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Mental Health Safe Space Program Teaches Facts, Signs and Ways to Help

Tina works in your front office. You know Tina is going through a difficult divorce. You overhear her on the phone stating that she has *"had enough and can't take it anymore."* She hangs up the phone and you hear her crying.

You have noticed John standing on the corner near your business, and you have from time to time stopped and given him some money for food. John is always pleasant with you. But on this morning, he looks unusually disheveled and does not give you his usual morning greeting.

These are the kinds of situations that might make us feel unsure about what to say or do—situations that cause us to be concerned about the mental health of a colleague, customer, family member or friend. We start noticing changes in their behavior, appearance, and connections with family and friends. But what is our role? How can we help?

Mental Health Safe Space (MHSS) is a free 90-minute training intended for diverse audiences to know the facts, learn the signs and provide help to individuals needing assistance in non-crisis and crisis situations. MHSS seeks to create a "Stigma-Free Zone" within our communities by providing tools to help identify who may need assistance and guide them to available resources.

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Check Out the New Look of Our Website

If you haven't been to the ICS website recently, you should check out the new look! ICS has built a brand-new website from the ground up. The new website has the same great information and is just as user-friendly as the previous version, but it allows us to do much more than we could before.

One important feature of the new website is that it gives ICS the ability to create event registrations in-house, allowing us to offer online registration for events that we might not have had the ability to do in the past. We are excited about all the new possibilities that the new website offers ICS and those who use it!

You can find our new website at the same address: **icstucson.org**. If you have any questions about the new website, please contact **Tim Kromer**, our Faith Community Engagement Manager, at tkromer@icstucson.org or at 520-297-6049 ext. 201.

New CEO Shares Thoughts, Vision for ICS

*It has been just a few short months since new ICS Chief Executive Officer **Daniel Stoltzfus** arrived at Interfaith Community Services, but already he has hit the ground running and is bringing fresh energy and productivity to the agency. We caught up with Daniel to get his thoughts on ICS and share his vision for the organization moving forward.*

Q: What brought you to ICS? Tell us about your background.

After graduation from NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service in 2009, I accepted the position as the Executive Director at Arizona Youth Partnership (AzYP), a youth and family agency based out of Tucson that reaches underserved rural communities across Arizona.

When I first came to town to work with AzYP, I met Bonnie Kampa, the recently retired CEO of ICS, through an Executive Director Roundtable group. Bonnie and I quickly developed a great working relationship which culminated in partnership on a federal grant secured by AzYP to serve low-income families with marriage and parenting education integrated with job and career assistance. I grew to know and appreciate the work of ICS through this effort. Together, ICS and AzYP have helped scores of individuals and families move from public assistance and/or joblessness to employment and economic self-sufficiency.

When Bonnie announced her retirement, I responded to the job posting and was fortunate to be considered by the Board search committee. After a few interviews, I was sold on the mission and vision of ICS along with the great legacy of leadership that Bonnie left during her 13-year tenure. I am truly humbled at the opportunity to serve with such a great volunteer and staff team!

Q: You've said that the last few weeks have been like "drinking from a fire hydrant." What are you focusing on as incoming CEO and what have you discovered since taking the helm at ICS?

It has felt like "drinking from a fire hydrant" because there is so much life, passion and energy flowing through the volunteers, staff and community partners connected to ICS. There are many relationships, programs and partners to get to know.

I just want to jump in and be a part of it all, but I know I still have a lot to learn about how it all works together to accomplish our mission. I've tried to fully experience ICS as well as introduce myself to our community stakeholders, donors and dedicated volunteers. I've had the opportunity to spend time experiencing every part of our outreach:

- seeing the Food Bank in action
- going on Mobile Meals routes
- answering phone calls for assistance
- sitting in on financial assistance appointments
- attending the great training seminars offered by ICS

Q: What have you assessed to be ICS's strengths? Its challenges?

The strength of ICS is that it brings together not only resources such as government grants, support from our dedicated faith communities and proceeds from events like Empty Bowls, but also leverages the personalized involvement of our volunteers and faith communities who enable us to reach more people.

As the demands on the economic safety net of our community grow, we need to find new ways to break cycles of poverty through economic empowerment, mentoring and collaboration. Our goal is to help our financial assistance and Food Bank clients identify barriers in their lives that keep them dependent on emergency assistance and empower them to meet those needs.

