

Our Mission...

“Helping seniors, disabled individuals and families in financial crisis achieve stable, healthy and independent lives.”

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ICS Announces New Faith & Community Health Network: Support from Hospital to Home

Interfaith Community Services works to build the health of our community in an exciting new program connecting patients being discharged from the hospital with volunteers who can help them continue to heal. The **ICS Faith & Community Health Network** will begin this fall with ICS as the bridge between the hospital and faith communities who can provide vital and compassionate, non-medical support to newly discharged patients at high risk of being readmitted to the hospital. The ICS Faith & Community Health Network is funded through a generous grant from **The David and Lura Lovell Foundation**.



With a focus on mind, body, spirit and community, ICS will work with a pilot number of faith communities to identify and train volunteers. Those volunteers will help patients who are returning home without family and friends to help in the transition.

Patients receiving the help will be identified by hospital staff. The volunteers may help with things like hospital or home visits, meal preparation, and transportation to medical appointments.

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Mind, Body and Spirit: The Role of Faith in Health

A registered nurse has been a visible part of the faith community at **Rincon Congregational UCC** for ten years. Members leaving Sunday morning service can get their blood pressure checked on a regular basis. It's one of the ways **RN Katie Geran** reaches out to people. *“It's a lot of listening and then deciding what their major issues are and helping to address those needs,”* says Geran.



Faith Community Nurse Katie Geran is a valuable resource for people with health care questions.

“I think it helps a congregation be a place of healing,” adds **Karen MacDonald, ICS Health Ministry Manager**. *“Our spiritual sages knew from almost the beginning that health entails every aspect of who we are as beings.”*

Geran coordinates with groups at the church to bring in health education classes like tai-chi, preventing a fall, or learning more about diabetes. She helps people figure out services for home care and works to create support groups for people struggling with health challenges. She says having a



Blood pressure checks happen regularly on Sunday mornings at Rincon Congregational UCC.

nurse on staff gives congregation members easy access to answers for medical questions. *“People are more willing. There's a level of comfort and familiarity,”* she says.

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Volunteers will also receive education about chronic health conditions, mental health, and the transition process from hospital to home.

Patients receiving this kind of support know that someone truly cares about them. This connection to their community allows them to heal better, and to avoid health relapses and repeat visits to the hospital. Hospitals see the advantage of this connection at a time when they are looking for ways to reduce readmissions, while improving health outcomes and patient satisfaction.

“This program builds on the legacy of health education and caregiving over the past 30 years at ICS,” says ICS CEO **Daniel Stoltzfus**. *“Our goal is to equip our faith community volunteers to bring help and hope to those ‘overserved’ by the hospital but ‘under-cared for’ in the community.”*

The ICS Faith & Community Health Network is based on a very successful program in Memphis that has gained nationwide attention for lowering both health care costs and the rate of patients being readmitted to the hospital.

Watch for more news about the Faith & Community Health Network in future newsletters and at www.icstucson.org!

Sometimes All It Takes Is a Trip to the Grocery Store



Monday mornings find Pauline catching a ride to the grocery store. She gets all the food she needs for the week, which allows her to keep living on her own.

Pauline is smiling because she's getting what she needs—a weekly trip to the grocery store. The store's a mile away, and the trip takes about half an hour. Maybe most of us think of this as just a small errand. But to Pauline it's a lifeline that allows her to continue living on her own.

At 86, Pauline can take care of herself, prepare her meals, make sure she gets out for walks regularly. But when problems with her eyesight got worse in May, she gave up driving and her car. She can't take the bus to the grocery store and carry back all she needs. She gets there with help from an ICS volunteer who picks her up at her home early Monday morning and takes her shopping. *“It's a real blessing to me, since I live on my own,”* says Pauline. *“I'm proud of having reached this age. It's a miracle. I pray every day for God to make me a pleasant old lady.”*

ICS received 360 requests for rides in April and set a record in filling most of those—320 rides. Those are not only trips to the grocery store, but also to doctor's appointments, the pharmacy or other essential errands. The ICS transportation program is available to seniors and disabled adults. Registration is required. To learn more or inquire about receiving services, contact **Mary Elethorp, Registration and Information Specialist**, at 297-6049 ext. 223.

