

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

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ICS is acutely aware that as a Tucson-based company, eegee's has been generous to the community for 42 years and strives to be a beacon of social responsibility. Because of that, we are honored that they have chosen to support us in this way, so that we may assist the ever-increasing numbers of people who have hit hard times.



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ICS Emergency Financial Assistance Bridges Short-Term Gaps

A woman we'll call **Shauna** was out of hope, money, and a home when she moved into a domestic violence shelter last year. She had fled from a relationship that had gone from attentive and romantic to intimidating to outright violent, and she feared for her life if she stayed. She didn't know what her next move would be after the shelter, but it was a place for her to gather what was left of her confidence and figure it out.



Gradually, life improved. She found a job and recently was ready to move into an apartment of her own. But between utility fees,

deposits, and rent, the costs seemed insurmountable. Then she heard about ICS's Emergency Financial Assistance program. She met with a case worker, who arranged for ICS to pay for her first month of rent while she covered the deposit.

Last year, ICS provided \$573,344 to 9,525 individuals in 4,023 households so they could get through immediate financial crises and set plans in motion to navigate around future financial

emergencies. Our financial assistance clients meet with case workers who can help them plan how

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to handle their finances. And many times, once the immediate emergency is addressed – be it a need for medication, car repairs, utility payments to avoid shutoff, housing payments to prevent eviction or foreclosure, or job-related expenses – people are able to take care of themselves again. In fact, post-assistance follow-up interviews show that 80 percent of ICS clients report being financially stable following the assistance they receive from us.

We couldn't do this without the generosity and support of people like you. Thank you for making it possible for people such as Shauna to have hope.

ICS Gives *Special Thanks*

It seems that people from every walk of life in our community reach out in some way to help ICS. We are grateful for all your efforts. Here are a few that happened recently:

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church held its annual "Bach's Birthday" concert on March 22, featuring works of the Baroque master. An offering was collected to benefit ICS, raising \$2,545 to benefit our assistance programs for seniors, adults and children.



We had an amazing **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** crew during the most recent tax season. This was the fifth year that ICS hosted a site to help low-income families file their income taxes free of charge.

Volunteers completed 299 returns, an increase of 20% over last year, and a total of \$444,621 was returned to the recipients and our community. Our appreciation to the team who faithfully gave of their time to help those in need: Erin Cadenhead, Jim Cartin, Maria Cervantez, Bob Durham, Gregg Johnson, Bob Lyons, Philip Marsh, Bill Peterson, Dan Prisble, Kyle Rush, Ken Strzalka, Olivia Wells, Mary Brugman, Terri Cartin, Mary Strzalka and Bob Henry, site coordinator.

In April, **Dillard's at Tucson Mall** donated hundreds of handbags to ICS through its spring Handbag Trade-In event. The bags are distributed to our job-seeking clients at the ICS Resource Centers to help them present themselves professionally when they go on interviews.

Clients in the ICS Resource Centers will also have an easier time conducting online job searches thanks to **Tucson Electric Power**. The company donated a number of newer



computers to help us replace some of the older and outdated models at our centers on the northwest and eastside.



With the support of many generous donors and friends, ICS had its most successful **Arizona Gives Day** yet, raising more than \$4,500 in just 24 hours – and more than doubling last year's Arizona Gives Day total. This one-day online giving event on April 9 brought Arizonans together to rally

around the causes they care about. Thank you to everyone who went online to make your gift and to make a difference for ICS and the many people we serve.

Associates from **Larry H. Miller** donated their time on April 25 to help out in the ICS Food Bank during their annual community inservice day. Colleagues helped unload food, stock shelves and greet Food Bank clients.



Resurrection Lutheran Church collected, and on May 12, donated 1,841 pounds of food for the ICS Food Bank. The food filled the ICS delivery van from floor to ceiling and took several people and shopping

carts to unload!

In March, the middle-school kids at **Wilson K-8 School** held a food drive for the ICS Food Bank and collected 3,226 pounds of food. This has become an annual event and comes at a crucial time since supplies run low after the holidays.

