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ICS Food Banks Help Bridge The Gap

Dennis and Faye come to an ICS Food Bank once a month on Thursdays after Dennis receives dialysis treatment. "We are on a fixed income and the ICS Food Bank helps us stretch the money we have. The Social Security check only lasts so long - so the ICS Food Bank gives us enough

food to eat till our check comes in the mail again," Dennis told us. "The ICS Food Bank is in the same area as my dialysis.

Plus, we get great food here." Food insecurity can be caused in many different ways. The breadwinner of a family loses their job. An unexpected car repair or medical bill stretches finances too far. A grandmother

Last year, ICS served over 25,000 people at the ICS Food Banks and served another 10,000 individuals through the ICS Mobile Food Pantries. Nearly a third of them were children.



"Helping people in need achieve stable, healthy and independent lives."



A Word from Tom

Dear Friends of ICS!

Through my first six months the hardest question to answer is, "What does ICS do?" My answer, "There are so many wonderful things, where do I start?"

I think the simplest answer is "We help those who come to us asking for help." Help looks differently to each and every person who comes to ICS. From bus passes, hot meals, job seeking, groceries and financial assistance, we help people move to self-sufficiency. We do this without judging and preserving the dignity of the people who are asking for help.

This is only accomplished through our extensive faith community network, passionate volunteer base and our extremely generous donors. This combination allows us to serve so many in need in a unique way meeting them where they are and helping them frame their future.

Thanks to all our supporters for allowing us the help those in need.



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is now raising two grandchildren and possibly a third in the future. Or, like Dennis and Faye, a couple on a fixed income only has enough money to pay for groceries every other week after paying the bills. These families and their struggles are ones that we see every day at the ICS Food Banks.

Recent studies show that 18.9% of individuals in Pima County live at or below the poverty line and 153,150 individuals in our area live with food insecurity on a daily basis. The ICS Food Banks and Mobile Food Pantries are confronting food insecurity head on by serving people in need in areas where they live with quality, nutritious food. Over the past 3 years, ICS has been expanding to new areas in order to offer food to people in pockets of poverty. ICS now operates 5 Mobile Food Pantries with plans to open more in the near future. ICS has recently hired Michael Muirhead as the new ICS Mobile Food Pantry Assistant in order to coordinate this growing program in the organization.

ICS is able to serve those who are food insecure throughout our area through an important partnership with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona (CFBSA). The CFBSA delivers over 3,000 emergency food bags each month to ICS that volunteers distribute to families in need. In addition to these food bags, the CFBSA has significantly increased its donations of fresh produce and frozen meat to ICS so that we can provide clients with a wider variety of nutritious food to choose from. In total, the CFBSA donated over 1.4 million pounds of food to ICS last year. In addition to this food, ICS collects extra food from community food drives, faith communities, businesses and individual donations. All of these efforts combined allowed ICS to distribute 3.2 million pounds of food last year to families in need.

This huge undertaking of food distribution is all made possible through compassionate service given by the ICS Food Bank volunteers. Curt Balko, ICS Food Bank Coordinator, and his group of nearly 120 dedicated ICS Food Bank volunteers have a saying they live by while they are helping clients. They say, "No matter what difficult things are going on in a person's life, we want to make sure a visit to the ICS Food Bank is the best part of their day." By the look on faces of Dennis and Faye, it seems that this saying is really being lived out.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



Saturday, October 26, 9-12
Canyon del Oro Baptist Church
9200 N Oracle Rd

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. Help collect crucial supplies for our holiday food bag distribution.

Interfaith Community Services Awarded Two SAVMA 2020 Awards

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) is a Southern Arizona Volunteer Management Association (SAVMA) Award winner of the 2020 Non-Profit Volunteer Program of the Year award for demonstrating outstanding impact through volunteer programming by encouraging and motivating others to take leadership roles, make an impact in volunteerism, and be involved in the community. ICS Board member, Scott Summerford, was awarded the 2020 Board Member of the Year. SAVMA will honor the 2020 award winners at the upcoming SAVMA awards breakfast on January 16, 2020, at the Tucson Convention Center.

"I could not be prouder of this honor. ICS is blessed to have such a committed and passionate group of volunteers. For 35 years, the volunteers have been the backbone of our organization and it is because of them we are able to serve so many in need. Without our volunteers, ICS does not exist," states Tom McKinney, Chief Executive Officer of ICS.



