New Partnership Aids Resource Center Expansion

The ICS Resource Center started in 2010 to help clients overcome barriers to employment and financial stability. Volunteers work one-on-one with unemployed and underemployed individuals on basic work-related skills to help them become more competitive for jobs with livable wages.

Now, a new partnership is giving ICS tools to expand our work with clients looking for employment! ICS is collaborating with Arizona Youth Partnership and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest on a three-year project to help individuals and families with career development and economic self-sufficiency.

Funded through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—ACF Office of Family Assistance, the “Building Futures for Families” project serves low-income families and individuals by combining relationship education with job and career development.

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Save the Date!

Saturday, March 17
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tucson Chinese Cultural Center
1288 W. River Road

$15 per person

Join us for this spring event to benefit the ICS Food Bank and its programs to feed and assist people who are struggling throughout Pima County. Guests to Empty Bowls will sample signature soups, breads and desserts from area restaurants and can select a beautiful hand-crafted pottery bowl to take home as a reminder of hunger in our community.

At press time, participating event restaurants and sponsors include: Kissed by an Italian, Bob’s Steak & Chop House at Omni Tucson National Resort, Jax Kitchen, The Grill at Hacienda del Sol, It’s Greek to Me, Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, El Charro, Allegra Printing, and Café Torrino. To sponsor or add your restaurant to the list, contact Deborah Carr at 297-2738 x222.

Local potters are busy creating over 500 one-of-a-kind bowls for the event. Thanks to Marjon Ceramics, Laguna Clay and Pima County Parks and Recreation for their support. Tickets for Empty Bowls are available at 297-2738 x209, at www.icstucson.org, or at the door. See you there!
Food Bank Building Donors Honored On Tile Wall

ICS appreciates each donation that has made our Food Bank facility possible. The following donors have given $500 or more to the building project and will be featured on our Table of Plenty Donor Tile Wall to be unveiled Spring 2012. If you have given but do not see your name, or if you have not made a gift of $500 or more to the building fund and would like to do so, please contact the Development Office at 297-2738 x222.

Vase with Flowers Level
$125,000–$150,000
The Wolslager Foundation

Pima County Community Development
Block Grant
Board of Supervisors and Supervisor
Ann Day, District 1

Vase Level $30,000–$60,000
Bruce and Karen Hamar Bittmann
Calistri Family Foundation
Wendell and Rose Tyson

Fruit Bowl Level $10,000–$20,000
Anonymous
Christ the King Episcopal Church (In-Kind)
The Eugene and Wiletta Denton
Family Foundation
Lura Lovell
John and Margaret Schmidt
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Dorothy D. Vanek

Large Dinner Plate Level $5,000–$9,999
Wendell and Pauline Gardner
Ed and Kay Jenkins
Lon and Lucille Barton Foundation
Long Realty Cares Foundation
Mike and Gwen Parr
Steve and Ruth Polleya
Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ
Ross Foundation (William and Mary)
St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Bread Plate or Glass Level $1,000–$4,999
John and Diane Alford
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Alice Bostrom
Vic and Marilyn Braun
Mary Ann Brody-Heyl
Frank and Sue Cannon
George and Toni Chardukian
Larry and Sue Davis

Nankin or Silverware Level $500–$999
Robert F. and Helen S. Acker
Evelyn Bean
Jim and Yonny Beers
Michael and Lori Block
Betsy Bolding
Tom and Nancy Brock
Forrest and Deborah Carr

ICS Hits the Road Thanks to Donated Vans

ICS now has two cargo vans to support our Food Bank operations!
The Calistri Family Foundation’s generous donation of $35,000 allowed ICS to purchase a refrigerated van to transport fresh and frozen food. Tucson Electric Power donated a mint-condition 2006 van, which is used for non-perishable food pickups and community outreach events. Both vans are decorated with ICS graphics to make ICS more visible in our community.

Look for the vans around town!
ICS Food Bank Opens

In our Winter 2011 newsletter, the picture of the ICS Food Bank expansion was merely an artist’s drawing. Now, the new and fully funded 2,700 square-foot ICS Food Bank is a reality! The building opened its doors to clients on October 31, 2011.