We can't provide this service without hundreds of volunteers who commit their time to help. **Barbara** drives Pauline to the store every week and also helps a few other people through ICS. She helps them get to the store or to regular dialysis treatments. Since Barbara's husband died, she says, *“I need to stay busy, and I enjoy helping others.”*



Pauline wastes no time in the grocery store. Barbara helps as needed and describes Pauline as, “The fastest shopper I know!”



Pauline has no family in town, so Barbara's volunteer time is also an important way to make a social connection.

Do you have any time to give as a volunteer driver? Mileage costs are reimbursed, and you will know you are filling an important need for our community. Contact our **Volunteer Resources Manager Tori Carlson** at tcarlson@icstucson.org if you can help. *Thank you!*

Summer Volunteer Happenings at ICS

Are you looking to positively impact someone's life this summer? At ICS, we measure volunteer impact one person at a time. Each volunteer who reaches out beyond themselves to provide help and hope is appreciated, valued and needed! Each individual assisted is someone whose life is made better by your efforts.

Our need for volunteers in certain areas has grown with the onset of our southwest summer. We especially need volunteers in these areas:

- **Northwest, Eastside, and Southside**—we need drivers to take seniors and disabled adults to medical and other important appointments and errands, to grocery shop for or with someone, to do minor home repairs, to make friendly calls or visits, and to provide help with mail and paperwork.
- **Eastside**—we need volunteers who can help at our Eastside office, Job Resource Center or Food Bank at New Spirit Lutheran Church.
- We are looking for a volunteer with a passion for food bank management to help run the eastside Food Bank.

If you have not yet volunteered with us and are interested in helping, you can do so in three easy steps:



ICS Food Bank volunteers.

1. Visit our website at www.icstucson.org to learn more about our volunteer program, service areas and greatest needs.
2. Download and complete the volunteer application and handbook. Bring them to the next scheduled orientation.
3. Schedule and attend a volunteer orientation to become familiar with ICS and our programs. Hear how volunteers change lives through their service. Take a tour, meet the staff and explore specific areas of service.

You can now register online for an upcoming orientation! Please check the Volunteer section of our website to register.

You can drop off your application early or bring it to the orientation that you attend. Applications can take up to 10 business days to process.

Would you consider joining our ICS volunteer force? If you are already a current volunteer, you can jump in right away into a service area of high need! Many of our volunteers hear about us through word of mouth, so please share our volunteer opportunities with others looking to make an impact in the community.

Volunteer Orientation Schedule	Northwest: 10 a.m. to noon 2820 W. Ina Road	Eastside: 1 - 3 p.m. 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail	Southside: 10 to 11:20 a.m. 6740 S. Santa Clara Avenue
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, July 13 • Monday, August 17 • Monday, September 21 • Monday, October 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, July 14 • Tuesday, August 18 • Tuesday, September 22 • Tuesday, October 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, July 10

A Thank You to Our Volunteers

We were able to thank some of our **Registration, Information, and Health Advocacy Volunteers** during a May "Meet and Greet." These volunteers conduct in-home evaluations for people requesting caregiving services from ICS.

"The home assessments are really challenging and rewarding," said one volunteer. *"A chance to see how life progresses. I think in reality they give me more than I give them."*

"The people I've met are amazing. They have great stories to tell us," said another.



Nearly 20 volunteers recently got a chance to enjoy lunch and to chat with one another about their volunteer experiences. We look forward to gathering more of our volunteers from time to time to show our appreciation and share their inspiration!



South Side Volunteer Office Opens!



We can't do our work without volunteers! Rev. Agustin Jimenez and his wife Mary have committed to join us.

Our most urgent need right now is for drivers in the south-side area. Church Secretary Lia Corral will be taking to the streets soon as an ICS Volunteer.

We've taken a big step toward helping people in South Tucson with our new volunteer office now open on the grounds of **Santa Clara United Methodist Church**. We are now looking for volunteer drivers who can help out in the 85713, 85714 and 85706 zip codes transporting seniors and disabled neighbors to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping and on other needed errands. The need is great, but with your help, we can make a difference.

On Friday, July 10, we will hold the first Volunteer Orientation at the office from 10 am – 11:30 am.

Our new volunteer office is open on the grounds of Santa Clara United Methodist Church at 6740 S. Santa Clara. Office Hours are limited right now. Call 520-547-0066 for dates and times.

We welcome new volunteers! Go to www.icstucson.org to see how you can join us.