Q: ICS has undergone dramatic growth in both facility space and programming in the past few years. Share a little of your vision. What developments are ahead for ICS in the coming years?

I believe our future will focus on deepening our collaboration with our faith communities, demonstrating a return on investment to our faithful, generous donors and expanding our services through strategic partnerships. We have some exciting new initiatives that are in the works which you will hear more about in the coming months, but it will continue the legacy of service, collaboration and stewardship that characterizes ICS.

Q: What would you like to say to donors and community partners?

I'd love to meet you, and I welcome your input as I continue to transition into serving with you in the vital work of Interfaith Community Services. I maintain an open-door approach, so feel free to stop by, e-mail me at dstoltzfus@icstucson.org or call 297-6049 ext. 212.

Mental Health Safe Space

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Here are some quotes from participants at past trainings:

"Tangible resources and skills to deal with different situations"

"I liked how open and encouraging it was—talking about how everyone experiences these things and how to eliminate the stigma around mental health"

"Real-life application and that it was presented from a common place—not a 'we will teach you' but more 'we're all in this together'"

ICS is pleased to add to our mental health outreach and education programs by coordinating the MHSS program. This project was created by the **Mental Illness Stigma Elimination Task Force**, a collaboration between the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) and the Fund for Civility, Respect and Understanding. The task force includes representatives from the Ben's Bells Project, The David and Lura Lovell Foundation, National Alliance on Mental Illness Southern Arizona, Southern Arizona Mental Health Corporation (SAMHC), CODAC, Godwin Marketing, the Aurora Foundation, Lori Lieber Graphic Design, Interfaith Community Services (ICS), Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Tucson, Tucson Police Department, Ward 6 Representatives, and interested private citizens.

The Mental Health Safe Space Program at ICS is funded by The David and Lura Lovell Foundation, Community Partnership for Southern Arizona, and the Fund for Civility, Respect and Understanding.

Sign up today to host an MHSS training in your community by contacting **Brenda Soto**, MHSS Project Manager, at 297-6049 ext. 216 or bsoto@icstucson.org.

Thanks for Giving BIG to ICS on AZ Gives Day

With the support of many generous donors and friends, ICS had its most successful Arizona Gives Day yet, raising $6,012 in just 24 hours to fund vital programs and services. This one-day giving event on April 7 brought Arizonans together to rally around causes they care about resulting in a grand total of more than $2 million collected for charities statewide.

We appreciate everyone who gave online or in person to do something extraordinary for ICS and the people we serve. Your contributions will empower disadvantaged children and adults in our community to overcome crisis and will aid seniors and disabled adults in staying safe and independent. *Thank you for changing lives and for your connection to ICS!*

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you thought about volunteering, but didn't know where to start? ICS has many opportunities to put your passion and skills to work!

Volunteers are urgently needed Tuesdays/Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to work in the Eastside Food Bank at New Spirit Lutheran Church. We also need more Eastside volunteers to help with friendly phoning and visiting, companion sitting, small home repairs, yard work, and assisting elderly recipients with bills and paperwork.

Deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors and disabled adults by being a Mobile Meals driver! We have some route opportunities available and also need substitute drivers. This is a great opportunity for families during the summer! We are also looking for a volunteer route coordinator to make phone calls from home to line up substitute drivers. The workload varies each week. Mileage reimbursement is available for drivers.

Our Caregiving Services Department is in need of drivers to transport seniors on errands, shopping, appointments, etc. Can you provide transportation and a friendly face for someone in need?

For more information on volunteering at ICS, contact **Tori Carlson**, Volunteer Resources Manager, at 297-6049 ext. 217 or at tcarlson@icstucson.org. Please help us spread the word to friends and neighbors who also might like to experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from volunteering!

Volunteer Orientation Schedule

Northwest: 10 a.m. to noon 2820 W. Ina Road	Eastside: 1 - 3 p.m. 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
• Wednesday, April 29	• Tuesday, May 5
• Monday, May 4	• Tuesday, June 23
• Monday, May 18	• Tuesday, July 14
• Monday, June 22	• Tuesday, August 18
• Monday, July 13	
• Monday, August 17	

2015 Empty Bowls A Huge Success!

ICS's 4th Annual **Empty Bowls** Fundraiser to fight hunger and feed hope broke all records starting with the temperature, but nothing could stop eager attendees as they braved the 93 degree heat on Saturday, March 28. More than 1,000 guests gathered at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center to sample soups, breads and desserts from 22 local food partners, try their luck in a great raffle and silent auction—and, the highlight—select a gorgeous handmade pottery bowl donated by local artisans. The bowls are a reminder of efforts to end hunger in our community; no two bowls are ever quite alike.