Need ideas on ways your company, faith community, organization or club can help out and make a difference? Contact the ICS Development Office at **297-6049, ext. 222 or 228**.



eegee's Coupon Cards Help Families in Need

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The coupon cards have one tear-off coupon to be used each month, good for 50 percent off the total price of a food order, up to \$4. That means for a \$7 donation, you get \$48 worth of coupons. You can begin using the cards in July. Now here's the deal: ICS will receive 75 percent of the proceeds from

coupon cards sold in eegee's restaurants, but we get to keep 100 percent of the proceeds from all coupon cards that people purchase directly from us!

This is an important promotion for ICS. Funds raised from the coupon card sales will help sustain services, including our financial assistance and Job Resource Center programs to help neighbors facing hunger, homelessness and other crises.

The coupon cards make fun gifts – for grandchildren, as incentives for your own children, to congratulate their youth sports teammates for their hard work all season, for Dad, Uncle, or Grandpa on Father's Day as a thank-you for all he does. And, they are a great way to get involved and make a difference.



Look at what your donation does:

- 1 coupon card will help a person who is homeless or in financial distress with hygiene items (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant);
- 2 coupon cards will help an ICS client get a new identification card to qualify for a job;
- 3 coupon cards will help provide a client with a monthly bus ticket to get to work or help a family who cannot afford a car get to the grocery store and other basic life errands;
- 4 coupon cards will help three families with emergency food for one month;
- 5 coupon cards will help a recipient with a copay for a critically needed monthly prescription;
- 10 coupon cards will bless a low-income, frail, and homebound senior with a month of delivered nutritious meals;
- 100 coupon cards will help provide the rent for a full month for a family of four to help them avoid homelessness.

To get coupon cards for yourself, your faith community or your business or group, please call (520) 297-6049, ext. 228 or email mfitzgerald@icstucson.org. If you are getting multiple coupon cards and cannot use them all yourself, consider donating one or two coupon cards back to ICS. We will get them into the hands of families who can use them.

Thank you for caring and for helping ICS.

The Importance of ICS Volunteers

It is no secret that volunteers are at the heart of ICS. And for the past six years, as the Volunteer Resources Manager, Sandi Brickley has had the responsibility of making sure our volunteers are matched to their passion, feel confident in their responsibilities, and are supported by the ICS organization. Sandi has decided to retire in order to spend time camping and with family. But before she leaves, I asked her to provide some reflections.



Speaking about the ICS volunteers, Sandi says,

"What other place could I be paid to get to meet so many wonderful people? For me, the best thing is that I have 650



friends. In many cases, I know about their kids and what they did for a living. But the exciting part is to hear their stories about the individuals they have helped through our services. They feel so fortunate to be able to give back to people in need. ICS is so full of compassionate people, and I feel confident that this will continue."

Well said, Sandi! And as a special thank you to all of the volunteers, Sandi and the ICS team invite you to her send-off party. **Stop by ICS, 2820 W Ina Road, on Friday, June 13, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.** This is a time to wish Sandi the best...and enjoy a refreshing eegee's!

And speaking of eegee's, don't forget to get your 2014-2015 coupon card from ICS for a \$7 donation when you stop by. See our cover story for more information or call the Development Office at 297-6049, ext. 228.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Kampa
Chief Executive Officer

Empty Bowls Helps Fill Empty Tummies!

The weather was awesome, the food was delicious and the handmade bowls were amazing at ICS's **Third Annual Empty Bowls** to fight hunger and feed hope on Saturday, March 22. The event is ICS's largest annual fundraiser.

More than 1,000 people converged on the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center to enjoy signature soups, breads, and desserts from 21 local food partners, try their luck in the raffle and silent auction, and take home a one-of-a-kind bowl crafted by local potters as a reminder of the effort to end hunger in our community. *"My husband and I are in love with our pottery bowls,"* said Amanda Smicklas, who attended for the first time

this year. *"The variety of soups, breads and desserts donated by local restaurants was impressive! ... We are already looking forward to next year's event."*

By the end of the day, Empty Bowls raised more than \$39,000 for the ICS Food Bank to help nourish hungry children and adults in our community.

Thanks to the many artisans, sponsors, food partners, raffle and auction donors, and attendees for making this year's event a success and for helping fill empty tummies. For a complete rundown of the event, see the ICS Events webpage. Visit our Facebook page to view a photo gallery from the event.