In addition to substantially more storage room, the building includes a comfortable client waiting area and a Kids’ Corner. While their parents wait for assistance, our youngest visitors are able to curl up in a penguin chair and enjoy a book—which they are welcome to take home with them.

Clients and volunteers alike have embraced the new space. “This is nice,” said Joan, a client. “There is so much room and it really makes you feel welcome.” Marcia, a long-time volunteer, echoed those sentiments: “We’re not bumping into each other anymore! And more clients can move through the aisles at the same time, so we can help more people.”

A new walk-in refrigeration and freezer unit allows ICS to distribute fresh and frozen foods, providing our clients with a larger and healthier selection. This unit was critical during the holiday season. Between November 21 and December 22, ICS gave out 1,980 holiday food packages—a 27% increase from the 1,552 packages distributed in 2010. Each contained the fixings for a holiday meal, including a frozen chicken, turkey, or ham.

ICS has raised all of the funding for the new building, equipment, and furnishings. Construction on the awning, which will connect the Food Bank to the main office, begins soon, and the donor tile wall is scheduled for installation in March. See page 5 for details on the dedication event this spring.

Hunger in Arizona

Although the economy is slowly showing signs of recovery, data from the U.S. Census and poverty researchers show that many of our neighbors continue to struggle to put food on the table:

- **18.6%** of Arizonans—almost one in five—lived in poverty in 2010.
- **29%** of Arizona households with children experienced food hardship in 2010.
- **Tucson is in the top 25 cities** nationally for food hardship in households with children.
- **Nearly 39%** of agencies providing hunger relief services in Arizona in 2009 were faith-based.

New Partnership Aids Resource Center Expansion

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In December, the ICS Resource Center at our Ina Road office expanded and moved into the former food bank space. And in January 2012, ICS opened a new Resource Center at the ICS eastside office. Our participation in Building Futures for Families has provided funds to add two new ICS staff members to oversee operations and programs at the two centers (see page 5).

The ICS Resource Centers are an important part of our mission; they help individuals and families achieve economic stability with tools that focus on both present and future needs.

Assistance includes help with online job searches and applications, résumé preparation, skills identification, interview coaching, and referrals to job fairs. Other services, such as registration for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and basic computer classes, offer additional tools to help clients move forward.

The number of clients coming to the centers is increasing each day, and we’ve heard a lot of positive feedback. “Thank you so much for the help,” said Natalie, who came in for assistance with online job searching. “Your office is right near the bus stop and it’s nice to have someone take the time to show me the different websites.”

The centers also help low-income and working poor recipients plan for the future. Through a partnership with Wells Fargo’s “Hands on Banking Program,” classes help clients develop financial literacy skills, such as how to make a budget and build savings. As with all of our services, the ICS Resource Centers are powered by the energy of volunteers.

Please see www.ictucson.org for Resource Center hours and for additional information. To volunteer, contact Tandala Kidd at 297-2738 x243.
ICS Supporters and Volunteers Receive Recognition

Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.” ICS is grateful to have so many caring, giving volunteers and donors, and some of them are receiving recognition from the community-at-large.

Bruce and Karen Hamar Bittmann received a 2011 Spirit of Philanthropy Award for their long-time support and work for ICS at the Association of Fundraising Professionals' National Philanthropy Day Luncheon in November. Among their most recent contributions are major support for the new ICS Food Bank and furnishings for its Kids’ Corner. Bruce is currently a volunteer driver for ICS Caregiving Services.

Bob Henry and Don Kimball received Outstanding Volunteer Impact awards during Volunteer Southern Arizona’s 2011 Celebration of Service, also in November. Bob coordinates the VITA program (see page 9), and Don, a retired nurse, helps out ICS’s Health Advocacy program by interviewing potential clients to assess their service needs.

ICS Volunteer Resources Manager Sandi Brickley also received the Ellen Hargis Award for Excellence in Volunteer Program Management. “I am incredibly blessed to be in a position where I get to connect excited, gifted people with opportunities to live out their passion,” Sandi said in her speech during the event. “Our volunteers are our most valuable resource. Without them our work would quite literally be impossible.”

Last year, 617 volunteers contributed over 41,000 hours of service at ICS, valued at $797,066 by the Independent Sector of Arizona.