"The bowls this year were so beautiful, and there was quite a selection of soups," said the Millers who were attending for the first time. *"We are already looking forward to next year's event."*

With your support, Empty Bowls netted more than $55,000 to benefit the **ICS Food Bank** and help hungry families and individuals in our community. That's more than $15,000 over the previous year—so it wasn't just the heat that broke a record!

The ICS Food Bank also continues to see record year-over-year numbers in terms of need, last year distributing $1.7 million worth of food to nearly 26,000 individuals. Funds raised from Empty Bowls will go a long way toward keeping our food bank operating, shelves stocked and hungry tummies filled!

A HUGE thank you to all of our 2015 partners!

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Congresswoman Martha McSally Visits VITA Site at ICS

It's not every day you get your taxes done *and* meet one of the people who will help decide how to spend them, but that is exactly what happened to some folks at ICS when **Congresswoman Martha McSally** recently visited our Ina Road office. Representative McSally came for a tour and briefing on the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)**, speaking with both clients and volunteers.

This is the seventh year **ICS** has partnered with **United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona** to offer free income tax help for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. IRS-trained and certified volunteers prepare state and federal returns and help clients claim important tax benefits for which they are eligible, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, child tax credits and Arizona Property Tax Credits. So far this year, ICS VITA volunteers have helped **279 clients with their 2014 taxes, returning $428,000 in refunds** to the community. We expect to top last year's record of 299 returns completed.

Site Coordinator **Bob Henry** told Representative McSally he volunteers with ICS and the VITA program because *"I like to give back to the community and help make a difference. I also enjoy being able to work as a team member, and to be challenged personally to expand my skills."*

Bonnie, a client, explained what having the free tax help means. *"When you have a large household, every penny counts. You get a real sense that the folks here are looking out for your best interest. It's a wonderful resource."*

Thanks to all of our VITA volunteers for your service to help increase financial stability for working individuals and families in Pima County with another successful year of tax assistance.

Celebrating Our 30 Years of Help and Hope

As we head into the summer of our 30th year, we're challenged again to keep our Food Bank stocked at a time when many people go on vacation or take a break from their normal routines and our donations drop.

This year we are issuing a special 30th-anniversary challenge to our faith community partners to collect 30,000 pounds of food in three months! What a way to celebrate our 30th year! We're asking our faith partners to use the summer months from May 1 thru July 31 to hold a food drive. We especially need these items:

"We hope our faith communities will take up this challenge and hold a food drive or simply remind their members that the need for food does not go away during the hot summer months," said **Tim Kromer**, Faith Communities Engagement Manager for ICS. *"Collecting 30,000 pounds of food is a lofty goal in three months, but we have been amazed by our generous faith community partners in the past."*

You can bring food or cash donations for the **Faith Communities Food Collection Challenge** to the ICS Food Bank. And of course if a food drive brings in a hefty amount of donations at your faith community, just let us know! Call ICS at 297-6049 ext. 239 to arrange for a date and time of pickup. Let the **Faith Communities Food Collection Challenge** begin!

Ten More Ways to Support ICS

(We continue to share 30 ways to support ICS in honor of our 30th anniversary this year. We listed the first 10 ways in our last newsletter, and we'll wrap up the last 10 ways in our next!)

11. Sign up to do friendly phoning or visiting.
12. Bring in extra individual-sized toiletries you've collected in your travels.
13. Donate new or gently used children's books for our Ginny's Kids Space or Food Bank's Kids Corner.
14. Make volunteering a family affair! Sign up to deliver Mobile Meals this summer.
15. Bag and donate any extra fruit from the trees in your yard.
16. Inquire about having ICS be a recipient of corporate matching gifts from your employer.
17. Hold a Mental Health Safe Space Training at your faith community or office.
18. Talk to your faith community about joining ICS.
19. Donate a raffle or auction prize for the upcoming 2015 "We Care" Golf Classic benefitting ICS.
20. Honor a loved one on Mother's Day and/or Father's Day by giving a donation to ICS or sponsoring a memorial brick.