Volunteers are the core of ICS, delivering help that means hope for our neighbors in need. Our clients and the community gain better access to community resources, social support, education, and information through our many volunteers who dedicate their time and talents. Therefore, they often see needs firsthand and find satisfaction in being a part of the solution to help others lead stable and independent lives. Our clients and the community at large gain better access to community resources, social support, education, and information through our many volunteers who dedicate their time and talents. Although the need in the

community is great, the community impact of our services is profound and has changed the lives of 43,030 people throughout southern Arizona this past year alone. Across all our programs, ICS volunteers are the heart and front line of access for our clients and have given help and hope to thousands in our community.

Our board members are integral to the overall success and span of services to our community. Of these board members, Scott Summerford has been a stand-out and value-added member of the ICS team, leading ICS to success within the community. According to Tom McKinney ICS Chief Executive Officer, "We are so happy for Scott and he is well-deserving of the award. Scott is an engaged leader and an active participant on the ICS team. He always made time for ICS no matter what else was going on in his life. He truly has led by example."

Scott has been a volunteer board member with ICS for 8 years starting as a planned giving committee member, then the board treasurer, vice chair, chair, and has now been voted by his peers to be an emeritus board member. Scott has been pivotal in the success of ICS

through his participation in spearheading a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for 10 years in a row. He has led ICS' strategic plan, executed board retreats, formed a due diligence committee to integrate the Single Mom Scholars' program into ICS, and been instrumental in recruiting and supporting leadership positions. Scott is dedicated to the mission of ICS creating meaningful connections to propel ICS forward.



Scott Summerford, ICS Board Chair 2017-2019, Board member emeritus.

The Southern Arizona Volunteer Managers Association (SAVMA) was established in 1996 as a professional association meeting the development needs of Volunteer Administrators. The SAVMA awards began in 2018 to celebrate the impact and inspiration of volunteerism across Southern Arizona, promoting excellence in the field of volunteer program management and support to the volunteer community.

What Your Gift Means to ICS

By Karen Latendresse, Chief Development Officer

We have many opportunities for donors and volunteers at ICS and you do not need to make a \$10,000 donation or to volunteer 40 hours a week to make a difference in someone's life. In my short time at ICS, I have noticed how just a few dollars results in food for a family in need, transportation for seniors to medical appointments, or a higher paying job for a single mom. We gratefully appreciate all donations of time, talent and treasure, and no matter how big or small, all contributions are meaningful to those who receive them.

The donors and volunteers of ICS participate because they believe in the mission: To help people in need achieve stable, healthy and independent lives. Whether inspired by a loved one affected by our work or motivated by a desire to give back to the community, it is their passion that keeps them connected to ICS.

Your generous gift of time, talent and treasure have a direct impact on improving a situation for a neighbor in need; to change a life, to offer hope.

We want to be worthy of your commitment and transparent about the use of your time and treasure. Please feel free to ask us how we are using the resources you all so generously are providing.

If you have not been to one of the ICS locations in some time, we invite you to stop by and see us. We invite you to bring your family, friends and neighbors.

We would be honored to show you all of the great work that is taking place and the impact you are having on our beloved Tucson community.

Realize that every little bit helps.

Celebrating Our Volunteer Family

Connect

Venture

HELP

Volunteer Community Support

Grow

ENGAGE

Learn

GIVE

Service



Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? We have openings for our Eat. Drink. Give! fundraising event November 1. If you are interested in participating, contact **Jordan Vargo** at jvargo@icstucson.org or 520-526-4295.

Did you know we are now offering volunteer orientation in Spanish? The second Tuesday of every month at our Southside offices we are able to offer volunteer orientation for our Spanish-speaking volunteers.

You can find out more about volunteering at ICS at icstucson.org or contact **Tori Carlson**, tcarlson@icstucson.org or 520-526-9308.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Northwest
2820 W. Ina Road
9:30am-noon
Monday
November 4
December 16

Eastside
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
10am-noon
Thursday
November 14
December 19

Southside
101 W. Irvington Rd., Building 2, Suite 2A
10:00-11:30am
11:30am - 1:00pm Spanish Orientation
Tuesday
November 12
December 17

Faith Community Engagement News

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith communities! **Tucson Central Church of the Nazarene** led by Pastor Curtis Burch and **Grace Community Church** led by Pastor David Hillis are very excited to be partnering in service with ICS. These faith communities and their members are eager to get involved with ICS and our work in the community.

