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100 Strong!

A historic vote by ICS board members brings the number of ICS faith community partners to 100! It's a remarkable milestone for an organization founded 32 years ago by six congregations of different faiths. ICS continues to bring together people of diverse faith traditions to serve one common goal: helping people in need. Join us for a special celebration of this "century mark" on:

Tuesday, July 25

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
7650 N. Paseo del Norte
11:30am-1:30pm**

**RSVP to tkromer@icstucson.org or
297-6049 ext. 201 by July 21
if you'd like to join us!**

Our thanks to ICS corporate partner
Splendido for providing food and refreshments for this special celebration!

Taking Steps to Stability

She moved here from across the country looking for a better life with her two sons. But working a minimum wage job as a certified nurse assistant didn't cover bills for rent, utilities and medical expenses for her children. Both sons have asthma and one needs oxygen when he sleeps. Soon, **Latiesha** was facing eviction. She went to the swap meet and sold shoes and clothes her boys no longer wore

to raise some money. It helped, but it wasn't enough. She found a list of places she could call. When she reached ICS, she found hope in the answers she received.

Through the new "Steps to Stability" grant from the Office of the

Arizona Attorney General, ICS can now help Latiesha and others by paying rent and utilities for up to three months. The Steps to Stability Program works to prevent homelessness through strategic, targeted emergency financial assistance focused on rent, utility assistance and removing barriers to employment.

Latiesha has been to the ICS Job Resource Center several times to get help writing her resume and find a better-paying job. She also attended a budgeting workshop as required by the grant. She has come a long way since she first met ICS caseworkers in tears and panicked at her situation. *"I believe everything is going to be fine. I'm so grateful,"* she says. *"I am going to make a way."*

2820 W. Ina Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85741

A Word from the CEO



Dear Friends of ICS,

From six faith community partners who pooled their resources to serve their neighbors in 1985 to a milestone this month of 100 ICS Faith Community Partners—this is a moment to celebrate!

Yet this is more than a celebration for ICS. Reaching this landmark of 100 faith community partners allows us to do so much more in our community:

- The ICS Good Samaritan Fund has grown from \$500 a month in 1985 to nearly \$13,000 a month today for rent, utilities and overcoming barriers to employment for those in financial crisis. We leverage this fund with grants and partnerships so ICS now offers nearly \$1 million a year in emergency assistance.
- The ICS Food Bank has grown from a small room serving a handful of families each month to two locations on the Northwest and Eastside that serve 2,500 families a month.
- ICS volunteers began in 1985 by serving several dozen seniors to enable them to live independently. Volunteers now serve 1,694 elders in our community.

We take this milestone moment to thank each of you for helping to grow this outreach of help and hope so we can serve more of our neighbors in need.

Serving with you,

Daniel Stoltzfus

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New Hope/Nueva Esperanza
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in a row!

Gifts of Love

Backpack & School Supply Drive



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

We are still accepting last-minute donations before we distribute backpacks on Wednesday, July 26 at the ICS Main Office on Ina and the ICS Eastside Office at Old Spanish Trail and Camino Seco. Find a list of most-needed supplies at www.icstucson.org/gifts-love-school-supply-program.

Thanks to the following businesses and faith community partners for their help: **MVP Team at V.I.P. Mortgage, Splendido at Rancho Vistoso, Even Stevens and Tanque Verde Lutheran.**

This year for the first time we are also distributing backpacks at the ICS Southside Volunteer Office at **New Hope/Nueva Esperanza United Methodist Church** at 6740 S. Santa Clara from 9-11am on Saturday, July 29. Our thanks to **Southwest Gas** for making this happen!

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Mobile Food Pantry

ICS begins a six-month pilot project to bring food to people who might not be able to make it to the ICS Food Banks.



The idea of a Mobile Food Pantry in the northwest Tucson area began after the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona asked a group of University of Arizona grad students to look at food

availability in several neighborhoods. The study identified some underserved areas in northwest Tucson, and this May, volunteers began a monthly effort

setting up a Mobile Food Pantry at New Life Bible Fellowship. **ICS CEO Daniel Stoltzfus** says, "We are grateful for the partnership of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and New Life Bible Fellowship to bring emergency food assistance to an area identified as underserved for this important community resource. A dedicated team of volunteers from ICS and New Life make this mobile food pantry possible." The Mobile Food Pantry is set up on the third Friday of each month, with the next ones scheduled July 21 and August 18.