Faith Community Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith communities! **Lord of Grace Lutheran Church**, led by Rev. Lars Hammar and **Desert Valley Adventist Church**, led by Revs. Jim Braurer and Gisella Montanta are all very excited to be partnering in community service with ICS. These congregations and their members have already been involved with ICS in various ways and look forward to continuing their participation.

"Healing Wounded Lives" Lunch and Learn forum on February 12 at St. Paul's UMC

Here is a sampling of other ICS faith community partners and friends in action:

- **St. Paul's United Methodist Church** hosted ICS's February Lunch and Learn event which focused on "Healing Wounded Lives."
- **New Spirit Lutheran and Tanque Verde Lutheran Churches** hosted our most recent ICS Faith Council Meetings for advocates from our faith community partners.
- **Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation** chose ICS as their Charity of the Month in March.
- **Baha'i Community of Oro Valley** held their annual benefit breakfast for ICS in February.
- **Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson** chose ICS as the recipient of their "Share the Plate" program in January.
- **Catalina United Methodist and St. Mark's United Methodist Churches** hosted Mental Health First Aid courses taught by ICS staff.
- **Mountain View Baptist Church** hosted a car rally in combination with a food drive to benefit the ICS Food Bank.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our now 80 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.

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ICS "Sharing Hope" Event Honors Volunteers

Saturday, March 7 was a day for celebrating the many volunteers who are the heart of everything we do at ICS. **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** was a gracious host for our "Sharing Hope" Volunteer Recognition Event.

Volunteers told stories of their experiences through video and personal testimony bringing to light the joy and hope that their service brings to their lives and to the lives of others. The importance of the event was to underscore that every volunteer makes a difference no matter what is done or how often a volunteer is able to serve. We heard stories of impact and inspiration from long-time volunteer, **Susan Lane**, who connected us with the ICS roots of TeleCARE and TeleCHAT; from **Bob Hendricks** who serves in the Food Bank; finally from recent volunteer, **Jim Petrus**.

The event concluded with small group discussions at each table as volunteers talked with one another about how their volunteering impacts their own lives and how they are connected to the ICS network of providing help and hope. A taste of sweetness was provided in a "Dessert Soiree" donated by **Atria Bell Court Gardens, Got 2 B Gluten Free Bakery and Sunrise Senior Living**.

To all the volunteers who were not able to attend, we continue to appreciate your service as you share hope and touch lives in multitudes of ways as tiny drops of water spread a rainbow of light.

Special congrats to 2015 honorees:

ICS Director's Award
Doug Jewell, Steve and Ruth Pollyea

ICS Champion Award
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ICS Founder's Recognition
Eastside Office – **Elaine Kassed (Financial Assistance/ Reception)** and **Eric Simmons (Resource Center)**
Transportation – **Bill Peterson**
Food Bank – **Elena Oldakowski, Ken Massanari, Pete Baldwin, Khairy Abdel-Gawad**
Caregiving Home Sweet Home – **Larry Farnum, Dave Storkson**
Front Desk – **Jane Sterritt**
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For over 40 years eegee's has made a conscious effort to give back to the city where it all started in 1971.

What began as two guys selling frozen lemonade from the back of a truck has become a much larger business with 23 locations and over 600 employees and a robust menu of sandwiches, fries and Tucsonans' favorite fresh frozen fruit beverage. As eegee's has grown as a company, so has their involvement in the community.

eegee's COUPON CARD PROGRAM

eegee's most-recognized community initiative is their annual Coupon Card Program. For 13 years, they have offered a coupon booklet filled with 50% off eegee's coupons in exchange for a donation from customers. One hundred percent of the dollars collected in their stores is given to local non-profit organizations. In 2014, eegee's customers donated $268,000 for distribution to Interfaith Community Services and Tucson Wildlife Foundation. The eegee's Coupon Card Program has generated over $2 million for local community organizations since its inception.

eegee's COIN CANISTER PROGRAM

When you are in any eegee's location and step up to the counter to order an Original Grinder or a Strawberry eegee's, you will find a coin canister with the name of a local charitable organization. Every month eegee's collects change from their customers at the registers. Every penny counts and over $1,000 a month is raised to help support groups such as Make Way For Books, Jack's Cat Shack and Wright Flight.