Food Drives

- Our **Faith Community Food Collection Challenge** will wrap up at the end of July! We've had a great response with 12,000 pounds collected as of mid-June. We're trying to get to 30,000 pounds in honor of our 30th year!
- **MEB Management Services drives at:** Sunrise Ridge Apartments and The Van Buren Apartments.
- And residents at **Atria Valley Manor** retirement community will collect food till the end of July. *Thank you!*

Mind, Body and Spirit

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Bringing a health program or ministry into a faith community can help close the gap between faith and health and provide a holistic approach to health care. It also gives faith community members another way to care. Contact **ICS Health Ministry Manager Karen MacDonald at 297-6049 ext. 221** if you'd like to learn more about health ministry.

ICS Board of Directors Update



Steve Pollyea

July marks a change in leadership for our 17-member Board of Directors. Board Chair **Steve Pollyea** has concluded a four-year term as Chair of the Board of Directors. We are grateful for his leadership which saw us through the construction of the new Dorothy D. Vanek Welcome Center in 2014, new ICS Food Bank in 2011 and the hiring of our current CEO Daniel Stoltzfus following the retirement of Bonnie Kampa. Steve promises he will still be involved and volunteering. He says he looks forward to *"having more direct client contact."*

Our new incoming Board Chair is **Barry Robinson**, who served the past three years as Vice Chair for Faith Communities. Under Barry's leadership we have grown the faith community partners from 63 faith partners to 82. Another way he supports ICS is volunteering with his wife as a driver for those in need.

We want to thank our outstanding Board officers and members for their tireless efforts. We welcome Jim Pirzynski and Patricia Harrison-Monroe to the ICS Board; they will be featured in our next newsletter.



Barry Robinson

Incoming ICS Board Officers

Barry Robinson, Board Chair
 Scott Summerford, Vice Chair
 Mike Lange, Vice Chair of Faith Communities
 Rhonda Fure, Treasurer
 Jeff Sklar, Secretary

Outgoing ICS Board Officers

Steve Pollyea, Board Chair
 Janet Grace, Vice Chair
 Barry Robinson, Vice Chair of Faith Communities
 Scott Summerford, Treasurer
 Mike Mumford, Secretary

Extreme Shoppers Bring a Backpack Bonanza!

Join Them and Help ICS Prepare Kids in Need to Go Back to School



A mother and daughter sharpened their shopping skills over the past few months and turned in a huge donation for our **Gifts of Love Backpack and School Supply Drive!** The pair decided last October to start shopping for backpacks, focusing on bargains and markdowns in several different stores.

They had donated 29 backpacks to ICS last year and saw the need for more. And so began what they call “*our little mission.*” Take a look at the result! “*We just kept finding them everywhere,*” says Wendy Camp.

The bargain hunters found all styles and colors, both for girls and boys, some even equipped to hold a skateboard. The total: 250 brand-new backpacks for children heading back to school this fall!

Back-to-school shopping can be a huge expense for families struggling to pay for the basics. **ICS is collecting backpacks and school supplies to help more than 500 children from economically disadvantaged families head back to class ready to learn and succeed.** We are almost halfway there with backpacks and are still short on supplies to fill them. Can you pitch in and help us help the kids?

See a list of requested supplies sorted by grade at our website at www.icstucson.org. **Donations can be dropped off through July 20 at:**

ICS Main Office, 2820 W. Ina Road, Monday - Friday, 9 am to 4 pm
 Eastside Office, 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail, Monday - Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm

Wendy says it was “*an honor*” to donate the backpacks. The pair sorted and bagged all 250 of them before bringing them in to us in June. They’ll take a little breather now before deciding when to start shopping for next year’s drive. And they’ll be able to have visitors stay in their guest room again...now that it’s no longer the backpack storage area!



Thanks, Corporate Partners

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Recent Foundation and Corporate Gifts

Thanks to the following businesses, organizations, and private and family foundations for recent grants and gifts:

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Tucson Medical Center

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 (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

On Behalf of Those We Serve:



Brownies from Girl Scout Troop 512 get a firsthand look at the ICS Food Bank.



Brownies donated more than \$300 in Girl Scout cookies bought by people who wanted to make sure they were donated.

We had a great visit from **Brownies** in Girl Scout Troop 512 based in Oro Valley.