Photo by Lars Hammar

Planning Ahead for Life Care

We plan for so many life events—births/adoptions, graduations, weddings, retirement. Another life event deserves your attention as well: experiencing a life-threatening health situation or approaching the end of our life. While this may be a scary thing to consider, health crises are possible and dying is inevitable. Planning ahead can help us delve more fully into life now and give us an opportunity to reflect on our life values and how we'd like those values honored in crisis or end-of-life care.

ICS offers engaging workshops for congregations and other groups to help us think about what makes life worth living and what kind of healthcare we would want in a life-threatening health situation. This advance care planning includes having conversations with our circle of supporters and healthcare providers, designating a healthcare power of attorney, and completing a living will. All of these are interactively addressed in ICS workshops in an engaging, life-affirming way.

Feel free to contact Karen MacDonald at 297-6049 ext. 221 or kmacdonald@icstucson.org to find out more or schedule a workshop.

**New Operating Hours
ICS Eastside Food Bank at
New Spirit Lutheran**

**Now Open 10am-1pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays
and 1st and 3rd Saturdays
of the month**

The new hours will help with volunteer availability and better align Food Bank hours with office hours on the eastside.

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Produce Giveaway



It's like a farmer's market, but everything is free! Hundreds of people have flocked to the fresh produce giveaways ICS has offered since April. This is a joint effort with the **Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona** to rescue some of the six billion pounds of produce that crosses the border from Mexico each year—much of it getting dumped because distributors have not been able to sell it. "This is an opportunity to



The line starts early but people agree it's worth the wait as they can choose from fresh fruits and vegetables, usually available by the case.



give people fresh items they might not have otherwise. It's also a great way to keep fresh and edible produce from going to waste in the landfill," says **ICS Food Bank Coordinator Curt Balko**.

People line up early to receive the fruits and vegetables ranging from watermelon to cucumbers to bell peppers and more. What do you do with a case of bell peppers? Many say they take them home and share with friends or family. Some in the line are parents with children, glad for the help in getting produce that can be expensive at the grocery store. As one woman says, "I don't really get many fresh vegetables. It's good for my health."

Can you help volunteer for future giveaways? It can take 30 volunteers to keep things running smoothly. **Email Volunteer Resources Manager Tori Carlson at tcarlson@icstucson.org or call 297-6049 ext. 217.**

Memorials and Tributes: 4/1/17–6/30/17

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

In Memory Of: Given By

Ryan Armstrong & John Delli Santi: Josephine Cordasco
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Jeanne & George Hartung: David & Mary Cleland
Joel: Wayne & Doris LeQuieu
Amy Minier Kimble: James & Judy Marvel
Kevin Koch: Mark & Cynthia Flannery
Margaret Larimore: George & Sheila Lindsay
Maury Lipowich: Barry Kalpin & Diane Bart-Kalpin
Arthur Lorenz: Bessie Lorenz

Edward Barrins & Michael J. Hopkins: John & Mary Roberts
John Wm. Miller, Sr.: Margaret Miller
Audrey Mueller: Charles & Martha Brown
Mike Stanton: Rich & Merle Schlesinger
Stu Blum: Barry Kalpin & Diane Bart-Kalpin
Audrey Wade: Cathy Wade
Nadene Weber: Members of Needlework for Nogales Children Ministry

In Honor Of: Given By

Erika Burkhardt & Jesse Carver's Wedding: Della Ellis
Jan DeKeyser: Bertha Wolfe
Natalie Freiburger: Ellen Bromley
Ethel Haber: Margaret Bulau; Philip & Suzie Corkill; Eugene & Kristin Valentine
Jack Howatt: Edlynne Sillman
Gloria Krier: Calvin & Joanie Rooker
Rabbi Richard Safran: Barry Kalpin & Diane Bart-Kalpin
Daniel Stoltzfus: Betsy Sandlin
Edie Stoltzfus: Daniel & Angela Stoltzfus
Bertha Wolfe: Janet M. DeKeyser

The **Jenkins Family Legacy Society** recognizes supporters who have made a current gift of \$10,000 or more to the ICS Endowment Fund or who have remembered ICS through a planned gift in their will or estate. We are pleased to recognize our newest legacy society members **Dave Becker** and **Nancy Peterson**.