WALK THE TALK

When you participate in a fundraising walk or race you will likely find the eegee's van on site providing free eegee's to all participants. They believe in supporting organizations in their charitable efforts. You should also be on the lookout for a group of smiling people wearing very bright green shirts. They are part of TEAM EEGEE'S. This team is comprised of eegee's employees and their families, and they take part in most of the fundraising walks and other events throughout Tucson. If you want to participate in one of these events but don't have anyone to walk with you, contact eegee's. They'd be happy to have you join their team.

FEEDING THOSE IN NEED

eegee's maintains a standard of quality when it comes to the ingredients used in their menu items. The bread is baked daily in the eegee's commissary right here in Tucson. The 16-inch loaves not used the day they are baked are sent back to the commissary and donated to local food banks. eegee's also donates approximately 12,000 pounds of meats and cheese for use in local shelters such as the Gospel Rescue Mission and the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

GREEN FOR GREEN

eegee's began its recycling program in 1987, and they have found ways to recycle virtually everything used in the business. They strive to be a zero-waste company and continually look for new ways to achieve this goal. Recyclable materials are either recycled or sold at a very low price for re-use.

Every year eegee's recycles approximately 50,000 french fry boxes, 2 million pounds of cardboard, 10,000 plastic buckets, canola oil from the fryers, scrap metal from out-of-date equipment, scrap paper in the office and more. The money generated from the recycling effort is put into a program eegee's calls, "Green for Green." These dollars are given to the hourly employees in August to help them purchase back-to-school supplies for their families.

GREAT PLACE TO WORK

eegee's has created an environment filled with opportunity for its employees. Their training program provides a structured career path with significant potential for those looking for growth. Additionally eegee's offers its employees a substantial benefits program including competitive starting wages, paid vacation and health insurance.

ABOUT EEGEE'S

Tucson-based restaurant chain, eegee's, makes and sells their signature fresh frozen fruit in lemon, strawberry and piña colada flavors, and a unique "flavor of the month." eegee's also serves made-to-order sub sandwiches, salads, fries and more at its 23 locations in Tucson and Casa Grande. eegee's is committed to social and environmental involvement by donating time, food and money to local charities as well as minimizing waste at their 30,000 sq. ft commissary. For over 40 years, eegees has been serving the Tucson community. For more information, visit www.eegees.com.

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES: 1/1–3/31/15

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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Bill Thaller: Jim & Barbara Hansen
Mae Tofel: Mary Tofel
Eduardo Tomines: Ralph & Mary Carter
Wounded Warriors: Shirley Johnson

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A Dear Friend: Norman & Victoria Carlson-Foscz
Jan Dekeyser: Bertha Wolfe
Nora Dickey: Carter & Marveen Dickey
Euness in Tucson: Anonymous
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Harriette High: Wayne & Doris LeQuieu
Mildred Jett: Larry & Susan Lane
Chris Jones: Judith Kent
Bonnie Kampa: Domingo & Kathy Sison; Jan Sturges
Dr. Veda Kowalski: Sun City Vistoso Democratic Club (Pam Dage)
Jonathan & Cathy Lang: Gus & Sally Aragon
Mara Levin: Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church (Rev. Rachel Srubas)
Charlotte Queen: Larry & Susan Lane
Norma Taylor: Barbara Odegaard
Rick & Mary Thomas: William & Kathleen Thomas
Tom & Linda Wiedebush: William & Susan Pearsey
Barbara Wisner: Larry & Susan Lane
Ben Wolonstine: Hughlett & Amy Morris

Legacy Society Makes a Lasting Difference

The Jenkins Family Legacy Society is a special group of friends who have invested in the future of Interfaith Community Services (ICS). The Society is named for **Ed and Kay Jenkins**, longtime donors and volunteers of ICS, whose vision helped to build the ICS Endowment Fund through an initial matching challenge.

Donors who make a planned gift of any size to ICS or a current gift to the ICS Endowment Fund of $10,000 or more have the opportunity to be included in the Jenkins Family Legacy Society and have their name featured on our Legacy Wall. They also receive invitations to special gatherings and social events. Recognition in the Society of your gift will encourage others to do the same.