A HUGE thank you to all our 2014 partners!

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Conference Brings Faith Communities Together Around Mental Illness

ICS's second "Faith Communities & Mental Illness Conference," held April 25 at Catalina United Methodist Church, was full of energy from the time people began to arrive in the morning through the last words of the final speaker in the afternoon.

Close to 400 people attended to hear how they as individuals, and their faith communities as a whole, could become advocates in mental health; help veterans and their families readjust; work with "spiritual but not religious" teens to define their higher power; fight the stigma that frequently accompanies acknowledging a mental illness; and more than a dozen other topics, offering something for everyone.



depression so debilitating, "It was like I was dying on the inside." The final keynote, Dr. Nancy Kehoe, Catholic nun, author and psychologist, spoke of combating stigma, especially in faith communities. Kehoe noted that all faith traditions include a moral obligation for the strong to take care of the most vulnerable. "Mental illness is the great robber," she said. "It steals your self-esteem. It steals your family relationships."

Participants said they appreciated "the wonderful range of information and topics by specialized speakers." One summed up the value of the day. "I learned ways to comfortably talk about mental illness in general, ways to more comfortably approach a person with mental illness, and to begin to look at the world through the eyes of someone with mental illness."



Rabbi Weintraub

They also shared in the wisdom of three national keynote speakers throughout the day. Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, New York, offered Jewish perspectives on depression. Terrie Williams, noted social worker and author, provided the view of a black woman in America. She said she suffered nine years ago from

A Resource Fair provided information on local mental health care resources. For details and speaker presentations, visit www.icstucson.org, click on Services and then the Mental Illness tab.



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We Need Summer Volunteers!

During summer many of our ICS volunteers leave town, so we really need some help! Can you spare some time?

- We are seeking friendly female volunteers to make in-home visits to lonely female shut-ins living in midtown and east Tucson. In particular, we need someone to help a older woman in the 85705 zip code assemble her family photos and brighten her day. Must love cats!
- We urgently need drivers all over town for our **senior transportation services**. Help an elderly person complete essential errands such as grocery shopping or a trip to the

doctor or pharmacy. Mileage reimbursement is available.

- Substitute drivers are needed on the northwest side to deliver **ICS Mobile Meals** to frail seniors and adults with disabilities. A typical delivery takes about two hours, and mileage reimbursement is available. This opportunity is great for parents and kids, or for teachers or college students on summer break.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact **Volunteer Resources Manager Sandi Brickley at 297-6049, ext. 217**. Thanks!

Volunteers Put the 'Caregiving' in Caregiving Services



The services ICS volunteers carry out for our community's seniors and disabled adults not only connect frail populations with their most basic needs, but importantly, provide eyes and ears that can notice when something is wrong or a recipient living alone needs immediate help, so volunteers can sound an alert.

Nadine (name changed) is a 74-year-old woman who has been an ICS recipient since 2010. She mostly uses ICS to take her to and from her medical appointments or to go shopping, and sometimes she has volunteers shop on her behalf. That was the case about a month ago, when things didn't go the way they normally do.

The volunteers went to Nadine's house as they usually do, and she gave them a list of items she needed from the grocery store. But when they returned a half-hour later, Nadine was sitting on her couch, clearly awake but unresponsive when the volunteers tried to speak to her. The volunteers immediately called an ambulance, and it turned out that Nadine had had a stroke. But she's doing better now, because her volunteers were there that day and acted quickly on her behalf. If you know of a senior or disabled adult who needs ICS caregiving services, contact us at **297-6049, ext. 223**.

Volunteers Honored at Annual Luncheon

All eyes were on ICS's wonderful volunteers at the 2014 Annual Recognition Event on March 9. The day represented the true heart of ICS, because hardworking and generous volunteers are the reason we were able to help more than 33,500 people receive more than 66,000 services last year.

About 150 people attended the campout-themed luncheon, complete with tin plates and barbecue-style food. Festivities began with a rousing performance from the SaddleBrooke Line Dancers, and Gus and Gina Dibiasi of Jukebox Journey kept the music coming. View photos from the event on the ICS website.