Good Samaritan Program Lends a Helping Hand

After caring for her parents for 10 years, Adora Redd found herself struggling when they passed away last winter. She needed time to recover—physically and emotionally—from her caregiving duties, but she was out of money and without a job.

When a neighbor heard Adora was having a hard time making ends meet, he suggested she come to ICS. The ICS Food Bank provided her with an emergency food box and supplemental items, and through the Good Samaritan Fund she received gas vouchers to support her job search.

“Sometimes it can be a humiliating experience to ask for help,” Adora said. “But it wasn’t that way at all at ICS. Everyone, from Terri [Patt-Smith] to the volunteers at the front desk, was so welcoming and professional.”

Adora is now back on her feet and pursuing an MBA. For a recent class she wrote a paper about ICS. “As an organization, ICS is service-oriented and user-friendly. There is so much integrity and momentum here, and your partnerships with other organizations make ICS a strong part of the community. I know you will be around and helping people for a long time.”

Bridging Faith and Health

In collaboration with Carondelet Health Network, ICS presented another quarterly “Basic Training for Congregation Health Leaders: Bridging Faith and Health” in October.

Fifteen people from seven congregations and one community organization enjoyed two days of gleaning information and inspiration to help their congregations develop programs that address the whole-person health—spiritual, physical, and mental—of their members and neighbors.

An attendee commented, “We need more of these seminars.” And there will be more of these seminars! The next session is scheduled for February 16 and 17, 2012, at St. Mary’s Hospital.

Attendance for both days costs only $10 per person. For information on registering or developing a congregational health program, contact Karen MacDonald at 297-2738 x221 or kmacdonald@icstucson.org.
New Board Members and Staff

Will Franks joined the ICS Board last fall. He has over 10 years of experience in human resources with health care, private sector and government entities. He is Manager of Total Rewards for the University of Arizona Health Network. Will has an MBA from Webster University and a Masters in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Missouri State University. *(photo unavailable)*

Sivan Korn, another new ICS Board member, is a partner at Lewis and Roca, specializing in commercial litigation. She moved to Tucson from New York in 2005. Through her pro bono work, Sivan represents holocaust survivors as part of the Bet Tzedek Holocaust Survivors Justice Network.

The ICS Resource Centers are staffed! As the Resource Center Manager, Tandala Kidd will oversee operations at our main office and the development of job search programs and financial literacy classes. Tandala was formerly an administrator at Rising Star Baptist Church and is currently completing a doctorate in organizational leadership.

Our eastside Resource Center Coordinator, Sandy Bohn, will handle activities at that office. Sandy has over 10 years of experience working with people on career development and self-empowerment.

Alison Betts, M.A.C., M.A., joined the Development staff in October as a Communications and Grants Specialist. Alison has over 10 years of communications experience in corporate, higher education, and nonprofit settings.

Volunteers Wanted!

Do you have a background in healthcare or a health-related field? Help ICS identify clients’ needs as a Health Advocacy interviewer!*

Drive our refrigerated van to pick up fresh and frozen food donations for the ICS Food Bank. Drivers must be able to lift up to 25lbs, and have a good driving record.

Transport seniors and disabled individuals to medical appointments, shopping and errands. Mileage reimbursement is provided.*

Computer-savvy volunteers can assist clients with their job search at the ICS Resource Center. There are lots of volunteer spots open for our eastside location!

* Volunteers who can serve in the east and central areas of town are especially needed.

Volunteer Training Schedule

- Thursday, February 9
- Wednesday, February 29
- Wednesday, March 14
- Thursday, March 29
- Thursday, April 12
- Wednesday, April 25
- Thursday, May 10

Training is held in the ICS Conference Room at 2820 W. Ina Road from 10 a.m.–noon. Call Sandi Brickley at 297-2738 x217 to sign up.

Win An Electric Car!

Get your raffle ticket from ICS for a chance to win a 2012 Nissan Leaf™ SL and home charging station, sponsored by Jim Click Automotive! Purchase your raffle tickets from ICS—$25 for one or five for $100.

ICS retains ALL of the proceeds from the tickets we sell! Your purchase will directly support our services for seniors, disabled individuals, and families in financial crisis.