Please join us in honoring and thanking these new Jenkins Family Legacy Society Members:

Nancy Atherton, in memory of Anne and Pete Carey; William and Mary Ann Horst; The Pivirotto Family; Bill and Mary Anne Springer; Scott and Diana Summerford; Lucille E. Williams Foundation

We are grateful to the nearly 60 Jenkins Legacy Society members who are helping to build a solid financial foundation for ICS and enabling our work to continue for the next generation.

Will you join us and help fill the wall?
Your planned gift or gift to the ICS Endowment Fund enables ICS to always be here to help those in need.

For more information, contact **Deborah Carr**, Philanthropy and Public Relations Director, at 297-6049 ext. 222.

Food Vendors Help Fill Shelves

Every year we receive generous and regular donations of food that keep ICS Food Bank pantry shelves stocked and allow us to help the people who need it. We'd like to thank some of our major food donors who gave so generously to us in 2014.

Platinum Plate Award

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona – supplies our monthly food boxes

GAP Ministries – provides deep discounts to ICS on fresh produce, dairy products, meats and more

Edward Jones Financial Services – provides major donations of canned and non-perishable food items through the annual Bag-A-Thon Food Drive

Fry's Food at Lambert & La Canada – extends ICS discounts on canned and packaged food

Golden Goblet Award

eegee's – provides weekly donations of breads and cookies

Beyond Bread at Ina & Oracle – provides weekly donations of breads and bakery items

Bakehouse Bread – provides weekly donations of assorted breads and bakery items

Silver Spoon Award

Iskashitaa – Harvests and donates fruit from local trees

Einstein Bagels at Ina & Shannon – provides weekly donations of bagels

Panera Bread at Oracle & Wetmore – provides weekly donations of assorted breads

Bookmans at Ina & Thornydale – provides free children's books for the ICS Food Bank waiting area

ICS Food Bank Coordinator Curt Balko (l) and CEO Daniel Stoltzfus (r) thank folks from Fry's Food for their generous donations.

YEA Program Enriches Lives of Children

Thanks to generous donors, ICS has been able to help crack summer boredom for children who are home from school and have time to spare. The cost of extra summer activities can be overwhelming for a family who is struggling. Donations to the ICS discretionary fund have been able to fund some of those activities for families in need.

That has given many children a chance to turn their extra time into activities or experiences that enrich their lives. Six-year-old Isela was able to take karate and benefit from the discipline and concentration it required. Two teenaged girls were able to take tennis lessons and their brother was able to play rugby, increasing their sports abilities as well as their focus in school. When ICS helped a family pay the cost of a violin rental and lessons, a school-aged boy was able to practice and play the violin, in an effort that eventually paid off in his earning first chair in the orchestra.

Isela's smile says it all after winning a belt in karate, thanks to the YEA Program.

The high temperatures in summer and the free time available for children can pose a big challenge for parents. *"With summer coming, parents often realize they don't have anything for their children to do,"* said Terri Patt-Smith, Senior Case Manager for ICS. *"If children can learn a new skill, or get more time in an activity they already enjoy, that can make a huge difference."*

ICS thanks the PICOR Foundation and all of the generous donors who have helped us expand a child's world through our **Youth Enrichment Activities Program**!

Join Us for This Informative Forum

In a culture scared to talk about death, how do we, as people of faith, engage with individuals and families in having life-giving conversations about dying? Such conversations can be difficult to facilitate, as dying and death can be fearful topics, yet these discussions can also help people enrich their living as they determine what matters in life and express their wishes for how they want to live through the end of life.