If you would like more information about the **Jenkins Family Legacy Society** and how you can help sustain ICS's work into the future, please contact **Deborah Carr, ICS Philanthropy Director** at **520-297-6049 ext. 222** or **dcarr@icstucson.org**.



"Providing Compassionate Care with Healthy Boundaries"

Thursday, August 17, 2017
10am-noon
ICS Main Office, 2820 W. Ina Road

As a volunteer, which boundaries should you be aware of in order to best care for those in need? When do you set limits or say "No"? These issues and more will be explored in a safe, fun and supportive learning environment in this free workshop open to all. RSVP to **Mara Levin, MSW, Health Advocacy Coordinator** at **297-6049 ext. 226** or email **mlevin@icstucson.org**.

In recognition of our annual Copper Corporate Partner, ICS is pleased to feature Catalina In-Home Services, Inc.



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Volunteer Update

Do you have some time this summer to give as a volunteer driver? ICS ANYWHERE drivers are making a huge difference. These are volunteers who are willing to drive in any of the zip codes ICS serves. During the summer many regular volunteers head out of town so substitute drivers and ICS ANYWHERE drivers are urgently needed!



Tom volunteers to drive at least two people a day and sometimes more! "I like to stay busy," he says."

ICS ANYWHERE Driver **Tom Scollard** says the people he transports are very grateful and

the work is rewarding. "I just like helping people," he says. Along the way, he enjoys conversation with a grateful passenger.

Volunteer drivers improve lives by allowing people to continue living on their own. Contact **Volunteer Resources**

Manager Tori Carlson at tcarlson@icstucson.org or call 297-6049 ext. 217 if you'd like to get started as a volunteer driver for ICS!

Volunteer Orientation

Eastside	Northwest	Southside
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail Thursday, August 10 Thursday, September 7 1-3pm	2820 W. Ina Road Monday, August 7 Tuesday, September 5 9:30am-noon	6740 S. Santa Clara Scheduled as requested

Why I Volunteer

By Pam Hoover



Pam Hoover

I began volunteering at ICS in February of 2015 while starting a bachelor's program in psychology. I work as a presenter in the Mental Health Safe Space program that is designed to help break the stigma of mental illness. I enjoy talking to people about how they can reach out and help others.

I also volunteer with administrative tasks like making copies and putting together packets. In May, I began volunteering at the front desk answering phones. Your heart goes out to these people. You never know who's going to be calling on that phone. I try to listen to what people are saying, and it's made me not take what I have for granted. I'm happy to help. My time at ICS teaches me empathy. I always hope we can help people get back what they have lost. It starts with answering their call.

ICS Board Update



Scott Summerford
Incoming Board Chair



Barry Robinson
Outgoing Board Chair

July 1 brings a change in leadership for the ICS Board. **Scott Summerford**, CFA, Senior Investment Strategist at Wells Fargo Private Bank, begins a two-year term as Board Chair. Scott has served on the Finance Committee and Planned Giving Advisory Council and just concluded a term as Vice-Chair for the ICS Board.

We are grateful for the leadership and service of **Barry Robinson**, Board Chair for the past two years. Barry and his wife Patti also serve as volunteers at ICS special events and in transportation, offering much-needed rides to ICS recipients. Barry brings a cheerful and optimistic energy to the Board; we are very thankful for his leadership and that he will remain on the Board for another two-year term!

We welcome attorney **Jim Marvel** to the ICS Board. He is an experienced estate attorney who has lived in Tucson for nearly 25 years. He has been an active member of the ICS Planned Giving Advisory Council and has led Write-A-Will Workshops that ICS presents each spring.



Jim Marvel
Incoming Board Member



Janet Grace
Retiring Board Member

Our thanks to two retiring Board members: **Janet Grace** served eight years on the ICS Board. She has supported ICS for more than 20 years working in areas from grants to volunteers. She will continue serving on the ICS Development Committee.



Jim Pyrzinski
Outgoing Board Member

Jim Pyrzinski concludes his two-year term on the Board. Jim will continue to be active in ICS offering his extensive background in human resources by helping people apply for jobs in the ICS Job Resource Center.

ICS Partners with Even Stevens Sandwiches

Head downtown and visit the new Even Stevens Sandwiches! When you buy a sandwich, they'll donate the cost of the ingredients to the ICS Food Bank or one of the three other local non-profit partners! More than 3,000 sandwiches were donated in their first month of business. Enjoy delicious salads, sandwiches, even Sunday brunch!