The drawing takes place on April 27, 2012; tickets must be purchased by April 20 and can be purchased at the main ICS office at 2820 W. Ina Road or through our secure online donation form at www.icstucson.org. Please note raffle tickets are not tax-deductible.

Upcoming Events

Christ Presbyterian Church Fundraiser
Friday, February 3, 6–9 p.m.
6565 E. Broadway Blvd.

Featuring the music of “Misbehavin’,” a dessert extravaganza, silent and live auction. Tickets $12.50 each. Proceeds to go to ICS and Presbytery de Cristo.

North Pima CROP Walk
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
Oro Valley Marketplace
12005 N. Oracle Rd.

Put together a sponsored team of walkers for this “go at your own pace” walk-a-thon to fight hunger! ICS receives 25% of all proceeds. Contact Pastor Ron York at 297-3095 x116 for details.

Ice Cream Social, ICS Food Bank Open House and Donor Tile Wall Unveiling
Friday, April 13, 2–5 p.m.

Enjoy music, have a cone or two, tour the new ICS Food Bank building and see the Table of Plenty Donor Tile Wall.
MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES: 9/8 to 12/31/11

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 acknowledgement is sent to both donor and honoree. Thank you!

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Sherwood Winslow: Charles & Connie Chase
Children of Jere & Janet Huss & their families: Janet Huss, Frank & Linda Williams

Free Write-A-Will Seminars

Have you experienced a major change in your life such as the birth of a child or grandchild, or the death of a spouse? Has it been years since you updated your will? Are you looking for a way to make a difference for a favorite faith community, school or cause that won’t cost you while you are living, but will live on long after you are gone?

In partnership with the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southern Arizona, ICS is again offering the national Leave a Legacy Write-A-Will Workshops. These FREE 90-minute interactive seminars are presented by experienced estate planning attorneys and offer education about making or updating a will, how to protect even the most modest estate, ways to formalize your wishes, and how to ensure those wishes are known and respected.

A question and answer session is included and free materials are provided. This year’s seminars will take place:

Saturday, March 3, 2012
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church

Tuesday, March 6, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Interfaith Community Services
2820 West Ina Road
To RSVP, call Shar Caulley at 297-2738 x209.

ICS Volunteer Recognition Luau

Escape the winter doldrums and spend an afternoon on island time at the annual ICS Volunteer Recognition Event on Sunday, February 26 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church.

Dress in your Hawaiian shirt, put on your sandals, and bring your ukulele for what promises to be a lively time of food and fellowship as we honor our wonderful volunteers for their selfless efforts on behalf of ICS.

We’ll be presenting this year’s Champion, Founder’s and Director’s Service Awards. Compete in the Don Ho look alike contest (think “Tiny Bubbles”), enjoy great food with a luau theme and get your picture made as a hula dancer or muscle surfer against one of our own scenic backdrops.

It’s our way of saying “Maholo” and a job well done!

RSVP to Sandi Brickley, ICS Volunteer Resources Manager, at 297-2738 x217. ICS will furnish the main dish; volunteers are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Volunteers Joyce and Bob Lyons at last year’s event
A BIG Thanks!

It’s been a busy few months at ICS, and we are grateful to have received the support of so many individuals and groups:

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**, one of our wonderful faith community partners, gathered 20,000 diapers for the ICS Food Bank in October. Thanks from the “bottom” of our heart!

In December the **Tucson Dance Academy** staged “Spirit of Christmas”—a high-energy, Broadway-style show that celebrated the warmth and joy of the holidays. ICS received $1000 from the ticket proceeds.

One hundred and eighty golfers came out for the Veterans Day “We Care” Golf Classic at Omni Tucson National Golf Course. The gorgeous scenery was matched by gorgeous weather. The event raised $25,500 for ICS.

Faith communities, businesses, social groups, and individual donors adopted 81 families this holiday season through our “Gifts of Love” program. “We felt so fortunate just to stay in our home this year,” said one recipient, whose family had also received emergency rental assistance. “I can’t believe someone cared enough to make sure my kids have a Christmas. Thank you for all you do!”

Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene put on 10 spectacular performances of “The Promise of Christmas” and donated almost $26,000—all of which was collected during the freewill offering. This annual event has raised over $70,000 for ICS since it began.