Here are some other ICS faith community partners in action:

Unity Spiritual Center of Peace and **Tanque Verde Lutheran Church** collected the most jars of peanut butter for the summer Peanut Butter Party, during which almost 5,000 total jars were collected!

Ascension Lutheran Church hosted a Southern Arizona Summer Chorus concert to benefit ICS.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson featured

ICS as the congregation's "Share the Plate" non-profit beneficiary for August.

Desert Skies United Methodist Church hosted the July ICS Faith Council Meeting for advocates from each partnering faith community.

14 Faith Communities donated backpacks and school supplies to our Gifts of Love School Supply Drive that helped over 1,000 children.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 114 Partner Faith Communities! Together we're impacting many lives for the better. To schedule a visit to ICS, invite a ICS staff member to speak to your congregation, or to explore your congregation joining ICS in the good work described in this newsletter, call our **Faith and Community Outreach Manager, Lauryn Valladarez**, at 520-526-9288.

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1985 by six faith communities and is proud to work with 114 partnering faith communities today.

Abiding in Christ Fellowship · Abiding Savior Free Lutheran · Agape Christian Church International · Aldea Spiritual Community · Alive Church · Alive in Christ Lutheran · Arizona Yage Spiritual Assembly · Ascension Lutheran · Baha'i Faith - Oro Valley · Beautiful Savior Lutheran · Canyon del Oro Baptist · Capilla del Sol Christian · Casas Adobes Congregational UCC · Casas Church · Catalina United Methodist · Christ Church 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 · Connections Vineyard · C.O.R.E. Life Ministries · Cortaro Vista Community Church · Country Club at La Cholla Chapel · Desert Dove Christian Church · 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 Community Church · Grace St. Paul's Episcopal · Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church · Grace to the Nations Church · Hope City Church · Immanuel Presbyterian · Living Grace Ekklesia · Lord of Grace Lutheran · LifeBridge Church · Lutheran Church of the Foothills · Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist · Ministerios Manantial De Amor · Mountain Shadows Presbyterian · Mountain View Baptist · Mountain Vista U.U. Congregation · New Hope/Nueva Esperanza United Methodist Church · New Life Bible Fellowship · New Life Community Church of the Nazarene · New Spirit Lutheran · Northminster Presbyterian · North Tucson Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints · Northwest Baptist · Northwest Community Church · Northwest Community Friends Church · Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene · Oro Valley United Church of Christ · Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church · Our Saviour's Lutheran · Pantano Christian Church · Resurrection Lutheran · Rincon Congregational UCC · Rising Star Baptist Church · Saguaro Christian Church · Sanctuary United Methodist · Santa Catalina Catholic · Shalom Mennonite · 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. James United Methodist · St. John's United Methodist Church · 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's 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 · The Holy Way Presbyterian · The Journey Church · Third Church of Christ, Scientist · Tortolita Presbyterian · Trinity Presbyterian Church · Tucson Central Church of the Nazarene · Tucson Church International · Tucson Community of Christ · Unity of Tucson · Unity Spiritual Center of Peace · Unleashed Church · U.U. Church of Tucson · Vida Nueva/New Life Church of God · The Village Church · Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church

ICS Staff Updates

Welcome

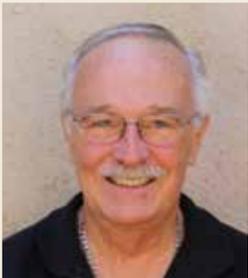


Karen Latendresse, Chief Development Officer

Karen Latendresse will be our new Chief Development Officer. Karen most recently worked for Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia as the Chief Mission Officer.

Karen has extensive leadership and engagement skills in the strategic planning process with Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia and the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. She lived in Tucson for many years and is excited to return to family, friends and her faith community of St. Pius X. She led a social justice ministry at St. Pius X and worked extensively at Casa Maria Soup Kitchen during her time in Tucson.

Fun Fact: Karen really enjoys football – and is a superfan of the Denver Broncos!



Bob Jennens, Accounting Assistant

Our new Accounting Assistant is Bob Jennens. He has extensive for-profit and nonprofit experience. Bob most recently served as the CFO and HR Director of the Tucson Symphony. He has also worked with the American Red Cross and Sonoran Institute as Interim Finance Director. His for-profit experience was with General Motors for almost 30 years.