Sig Smitt (transportation, mental health), **Angie Grandison** (resource center, caregiving office, council advocate), and **Marilyn Zimmerman** (front desk, transportation, Gifts of Love, companion sitting) were named **ICS Volunteers of the Year**.



Lyons, Frank Boyle, and George and Toni Chardukian for their many efforts on behalf of ICS - too numerous to list.

For their outstanding support of ICS in the community, **Edward Jones, KOLD-TV** and the **Vistoso Cyclists** were recognized with the **ICS Champion Award**.



Thanks to ALL of our 650 volunteers who make a difference each and every day!



The trio was also honored with the **Founder's Award** as were food bank volunteers **Bill Fries, Helen Salazar, Patrick Cunningham, and Ethel Haber**; health advocacy volunteer **Kathryn McFarlane**; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

coordinator **Bob Henry**; and Mobile Meals, transportation, and VITA Program volunteer **Bill Peterson**.



Volunteer Orientation Schedule

Northwest:
10 a.m. to noon
at 2820 W. Ina Road

Eastside:
10 a.m. to noon
at 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail

Call 297-6049, ext. 217
for schedule.

- Monday, June 9
- Monday, July 14
- Monday, August 11

Faith Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner congregation! **Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church**, led by Rev. Dr. Charlie Arehart, is excited to be part of our serving together. They're already planning to host a Mental Health First Aid course, taught by ICS's Mental Health Outreach Specialist, Veda Kowalski. Here is a sampling of other ICS faith partners in action:

- **Rising Star Baptist Church** and **Casas Adobes Congregational United Church of Christ** hosted our recent ICS Faith Council meeting of advocates from our faith partners.
- Several congregations were involved in the "Faith Communities and Mental Illness" conference: **Catalina United Methodist Church** hosted the conference; **Temple Emanu-El**, **Rising Star Baptist Church**, and **Congregation Anshei Israel** hosted events with the keynote speakers.
- **Santa Catalina Catholic Church** and **Christ the King Episcopal Church** invited ICS staff to speak in services about ICS and our work together.



We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 74 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 us at **297-6049**.



Rising Star Baptist Church hosted "A Conversation with Terrie Williams" on April 26. The Mental Illness Conference

Left to right, Veda Kowalski, Bonnie Kampa and Terrie Williams

Presenter continued the conversation from

her keynote speaking in-depth about her experience in overcoming depression and the issue of depression within the African-American community. The event also featured a panel of experts moderated by Dr. Fred Wiggins, Licensed Psychologist.

Mental Health First Aid Training Available

Veda Kowalski, ICS Mental Health Outreach Specialist, is a certified trainer of this program and is eager to arrange training sessions with your community. This is a free 8-hour training that can be arranged as one full day or two half days. Anyone who is working with youth and adults and is looking to increase their skills for supporting families and youth is eligible.

To be a host for this training is simple by providing a congregational point of contact to work on event logistics with ICS; training space for 15-32 people with work tables and chairs; simple snacks and beverages; PowerPoint presentation capability; and assistance in announcing the training to the congregation and ministry leaders. For more information, please contact Veda at 297-6049, ext. 218 or email vkowalski@icstucson.org. This training is made possible by funding support from the **Community Partnership of Southern Arizona**, www.cpsaarizona.org.

Thanks to Our Faith Community Partners

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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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Nourishing Young Bodies and Minds

"The more you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

In our increasingly digital world, it is important to instill a love of reading in children that can take them further in school and in life. At the **Kids' Corner in the ICS Food Bank**, children waiting with their parents select a free book or two to take home and treasure as their own.

The kids' faces often light up when they receive a book, and the experience makes them feel special and unique. For many, the book they receive at the Food Bank is one of the few that they have in the home. A similar Kids' Corner will be featured in the new ICS Client Welcome Center when opened.

Thanks to Altrusa International of Tucson, Bookman's, Omni Tucson National Homeowners' Group and the many individuals who have donated books for the kids. ICS always needs new and gently used books, particularly for kids ages 2 through 8.



Staff Changes



Susan Kasle has joined ICS as Program Director. Susan replaces Cheryl Andersen, who left ICS earlier this year for a career opportunity in Portland, Oregon. Susan has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit world, having worked in health care and social services with a focus in

gerontology and public health. She holds a Master of Public Health from Columbia University. Before coming to ICS, she served as the Aging and Mental Health Program Director with Massachusetts Association of Older Americans, Inc.