Two hundred ICS clients received packages of food and personal items at the holiday give-away sponsored by the National Retired Basketball Players Association and organized by United Way on December 6. The NRBPA also donated an additional 5,600 pounds of items to ICS for later distribution.

Almost 300 people attended the annual ICS Holiday Open House on December 9. We were happy to welcome so many of our friends!

The 5th annual **Edward Jones Bag-A-Thon** raised an astonishing 42,088 pounds of food for the new ICS Food Bank. Organized by ICS Board member Ken Blanchard, the final total was made possible through the work of 16 Edward Jones offices, seven schools, seven scouting groups, five local businesses, the Town of Oro Valley, and the community-at-large. A special thanks to Eegee’s, Kohl’s, and Guy Atchley for their participation!

**Dove of Peace Lutheran Church** celebrated the start of 2012 with “A Concert for the New Year.” The event raised $3,300 for ICS through a freewill offering.

Fifteen local businesses competed to gather the most food during the Arizona Technology Council’s second annual Holiday Food Drive Competition. The result? Almost four tons of food for the ICS Food Bank! Employees at **Infrared Laboratories** gathered over 2,700 items to secure their first-place win.

And a big thanks to all the individuals and groups who hosted food drives for ICS, including **Tohono Chul Park, the Sonoran Desert Flyers, Sequels Upscale Resale Shop, and QuikTrip stores.**
ICS welcomes five new faith community partners:

- **Vida Nueva/New Life Church of God** is partnering with ICS to complement their community outreach.
- **Templo La Uncion** looks forward to building a base of volunteers for ICS services in the south side of town.
- **Community Christian Church Marana** learned about ICS at one of our Congregation Health Leader trainings. They’re eager to be part of serving people in the northwest.
- **St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church** has served Tucson since the Great Depression. They see ICS as a natural part of their community service.
- **Northwest Community Friends Church** sees ICS as another way for them to help neighbors in need.

Sixty-two congregations of various faiths now support and inspire ICS’s service to seniors, disabled individuals, and people in financial crisis. Thank you all!

If your congregation would like to explore working together with ICS, please contact Karen MacDonald at 297-2738 x221; kmacdonald@icstucson.org (east, central, south) or Sandi Brickley at 297-2738 x217; sbrickley@icstucson.org (northwest).

**Thanks Also to These Partner Congregations:**

- **Streams in the Desert Lutheran** and **St. Philip’s in the Hills Episcopal** churches for hosting our last two ICS Council meetings.
- **St. John on the Desert Presbyterian Church** for holding an alternative giving fair for members to give gifts to various missions, including ICS, in honor of a loved one.
- **Capilla del Sol Christian Church, New Spirit Lutheran Church, Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene, Fountain of Life Lutheran Church,** and **Faith Christian Fellowship of Tucson** for allowing ICS to speak at recent services or mission fairs.

We’re happy to accept speaking invitations—give us a call at 297-6049.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

ICS is once again a site for **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** in partnership with **United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona**. IRS-trained volunteers prepare tax returns free of charge for eligible ICS clients.

Last year ICS volunteers assisted 202 low- and moderate-income clients to claim $293,156 in tax returns. This vital service helps our clients access all of the tax credits to which they are entitled and promotes their fiscal stability.

**VITA services at ICS** will be available from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, February 1 – April 14, 2012. No appointment is necessary; clients are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please call the ICS office at 297-6049 or visit our website at www.icstucson.org for additional information and documents required.

**ICS Mobile Meals Update**

Through the dedication of our volunteers, ICS has delivered nutritious and delicious meals to seniors and disabled adults for 25 years.

In November, **ICS Mobile Meals** began offering new meal delivery options. In addition to our traditional service, recipients can now choose to receive 1 or 2 meals a day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, offering greater flexibility.

**ICS Mobile Meals** is now working with **Mobile Meals of Tucson** and **Catalina Community Services** to expand our service area and help more clients. Two new partnering facilities—**Santa Catalina Villas** and **Emeritus**—will begin providing meals to our recipients. These new partnerships will increase our recipient capacity and improve our effectiveness.