They donated 81 pounds of Girl Scout cookies to our **ICS**

Food Bank! Customers had bought the cookies with the request they be donated to someone.

The third graders got to vote on where to donate the cookies and they chose ICS! The Brownies are students at Painted Sky Elementary and BASIS. They got a tour of the ICS Food Bank and the rest of our facility and a chance to learn more about the work we do in feeding the hungry and helping people in need. *Thanks for stopping by!*



The third graders voted to have ICS receive their donations this year.



Thelma Libby (r) of the Sunflower Quilters presents ICS Mobile Meals Coordinator Jan Willkom with handmade place mats for Mobile Meals recipients.

We also received a gift of 70 handcrafted place mats for our **Mobile Meals** recipients.

Members of the **Sunflower Quilters** meet regularly to learn more about their craft and create some beautiful masterpieces. They took fabric scraps, poured in their artistic skills and came up with the colorful place mats they presented to us.

We sent mats out with some of our Mobile Meals deliveries. What a great way to brighten someone's day!



Members of the Sunflower Quilters help each other out in cutting and pinning large pieces of fabric.



Group members share a passion for their hobby and a willingness to share new ideas and projects.



And local musicians from the **Tucson Symphony**, **Tucson Chamber Artists**, and the **UA School of Music** donated their time to perform classical works in the first Tucson concert to be part of the **"If Music Be the Food"** movement. The effort was started to *"create awareness and support for the hungry in the community through classical music performances of the highest caliber,"* as well as to inspire music students to join the cause and use music as a powerful tool for change.

We received 200 pounds of food in donations and more than \$430 as a result of the concert at **Rincon Congregational UCC!** Watch our website for news of another **"If Music Be the Food"** Concert coming Saturday, **September 26, 7 pm**, at Rincon UCC!

Thank You!



Music to our ears! The **Ocotillo Rain and Thunder Bluegrass Band** came by with a generous donation of \$251 after making ICS their charity of the month.

The band is based in Marana, and chooses a charity to support each month.

We were proud to be their choice in May! The band's goal is to raise \$2,000 this year to donate to local charities. Great work!

Middle schoolers in Vacation Bible School at **Desert Skies United Methodist Church** collected food for the hungry by leaving bags at neighborhood homes and collecting them a few days later. They also brought in donations from their parents and other members of the church. It all added up to 654 pounds of food for the eastside food bank that ICS coordinates at New Spirit Lutheran!



Breakfast cereals are one of our most-needed items – a good source of healthy whole grains.



VBS students got a chance to see exactly what was in the dozens of bags of food they hauled into the eastside New Spirit Food Pantry.

What did they think about their mission?

"It's FUN!"

"I like it!"

"It's good to know that you're making a difference in your community."

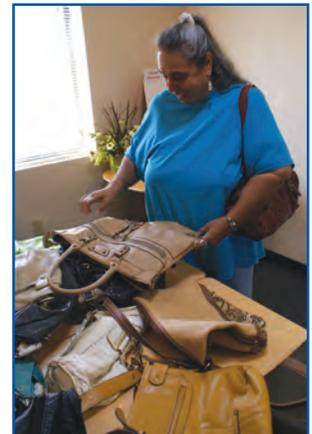
Those were all comments we heard from the students who worked to weigh and sort the food and get it onto the shelves.



Wells Fargo Advisors put in some time working in our ICS Food Bank on a Saturday in May. And they gave us a \$1,000 check too!

Thank you!

This year ICS had the privilege of adorning some of our recipients with a new handbag this past Mother's Day. ICS is the benefactor of many lovely handbags donated from **Dillard's** at the Tucson Mall. They gift us with gently used and new purses from their semi-annual purse exchange. ICS distributes these handbags to our job seekers for a professional look and feel for their upcoming interviews. With this year's abundance we were also able to give purses to the mothers coming through our Food Bank. Thanks Dillard's for your continuing generosity!



Speaking of Dying: Reclaiming the Role of Faith at the End of Life



Rev. Frank Williams of Casa de la Luz Hospice (l) chats with Rabbi Helen Cohn of Congregation M'kor Hayim and Rev. Vicki Hesse of St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church.

Most of us are intimidated by the thought of beginning a conversation about dying. But what do we do when that needs to happen?