Fun Fact: Bob was CFO for nonprofits of the year in 2014



Mike Muirhead, Mobile Food Pantry Assistant

Michael is the new Mobile Food Pantry Assistant. Michael is not new to ICS as he has been a Food Bank volunteer over the last year. Prior to ICS, Michael worked for Eli Lilly & Company as an IT Consultant. Michael has extensive experience in data analysis and process improvement.

Fun Fact: Mike is a graduate of the California Culinary Academy



Jordan Vargo, Program Coordinator

Jordan will be serving as a Program Coordinator for Volunteer Services and the Single Mom Scholar programs. She has dedicated her career to social action and advocacy of abused women and children. Jordan possesses extensive experience in training and supervising, providing crisis services and overseeing client case management.

Fun Fact: Jordan has cycled the most dangerous road in the world known as Death Road or North Yungas Road in La Paz, Bolivia.

Farewell!



We said our fond farewells and celebrated the many contributions to our community of Terri Patt-Smith. Tucson City Councilman Richard Fimbres's office awarded Terri a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and a Ward 5 Medal of Hope for her wonderful work. We were joined by family, friends from the community and ICS employees past and present to honor Terri's career in caring. Thanks to all who joined us!



Memorials and Tributes: 7/1/19-9/30/19

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

- Ann Horst**, Lia Pierce
- Arnulfo Manza**, Gary and Luanne Thomson
- Beverly Dean**, Dorothy Johnson and Greg Parsons
- Bob Faubion**, John and Eugenia Bowsher
- Carol Backus**, Devon Sloan
- Charlotte Patt**, Susan Lane
- Faith Dinger**, Richard and Bonnie Kampa
- George Williams**, Nancy Williams
- Gilbert**, Lucille M. Nagore
- Joel C. Parrish, Sr.** Gil and Kathy Parrish
- Lloyd Thomas**, David and Pat Ridinger
- Mary Jane McAdams**, Robert and Selma Gevirtzman
- Matt Parks**, Doreen Parks
- Micki Mulkern**, Beverly O'Connor
- Montford R. Fischer**, Sandra Kreamer, Richard and Elizabeth Rollman
- Robert "Rick" Rickerson**, Kenneth and Pamela Xeele

- Thomas D. Walker**, Christina Rowden
- Wayne and Ann Marie Barry**, Fred and Sandra Eaton
- Wes and Belva Lackey**, Cynthia Wood

In Honor Of: Given By

- Becky Strain**, Pam Grissom, Unknown Donors, Arthur and Sharon Ragland, Larry D Fellows, Susan Zimmerman, Ed and Ellen Stephenson
- Carol Bogg's Birthday**, Bruce and Kathy Garrett
- Charli Uihlein**, Kenneth and Pamela Xeele
- Chase (age 3) and Tinsley (age 16 mos.) Lopez**, Edward L. Hayes
- Christine Simon's Birthday**, Mara Levin
- John Stuhlmuller**, Elizabeth Pearcy
- Matt Sipos**, Cheryl Shearer
- Terri Patt-Smith**, Susan Lane, Edmund and Kathleen Jenkins
- Unity Church of Peace**, Jim and Susan Sellers
- Vistoso Cyclists**, Robert Fritz



Gifts of Love Backpack and School Supply Giveaway

We had a great turnout at our Gifts of Love Backpack Giveaway on August 1st.

Your donations made it possible for more than 1,000 students to make a great start to a new school year!

A very special thank you to **Splendido at Rancho Vistoso**, **faith community partners** and **all the individuals** who went shopping on their own and dropped off donations.

Thanks to our Corporate and Foundation Partners





Please Join Us!

Holiday Open House

Eastside Office
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
Wednesday, December 11, 11am-1pm
Volunteer stories & recognition at noon

Southside Office
101 W. Irvington Road
Thursday, December 12, 11am-1pm
With El Pueblo Resource Fair

Northwest Office
2820 W. Ina Road
Friday, December 13, 2pm-5pm
Volunteer stories & recognition at 3pm

**Enjoy refreshments,
volunteer celebration
and a festive time for all!**



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Sample delectable bites from local restaurants and sip local wines, craft beer and beverages. Cheer on a grape stomp for a cause. It’s a party with a purpose!



Benefiting