Receiving a nutritious meal from a friendly volunteer makes a world of difference to our clients. **Howard**, a Mobile Meals recipient, told us, “It is difficult to find words to express how grateful I am for, and how much I appreciate, the effort that you folks put forth to prepare and deliver food to those, like me, who would have difficulty fixing food for themselves. It is so gratifying to see a pleasant face and hear a cheerful word when the food is delivered.”

Do you know someone who could benefit by becoming an **ICS Mobile Meals** recipient? Contact our Mobile Meals Coordinator **Nick Aman** at 297-2738 x208.
ICS lost a friend and supporter when Myrtle Thorne passed away in February 2011. However, Myrtle made sure that her support would continue in perpetuity.

Last month, the ICS Endowment received a wonderful boost with a very generous gift of approximately $250,000 from Myrtle’s estate. Her support is so significant to ICS that we want to publicly honor her memory through this article.

Myrtle had a very interesting and distinguished career with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Information Agency. As a member of the diplomatic corps, she lived during the 1950s in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, where she arranged cultural and educational exchanges and dealt with the local press. At that time, she was the only woman in such a position in the Far East. She was fluent in the Indonesian language.

In the course of her career, Myrtle met with top government officials in the United States and abroad, including heads of state in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. She planned and oversaw the construction of a library in Central Sumatra. Prior to retirement, she held a key position in the State Department’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

In retirement, Myrtle lived in Tucson and Show Low, Arizona. She was introduced to ICS through two long-time ICS volunteers: Pat Kinsman and Bev Jennison. Even as her health faded in her 89th year, Myrtle received regular updates on ICS.

In early 2010, former ICS President Ed Jenkins and Executive Director Bonnie Kampa visited with Myrtle in her Oro Valley home. “It means a lot to us to have been able to thank Myrtle personally for this very generous gift. Her legacy will live on through this gift to the ICS Endowment,” says Ed.

Our special thanks to Myrtle Thorne. With this wonderful gift, ICS will be able to serve thousands of seniors and individuals in need in our community for years to come.

Myrtle Thorne Leaves a Wonderful Legacy to Help ICS

ICS Forges New Partnership for Medical Equipment Donations

OneStop Home Medical Equipment, a program of Jewish Family & Children’s Services (JFCS), recently opened a donation site at the ICS Food Bank.

OneStop Home Medical Equipment provides high-quality, affordable refurbished medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and shower bars to older adults, disabled individuals, children and anyone unable to pay full retail price. Because of its unique pricing structure and donated inventory, OneStop is able to offer deeply discounted equipment as a public service. Affordable access to this equipment gives individuals with medical needs greater mobility, safety and comfort.

As of January 18, OneStop employees and volunteers staff the ICS Food Bank site on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon to accept donations. The donated items are refurbished and made available at affordable prices to individuals with medical needs.

In addition, people who wish to purchase equipment can make arrangements with OneStop staff to obtain equipment at the northwest location.

“We are delighted to be working with ICS in this partnership,” says Shira Ledman, JFCS President & CEO. “OneStop complements ICS’s services and provides a valuable opportunity for folks who live in the northwest area of Pima County to donate their medical equipment. Last year we served nearly 800 individuals, and with this expansion, even more people will benefit from our program.”

OneStop Home Medical Equipment is a program of JFCS; its mission, like that of its parent organization, is to serve the people of the greater Tucson community. OneStop’s main office is at Pima St. and Alvernon Way in central Tucson, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
ICS appreciates the following recent foundation, community and corporate gifts:

- Allegra FootPRINT Fund
- Ron and Lucille Barton Foundation
- Eugene and Wiletta Denton Family Foundation
- Edward Jones Foundation
- Elizabeth Read Taylor Foundation
- Kohl’s
- The David C. and Lura M. Lovell Foundation
- Mutual of Omaha Bank
- PICOR Charitable Foundation
- Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ
- Roadrunners Alumnae Welcome Wagon
- William and Mary Ross Foundation
- Royal Automotive Group
- Sanofi–aventis
- Carl and Mabel Shurtz Foundation
- Sierra Pacific Airlines
- Sun City Vistoso Community Foundation
- Tucson Alpha Phi Alumnae Group
- Tucson Lutheran Thrift Shop
- Tucson REALTORS® Charitable Foundation
- Walmart Local Community Contribution Fund
- The Wolslager Foundation

If ICS has touched your life or the life of a loved one, consider giving a lasting contribution to help continue its work. Legacy gift options include remembering ICS in your will, establishing a gift annuity, naming ICS as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, pension plan, or IRA, gifting tangible real estate, or designating a gift to the ICS Endowment fund. Call Deborah Carr, Development Director, at 297-2738 x222, for more information.

