguage.blogspot.com. Contact her at FoodLoveLanguage@gmail.com.

Bon appetit!

Volunteer leadership opportunities at ICS

We’re always on the lookout for individuals who have a passion for the work that we do and an interest in serving in a leadership role. Knowledge and experience in finance, event planning, fundraising, marketing, health care, social services and nonprofit management is valued. For more information, call Executive Director Bonnie Kampa at 297-2738 x212 or Volunteer Resources Manager Sandi Brickley at x217.

Grant Awards

Thanks to the following organizations for recent grants:

- Aetna Foundation
- Employees Community Fund of Boeing Mesa
- Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona - Marmis Humanitarian Award
- Lilly Endowment
- Long Realty Cares Foundation
- M&I Bank
- Northern Trust Bank
- Pella Rolscreen
- Pfizer
- The Eugene and Willetta Denton Family Foundation
- The Haugh Foundation
ICS Speaker’s Bureau

We would love to share ICS’s story and information about its mission and programs with your business or organization or even a gathering of your friends. ICS has just released a new three-minute DVD that tells its story. Call Shar Caulley at 297-2738 x209 to schedule a presentation by an ICS staff member or to request a copy of the DVD. Both are free and will help spread the word about how ICS helps seniors, disabled individuals, and families in financial crisis achieve stable and independent lives. Call TODAY!

ICS Mobile Meals Partners:
Amber Lights
Atria Campana Del Rio
Health South Rehabilitation Hospital
Mountain View Care Center
Northwest Medical Center
Oro Valley Hospital

Volunteer Training Schedule

Training is held in the ICS Conference Room at 2820 W. Ina Road.

Wednesday, Jul 14
10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Wednesday, Jul 28
10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Wednesday, Aug 11
10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Wednesday, Aug 25
10 a.m. - 12 Noon

For more information or to reserve a spot in a training session, contact Sandi Brickley at 297-2738 x217.

Interfaith Community Services thanks our ongoing partners!

53 Faith Communities:
Aldea Spiritual Community
Ascension Lutheran
Avra Valley Community Church
Beautiful Savior Lutheran
Canyon del Oro Baptist
Capilla del Sol Christian
Casas Adobes Congregational UCC
Catalina United Methodist
Christ the King Episcopal
Christ Presbyterian
Church of the Apostles
Church of the Painted Hills
Congregation Anshei Israel
Congregation Chaverim
Congregation Or Chadash
Congregation M’kor Hayim
Cortaro Vista Community Church
Desert Skies United Methodist

Dove of Peace Lutheran
Fountain of Life Lutheran Church
Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal
Immanuel Presbyterian
Local Spiritual Assembly of Bahá’ís of Oro Valley
Mountain Shadows Presbyterian
Mountain View Baptist
New Spirit Lutheran
Northminster Presbyterian
Northwest Baptist
Northwest Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church
Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene
Oro Valley United Church of Christ
Our Saviour’s Lutheran
Pusch Ridge Christian Church
Resurrection Lutheran
Rincon Congregational UCC
Sanctuary United Methodist
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. Michael and All Angels Episcopal
St. Odilia Catholic
St. Philip’s in the Hills Episcopal
Temple Emanu-El
Third Church of Christ, Scientist
Tortolita Presbyterian
Tucson Community of Christ
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U.U. Congregation of NW Tucson
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