On April 30, 140 people came to **St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church** for ICS's forum "*Speaking of Dying: Reclaiming the Role of Faith at the End of Life*" to address this question. The event brought together people from many

different backgrounds, from recently widowed to people who work in hospice to leaders in faith communities who are frequently challenged to deal with this subject.

During the morning-long event, participants heard real-life stories illustrating the challenges in addressing this last, natural part of life. While the subject of dying can bring up strong emotions, it also brings up the need for practical decisions, often critical ones, including advance directives like a Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, and other documents. Participants heard useful pointers for helping to start a conversation about end-of-life care wishes.

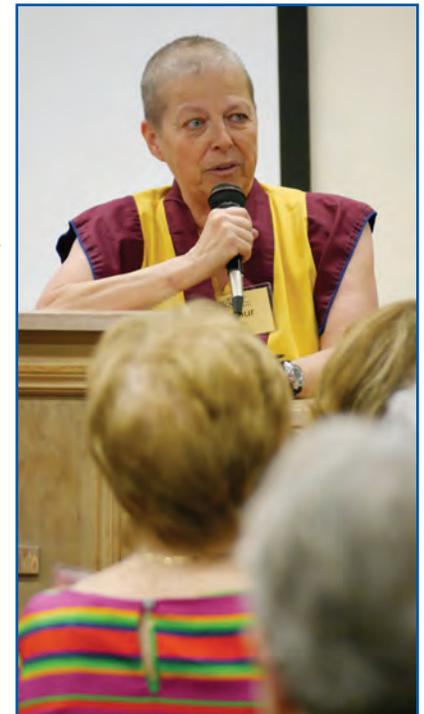
People were able to share their thoughts and feelings in table conversations. "*We all have something in common,*" someone observed at one table. "*Yeah, we're all going to die,*" added another. A round of laughter erupted at the table, and the chaplain guiding the conversation gently noted, "*Maybe laughter shows how nervous we are about this subject.*" Participants' evaluations of the event indicated that the great majority of them left with more confidence in helping to have conversations with loved ones regarding wishes for this end-of-life care.

Many thanks to those who made this such a successful event:

St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church, our host
Speakers:

- Rev. Amy Barron-Gafford**, TMC Hospice Chaplain
- Rabbi Helen Cohn**, Congregation M'kor Hayim
- The Rev. Vicki Hesse**, St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church, Assistant to the Rector
- Gen Lingpur Kelsang**, Kadampa Meditation Center, Resident Teacher

- Tom Saunders, PhD**, Casa de la Luz Hospice Chaplain
- Rev. Frank Williams**, Casa de la Luz Hospice, Director of Social Services
- The fifteen table conversation facilitators**
- Event chaplain, Rev. Mary Klaehn**, Tucson Medical Center chaplain



Gen Lingpur Kelsang, teacher at Kadampa Meditation Center, addresses an attentive crowd.

The forum was organized by **Interfaith Community Services** and made possible with support from **The Shaaron Kent Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.**

Concert to Benefit ICS

Take a break from the heat and come join us for a rockin' good night of oldies performed by the **Summer Chorus of the Southern Arizona Women's Chorus!**

The free "Feelin' Groovy" concert takes place on **Friday, July 31st, 7 p.m., at Ascension Lutheran Church at 1220 W. Magee Road.** Bring a food or monetary donation to benefit ICS!

The Summer Chorus will perform oldies like "Lollipop" and hits from the Jackson 5 and Jerry Lee Lewis. Join us for a night of fun, enjoy some oldies but goodies, and know you're helping a great cause! See you there!



MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES: 4/1-6/15/15

Memorials and gifts of honor are a special way to remember friends and loved ones, as well as make a tax-deductible donation to ICS. An acknowledgment is sent to both donor and honoree. Thank you!

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Ryan Armstrong: Josephine Cordasco
Wayne & Ann Marie Barry: Fred & Sandra Eaton
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Peter Widlock: Elizabeth Richardson
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Judy & Lefty Lefton: Robert & Selma Gevirtzman
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Robert Stouffacher: Ellen Hartline
Bill Tannenbaum: Tucson Embedded Systems (Nancy Kitts)
Janet Tolman: Ellen Hartline
Tom & Linda Walker: Dick & Bonnie Kampa; Sandra Marchese
Rev. Bruce Warner: Ellen Hartline
Rev. Carla Williams: Roland Fenz; Arlene Sturm
Bertha Wolfe: Janet M. DeKeyser

Correction: In our Spring newsletter, a gift in memory of Robin Grabau inadvertently listed Bernard and Beverly Miller as the donors instead of Sharon Miller. We sincerely regret the error.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS: Double your donation to ICS

Corporate matching gifts are a great way to maximize personal contributions to Interfaith Community Services, while increasing the impact of your gift. By taking advantage of a company's matching gift benefit, you may be able to double or even triple the amount of a contribution that will go a long way toward helping to sustain vital programs and services at ICS.