**ICS THANKS OUR PARTNERS!**

**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 Episcopal
- Church of the Painted Hills UCC
- Community Christian Church Marana
- Congregation Anshei Israel
- Congregation Chaverim
- Congregation Or Chadash
- Congregation M’kor Hayim
- Cortaro Vista Community Church
- Desert Skies United Methodist
- Dove of Peace Lutheran
- Faith Christian Fellowship of Tucson
- Fountain of Life Lutheran
- Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal
- Immanuel Presbyterian
- Local Spiritual Assembly of Baha’is of Oro Valley
- Mountain Shadows Presbyterian
- Mountain View Baptist
- New Spirit Lutheran
- Northminster Presbyterian
- Northwest Baptist
- Northwest Community Friends Church
- Northwest Heights Seventh Day Adventist
- 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
- Southside Presbyterian
- 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 & All Angels Episcopal
- St. Odilia Catholic
- St. Philip’s in the Hills Episcopal
- Streams in the Desert Lutheran
- Temple Emanu-El
- Temple La Uncion
- Third Church of Christ, Scientist
- Tortolita Presbyterian
- Tucson Community of Christ
- Unity of Tucson
- U.U. Congregation of NW Tucson
- U.U. Church of Tucson
- Vida Nueva/New Life Church of God

**Major Community Partners:**
- Arizona Youth Partnership
- City of Tucson Human Services Department
- Community Food Bank
- Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- Pima Council on Aging
- Pima County Community Action Agency
- Pima County Community Development & Neighborhood Conservation Department
- United Way of Tucson & Southern AZ

**ICS Mobile Meals Partners:**
- Amber Lights
- Atria Campana Del Rio
- Emeritus
- HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
- Northwest Medical Center
- Oro Valley Hospital
- Santa Catalina Villas

**ICS THANKS OUR Corporate Partners**

- **PLATINUM**
  - The University of Arizona Medical Center

- **GOLD**
  - Commerce Bank of Arizona
  - Oro Valley Hospital

- **COPPER**
  - Omni Resort
  - MacCourt Fund
  - Bright Solutions

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**Legacy Society**

The Interfaith Legacy Society members are patrons who make a planned gift of any amount or current gift of $10,000 or more to the ICS Endowment Fund. These contributions help ensure the long-term financial stability of ICS and enable us to continue to serve people in need. We are pleased to welcome and thank our new members of the Interfaith Legacy Society, Jack and Peggy Comp and Robert and Patricia Kittrell.

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Save the Date!

Friday, April 27, 2012
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Philip’s In the Hills
Episcopal Church
4440 N. Campbell Ave.

Save the date for this timely one-day conference on the intersection of faith and mental illness.

Presented by ICS through major support from the David C. and Lura M. Lovell Foundation, the conference will offer clergy, lay faith leaders, and social services professionals insights and resources for better understanding mental illness and helping congregations be welcoming places for people affected by mental illness. Reverend Greg Foraker is conference coordinator.

Reverend Susan Gregg Schroeder, the keynote speaker from California, founded Mental Health Ministries in 2001 to provide media and print educational resources to help erase the stigma of mental illness in our faith communities. Susan’s

DVD set, Mental Illness and Families of Faith: How Congregations Can Respond, offers eight shows on a variety of mental health issues. Susan shares her personal journey with clinical depression in her book, In the Shadow of God’s Wings: Grace in the Midst of Depression. Susan works with several national groups including serving on the Advisory Committee for NAMI FaithNet and the Board of Directors for Pathways to Promise.

Tickets are $35 each or four for $100. Registration includes presentations, materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and certificate of attendance. Our early registration form will be available on the ICS website at www.icstucson.org mid-February.