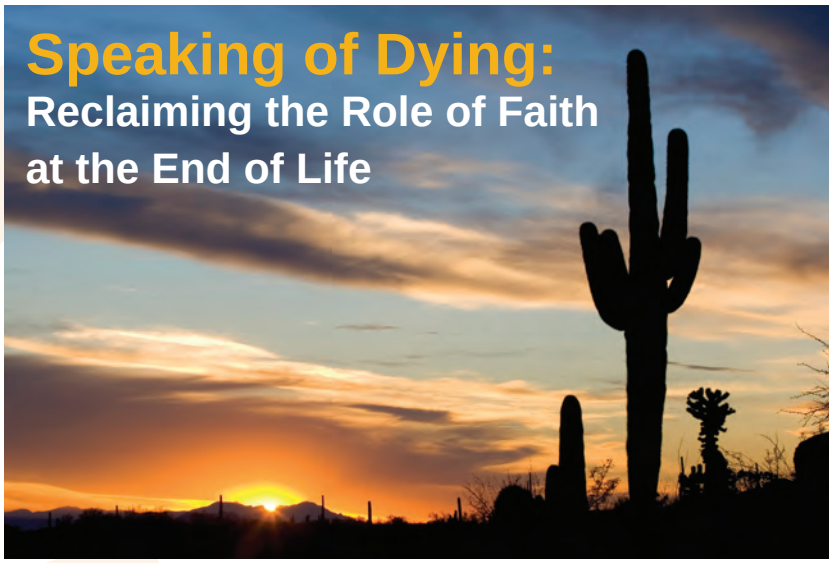
April 30, 2015
8:30—11:30 a.m.

St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church
4440 N. Campbell Avenue (at River Road)
Tucson, AZ 85718

$10 per person
(includes breakfast)

Register by April 23
at www.icstucson.org
or call 520-297-6049 x221

Designed for clergy, faith community nurses, lay pastoral leaders, community health leaders, and other interested individuals.



Topics will include:

- Vignettes of encounters with families regarding end-of-life considerations
- Tips for engaging in the conversations
- Learning from each other in table conversations

Presenter: Reverend Frank Williams, Casa de la Luz Hospice

Made Possible by: Shaaron Kent Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

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Groups Give Back

Many hands make our work possible at ICS. Our heartfelt gratitude to these organizations for their recent efforts:

The **International Christian Cycling Club and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** turned on the pedal power holding their fourth annual Vistoso Challenge Charity Bike Ride to benefit ICS in January. The intrepid riders on the 8- to 48-mile fun ride through Oro Valley raised $2,500 for our programs.

Members of the **ICS Planned Giving Advisory Council** invested of their time to "Experience ICS" during a week-long volunteer event in January. Group members **Carol Burgess** (Northern Trust), **Jane Nugent** (Northern Trust), **Margi Rhodes** (Brings Funeral Homes), and **Attorney Brooke Felker-Johnston** (Leonard and Felker PLC) helped out in our Food Bank, financial assistance, Job Resource Center and caregiving programs.

A team from **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** and a youth group from **Desert Christian Middle School** recently gave the ICS grounds a major sprucing, pruning bushes, weeding, raking and picking up trash.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church brought a bucket full of smiles to ICS giving out colorful Easter buckets filled with candy and a gift card to children of families coming through the ICS Food Bank. The buckets were compiled through the church's SUNDAY DOLLAR$ community outreach ministry that identifies and helps meet the needs of underserved neighbors.

Thanks to the following for hosting food drives for the ICS Food Bank:
Wilson K-8 School, Mountain View Baptist Church, and Tohono Chul Park

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"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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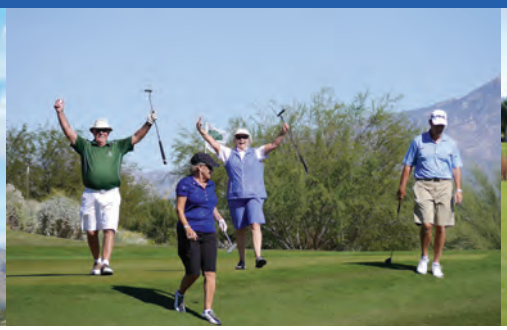

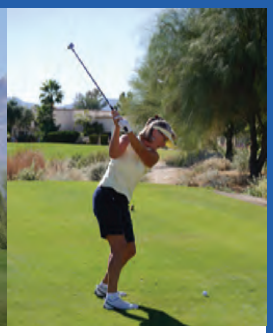

Make plans to join us on the golf course in November!

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 on our new website 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**.

Event Details

Four-Person Scramble
(Two-Putt Maximum)

Date:
Friday, November 6, 2015

Time:
11:00 a.m.
Registration/Practice

12 noon
Opening Ceremonies

12:30 p.m. - Shotgun

5:00 p.m. - Buffet, Awards Ceremony, Silent Auction

Where:
Omni Tucson National

Registration:
$600 Foursome; $150 Per Player
($72.55 tax-deductible)

Attendance:
144 golfers