Join us in welcoming Susan to the ICS team.



Volunteer Resources Manager **Sandi Brickley** has announced that she is retiring. Her last day at ICS is June 13 (see page 3 for a get-together in Sandi's honor).

Sandi looks forward to camping in the mountains with her husband and traveling. In her seven years with ICS, Sandi has grown our volunteer corps, helping to engage and leverage one of our greatest resources at ICS. Sandi says ICS volunteers have made this one of the best jobs she has ever had, and she will miss working with everyone at ICS. We will miss you, Sandi!

Construction Speeding Along on New Dorothy D. Vanek Client Welcome Center and Addition



Big changes are visible at our ICS Northwest campus. We've not only broken ground – we've poured a foundation, erected walls and begun inside electrical work on our Client

Welcome Center to increase comfort and confidentiality for our clients and volunteers. It also will add offices to accommodate expanded services.



Welcome Center and Building Addition! Our tiny lobby (or what sufficed as one) will soon be a thing of the past with the new 1,600-square-foot space, which includes a dedicated Client



The new addition is made possible through the generosity of so many who donated to our “*Safety, Services, and Sustainability*” capital campaign. Because of you, we met our goal to raise \$450,000 for basic construction and furnishings. We expect the new wing to be complete in July and are grateful to all who stepped forward to help us meet the need to better serve today – and tomorrow. Visit www.icstucson.org to see photos of the construction as it evolves and watch for our public dedication of the new building this fall.

ICS Thanks ALL its Donors! The following donors have given or pledged \$500 and above to the campaign and will be recognized on our Donor Wall. Every attempt has been made to ensure accuracy of listings; however, if your name is missing or listed incorrectly, we apologize and hope that you will alert us with the correction.

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Eastside Office Expands to Greater and More Comfortably Serve

Just in time for the warmer weather, ICS's eastside office has opened up a new reception area. Thanks to **New Spirit Lutheran Church** for providing us this beautiful new space and working with us to create a more comfortable and inviting area for recipients accessing ICS services or the New Spirit Food Pantry. The previous waiting area was either in a hallway outside of the case manager's office or outdoors on the benches.



not only helped her fill out applications online and provided transportation assistance, we also gave her hope. Mindy got that job, and we rejoiced with her!

Our eastside volunteers see the hope too and want to be a part of it. We often hear that they love coming here because of the transformation in clients from the first time they walk in the door. We are not able to provide financial assistance or the perfect job lead for everyone, but we can listen and hopefully get a smile or

Our eastside office continues to see a rise in individuals needing a helping hand. The financial assistance office provides services to over 100 individuals and families per month, and our resource center continues to teach individuals how to search for jobs, ace their interviews, and much more. In April, seven people let us know that they had gotten jobs! Mindy shared with us that at a recent interview she explained that she wanted to work for an organization like ICS because we

laugh before they leave.

We would love to have a few more volunteers to help at the food bank, greet clients, and help with job searching and referrals. If you are interested, contact **Sandi Brickley, Volunteer Resources Manager**, at sbrickley@icstucson.org.

ICS and AzYP Program Strengthens Families



There were no caps and gowns, but it was a momentous graduation for nine Pima County families. They were celebrating the completion of the **Strengthening Families** program that helps parents and their 10- to 14-year-olds improve their relationship and better communicate during the challenging and transitional teen years.

The program takes place one night a week for seven weeks. Parents and youth first work in separate groups. They then come together to practice and build skills cooperatively. The sessions include role-playing, discussions, games and family projects. Youth learn to manage peer pressure and stress, follow rules and be respectful through fun activities that help them avoid trouble. Parents learn to show love while setting limits. Through the experience, both parents and kids learn to resolve conflict, have fun and work as a team to build a stronger, more resilient family.

The program has seen some successes. One mom called to say that after attending, her 13-year-old was *"dancing in the kitchen saying it feels good just to be a good kid and not be in trouble. She even hugged me."* Another teen says he is getting along better in school and at home and that he and his dad are *"talking."*

Strengthening Families is made possible through a joint grant with Arizona Youth Partnership (AzYP) and is facilitated by ICS Resource Center Manager Tandala Kidd and AzYP counselors.