Thousands of employers nationwide match contributions or provide monetary donations for volunteers who give time to nonprofits. Each company has its own guidelines for employees, spouses, retirees and widows/widowers. Check with your employer's Human Resources Department or Matching Gifts Administrator. They will provide you with instructions on how to obtain your match online or provide you with the form to send to ICS with your gift.

Here is a list of some of the employers who match gifts to ICS:

3M	Northern Trust
Aetna	Pella Rollscreen
Alcoa Fastening Systems	Pfizer Foundation
Eli Lilly	Prudential Foundation
Home Depot Foundation	RBC Royal Bank of Canada
Intuit	Sanofi-Aventis
Merrill Lynch	Thrivent Financial For Lutherans
Morgan Stanley	Waters Corporation



If you do not see your company listed, if you would like more information on corporate matching programs, or if you are a business that would like to match employee gifts to ICS, please contact the Development Office at 297-6049 ext. 222.

Faith Community Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith communities! **St. Paul United Methodist Church**, led by Rev. Tony Dawson, and **New Life Bible Fellowship**, led by Pastor Greg Lavine, are very excited to partner in service with ICS. These congregations and their members have already been involved with ICS in various ways and look forward to continuing their participation. Here is a sampling of other ICS faith community partners in action:



Faith Council meetings bring together representatives from our 82 faith communities. In May they heard about the way Mental Health Safe Space Trainings work to erase the stigma of mental health. They also got an update from ICS CEO Daniel Stoltzfus.

- **32 of our Faith Community Partners** have participated in our Faith Community Food Challenge to restock the ICS Food Bank shelves over the summer! We've received 12,000 pounds of food so far and we're hoping to reach 30,000 pounds by July 31.
- **St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church** hosted ICS's recent End of Life Forum, *Speaking of Dying: Reclaiming the Role of Faith at the End of Life*.
- **Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene** hosted our most recent ICS Faith Council Meeting for advocates from our faith community partners.



- **Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church** presented their annual *Singspiration* sing-a-long concert with the proceeds benefitting ICS.
- **Rincon United Church of Christ** hosted a classical music concert titled *If Music Be the Food*, which raised money and food for the ICS Food Bank.
- **St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church** hosted a Faith and Community Health Network presentation taught by ICS staff.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 82 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 our **Faith Community Engagement Manager, Tim Kromer**, at 297-6049 ext. 201.

Thanks to Our Faith Community Partners

Abiding in Christ Fellowship • 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 • Catalina 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 • 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 • Resurrection Lutheran • Rincon Congregational UCC • Rising Star Baptist Church • Sanctuary United Methodist • Santa Catalina Catholic • 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 Uncion • The Good News Community Church • Third Church of Christ, Scientist • Tortolita Presbyterian • 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

A Look Back at 30 Years of ICS Service & Leadership

Part I of a Series

Our anniversary provides an opportunity to look back and celebrate the legacy of leadership that has brought ICS to our community impact today. In this issue, we recognize our founding leader, Rev. Barbara Smith Anderson. Upcoming issues will focus on the sacrifice, vision and leadership of June Head and Bonnie Kampa.

ICS can trace its roots to a group of volunteers from **St. Andrew's Presbyterian** who started making phone calls to shut-ins back in 1979.

Charlotte Patt was one of those volunteers and says they “*just chatted*” depending on their mood. “*We talked about their children and grandchildren, just general conversation. I enjoyed it,*” Charlotte says.



Rev. Barbara Smith Anderson, founder of ICS, says she is “thrilled and amazed” at how ICS keeps flourishing.

The seed was planted. And in 1985 it grew beyond one faith community. **Rev. Barbara Smith Anderson**, a St. Andrew's pastor at that time, saw the huge need to help people and the way faith communities working together could do “*what would be difficult to do alone. There are so few ways we can get to know our brothers and sisters in other faiths,*” she says.