Even Stevens founder Steve Down explains what he calls "cause capitalism"—for-profit companies like Even Stevens that serve local, non-profit partners like ICS.

Check menu items and store hours at evenstevens.com



"A Sandwich Shop with a Cause"

The new downtown restaurant occupies a space that once housed a Studebaker dealership on Broadway near 5th Avenue.



ICS Board and staff members got a taste of the menu. Good food tastes even better when you know it's supporting a good cause!

ICS Staff Updates

ICS Eastside Coordinator **Lori Block** has retired after working nearly five years for ICS. Lori held several positions with ICS, but most recently she worked as a case manager at the eastside office where she was in charge of day-to-day operations. She says volunteering for ICS is in her retirement plan!



No more worries about her work wardrobe! The retiring Lori Block appeared at her last ICS staff meeting in PJs.

Lori says retirement so far has been "wonderful" and she's enjoying running, working out, spending time with family, and the freedom that retirement brings. Thank you, Lori! We wish you well!

Matt Sipos is ICS' new Development Assistant. Matt spent the last year working mostly in transportation at ICS while being a member of the XPLOR program through the Disciples of Christ denomination. His new position allows him to work part-time while pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.



SURPRISE!!

Just before her regular Wednesday morning shift, ICS Volunteer **Janice Molina** was caught by surprise when she was "belled"—meaning she was recognized by Ben's Bells for spreading kindness every day and making her community a better place. We agree! Besides being a regular ICS Food Bank volunteer, Janice often gives cool drinks and sandwiches to homeless people, volunteers for TIHAN, and is very involved in many ministries at **Beautiful Savior Lutheran**—from being part of the Welcome Wagon to visiting nursing homes. "Everywhere you look someone needs help. I just can't imagine sitting home every day," Janice says. Janice was nominated by her friend **Mary** who says she knows Janice doesn't want any recognition for what she does but adds, "It was so nice. Surprising her was nice."



Our Appreciation

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Faith Community Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith communities! **The Holy Way Presbyterian Church** led by Rev. Raymond Thomas and **Agape Christian Church International** led by Pastor Anthony Moss are very excited to be partnering 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. With these two new faith communities, we are proud to announce that there are now 100 faith communities partnering with ICS! Here is just a sampling of other ICS faith community partners in action:



Casas Church collected more than 1200 jars of peanut butter, which is always one of the most-needed items at the ICS Food Bank.

- **Alive Church** sent a group of more than 40 volunteers to help clean the yards for homebound seniors, work on a major landscaping project at the ICS NW Office and to help out at the ICS Food Bank.
- **Congregation Anshei Israel** hosted our recent Mental Health Lunch and Learn focused on helping family and friends of those with mental health issues navigate the mental health system in our area.

- **St. Odilia Catholic Church** hosted Volunteer Driver Trainings for ICS drivers.
- **New Life Bible Fellowship** began hosting the monthly ICS Mobile Food Pantry to help serve people who are not able to get to an ICS Food Bank.
- Six faith communities have donated thousands of pounds of food to the ICS Food Banks so far this summer as part of our summer food drive.
- **Tanque Verde Lutheran Church** hosted our most recent ICS Faith Council Meeting for advocates from our faith community partners.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 100 faith community partners! Together we're impacting many lives for the good. To schedule a visit to ICS or to have ICS staff speak to your congregation or to explore your congregation joining ICS in the good work described in this newsletter, call our **Community Engagement Director Tim Kromer at 520-297-6049 ext. 201.**

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1985 by six faith communities and is proud to work with 100 partnering faith communities today.

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Edward Jones



**Saturday,
November 4
9am-noon
Canyon del Oro
Baptist Church**

Be a part of the biggest food drive of the year for the ICS Food Banks! Join Scouts, schools, staff and clients of Edward Jones offices and bring in your food donation!



Watch for more at www.icstucson.org.



Have some fun and fill up on songs about food in a benefit concert later this month! The Summer Chorus performs an appetizing selection of music that may leave you hungry for more!

Hear "Jalapeno Chorus," "Food, Glorious Food" from the musical *Oliver*, "Lollipop," "Pizza, Pasta" and "Chocolate!" to name a few. The concert is free with food and monetary donations going to the ICS Food Bank.

**Friday, July 28, 7pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
1220 W. Magee Road
See you there!**



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