10 It's free; dinner included. To arrange a program, contact Tandala at **297-6049, ext. 243**.

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Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events!

"We Care" Golf Classic Friday, November 7

Sink one in (or two or three) to benefit ICS and its programs and enjoy a great day on the greens against the beautiful backdrop of the Catalinas. Join us for this annual fundraiser and friendraiser that includes 18 holes of golf at the premier Omni Tucson National, a delicious catered meal, and a rousing raffle and silent auction filled with unique items just in time for

your holiday shopping. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given in a variety of categories.

Gather your team and sign up now by phone at 297-6049 ext. 209. Online registration coming soon at www.icstucson.org. Cost is \$150 per player or \$600 for a foursome. **Interested in being a sponsor or donating an auction prize?** Contact Deborah Carr, Development Director at 297-6049, ext. 222.

Edward Jones Bag-A-Thon October 1- November 8



Plans are already underway for the 8th Annual Bag-A-Thon food drive sponsored by Pima County Edward Jones offices. This year, food collection begins October 1st and culminates with a public event and collection day on Saturday, November 8.

The Bag-A-Thon was launched years ago after organizer Ken Blanchard witnessed the growing problem of hunger in the community. Although Ken has relocated to Phoenix, we are happy to announce that the "torch" has been passed to experienced food drive veteran Peggy Klein of the Oro Valley office! Peggy is looking forward to leading this year's endeavor, and Edward Jones associates are already setting this year's total food collection goal.

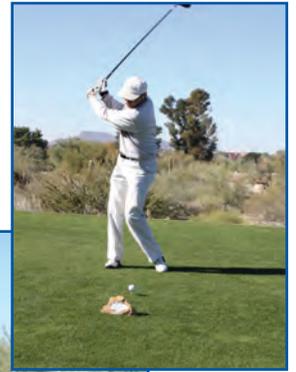
Please pitch in and help us fill the need. Visit www.icstucson.org for details and updates on participating locations where you can drop off food, volunteer opportunities and more.

Summer Food Needs

Hunger doesn't take a summer holiday. As school lets out and many children do not have access to free lunch programs, the ICS Food Bank always sees a rise in the number of adults and children who turn to us for help in meeting their nutritional needs. At the same time, many of our food donors leave town for the summer and there are fewer food drives. We can especially use donations of the following food items to keep our shelves stocked:

- Canned meats and meals
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Bagged rice and beans

We also need juice and bottled water. Donations are accepted at the ICS Food Bank on **Ina Road, Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



ICS is part of Jim Click's 'Million for Tucson' Jeep Cherokee raffle. Visit www.icstucson.org or call 297-6049, ext. 228 for information and/or to purchase \$25 raffle tickets (5/\$100).



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2014 Gifts of Love School Supply Drive – June 2 through August 15



Remember the thrill of picking out your new school supplies? Getting a fun backpack? Or a new box of crayons? You can have that feeling again and give a deserving child the joy of having the necessary supplies of their own by taking part in ICS's annual **Gifts of Love School Supply Drive**.

Now through August 15, ICS is collecting backpacks and supplies for the 2014-2015 academic year for children in grades K-8. The supplies will be given to youth in families who are struggling and cannot afford them. Providing essentials like binders and paper may seem like a small thing, but it makes a big difference in helping the kids start the new school year prepared and empowered to be successful.

Items can be dropped off from now through August 1:

Northwest Office: 2820 W. Ina Road, Tucson, AZ 85741
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Friday
Eastside Office: 8701 E. Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85710
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday – Thursday

Distribution begins July 28 and will continue through August. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to assist 400-450 children.

Will you help us by sharing the information with your faith community, business or organization and consider holding a supply drive? ICS can provide posters, bags and flyers for your collection efforts. Thank you for supporting the kids and helping them start the new school year off right!

Here is a list of needed items:

Backpacks	Crayons	Glue Sticks
Notebooks	Highlighters	Notebook paper
Scissors	Markers	Protractors
Binders & Folders	Erasers	
Pens & Pencils	Rulers	