So St. Andrew's Presbyterian joined forces with **Casas Adobes**



Charlotte Patt (center) enjoying a party at ICS in 2008. Charlotte was one of the original volunteers in a group that would become ICS. “We had great dreams,” she says.

Congregational, Capilla Del Sol Christian, Cortaro Vista Community Church, and St. Mark's United Methodist Church to become Northwest Interfaith Center, what is now Interfaith Community Services. All those faith communities are still our partners today.

The group started giving out food boxes from the Community Food Bank—six in the first week—to the hungry. Last year, our **ICS Food Bank** distributed nearly 28,000 food boxes. Anderson calls the growth along the way a grassroots process. She remembers the \$500 donation a man made to start the discretionary fund ICS now uses for rent, prescriptions or other essential needs. Last year, ICS helped hundreds of people with that fund, now grown to \$130,000.

“*ICS is blessed with a legacy of leadership, sacrifice and cooperation that began with dedicated volunteers and the vision of Rev. Barbara Smith Anderson,*” ICS current CEO **Daniel Stoltzfus** noted. “*A key part of our 30th anniversary celebration is to honor the leaders who have made ICS what it is today.*”

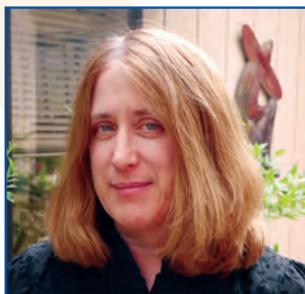
In our 30th year, we can see how far we've come! We thank everyone who has supported us along the way with donations of time, talent, food collections, and monetary gifts. It's exciting to think about what the future will bring!

ICS Staff Updates



Krista Flannery joins us as an accounting assistant. Krista has a background working in accounting, most recently at a local manufacturing firm and at an old-style pharmacy. Krista moved here from North Carolina with her husband nearly four years ago. She enjoys gardening and making photo collages in her spare time.

Jeneiene Shaffer is our new grant writer. She has a B.S degree in Biology from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She has happily raised money for several nonprofits in Tucson for over 15 years. Her passions include screen writing, working on film sets, and hiking.



L'Don Sawyer is our new Faith & Community Health Network Program Manager. She has a Master of Arts in Gerontology from the University of Illinois and Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Texas. L'Don previously worked as Director of Senior Services for a local hospital. She enjoys hiking outdoors, beading, and time with her beagle at home.

Norma Cable joins us as Communications and Marketing Coordinator. She has a B.A. in Broadcasting from Arizona State University and a background in marketing and broadcast news. Norma enjoys reading, gardening, and yoga in her spare time.





“Go Green” and keep up with the latest ICS happenings, events and news via email by contacting scaulley@icstucson.org or calling 520-297-6049 ext. 209 to get on the list!

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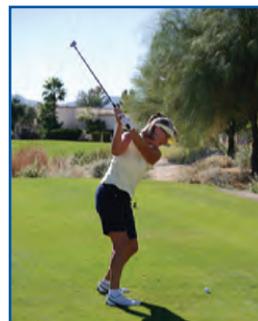
Edward Jones Bag-A-Thon

Watch for news this fall of our 9th Annual **Edward Jones Bag-A-Thon**! All through the month of October you can drop off food donations at many Edward Jones offices with a special public event and collection day to wrap things up on **Saturday, November 7, from 8 a.m. to noon**. Those donations not only help stock our **ICS Food Bank**, but also provide a holiday food box for people in need. Check out www.icstucson.org for more event details!

Make plans to join us on the beautiful Omni Tucson National golf course in November! The **2015 “We Care” Golf Classic** will begin with a shotgun start on **Friday, November 6 at 12:30pm**.



You have plenty of time to get your foursome together to enjoy



some golf in the beautiful foothills of the Catalina Mountains. We’ll also offer a buffet and awards banquet afterwards, along with a silent auction and raffle. So save the date! You can sign up now by contacting **Shar Caulley at 297-6049 ext. 209 or email at scaulley@icstucson.org**. You’ll also be able to register online soon at www.icstucson.org.

Remember this event offers you the chance to have some fun, but also bring hope and help to the people we serve. If you’re interested in being a sponsor of this event, contact **Deborah Carr at 297-6049 ext. 222**.