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## Anticipated Rise in Food Insecurity in Southern Arizona Due to Pandemic

A global pandemic has thrust all of us into a state of uncertainty. A two-week shelter-in-place order has drawn out into months of extreme measures to try to stem the spread of the virus. There is no doubt that the

Coronavirus Pandemic will have a lasting effect on communities everywhere. It is likely you or someone you know has

been affected. One thing is certain; our most vulnerable are facing even greater challenges making ends meet. Researchers at the University of Arizona anticipate a sharp increase in food insecurity based on trends from the 2008 recession. Recent government economic reports paint a grim picture. The commerce department reported in late July a record 33% drop in GDP. US Bureau of Labor Statistics reported an unemployment rate for Pima County of 9.9% in June. There is a direct correlation between

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## A Word from Tom

Dear Friends of ICS!

Predicting the Unpredictable

As we started our strategic planning process back in February, who knew what would happen to our world and community? Even if we knew something could happen, we could not have predicted the depth of the pandemic impact. Looking at our path for the next three years is certainly a daunting task.

What we are clear about is that more people are in pain and need than ever before. More people need food, jobs, financial assistance and compassion. So many people need time to heal and rebuild their lives.

As ICS has done in the past, we are helping people navigate the unpredictable and being the bridge, so many need, the bridge to hope. So instead of trying to predict what is going to happen, we are building our organization to best guide people in need to a more self-sufficient and hopeful future.



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## Food Insecurity

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the unemployment rate and food insecurity. Feeding America projects the food insecurity rate among households would be nearly 20% based on the June jobs report. That number is alarming when compared to a rate of 14.6% at the height of the Great Recession. The Census Bureau reported in July a record 30 million households in the US reported experiencing food insecurity since they began tracking in May. The picture looks dire and the need has been felt acutely; service agencies like Interfaith Community Services (ICS) are bracing themselves for a coming wave of people seeking assistance. As more and more businesses, workers and families find their incomes drastically cut and the emergency government help expires, people will be turning to organizations like ICS for help.

Thankfully, ICS is well positioned to scale our services and offer hope and compassion for people seeking help. And while we are able to meet emergency needs in this unprecedented time, we recognize the larger need to build long term solutions and self-sufficiency, ensuring our community is more resilient to withstand these unpredictable, complex stresses.

**The COVID-19 pandemic has had wide-reaching implications worldwide from serious health consequences to increases in food insecurity. The World Bank's recent brief "Food Security and COVID-19" estimates that 265 million people worldwide could face acute food insecurity by the end of 2020, up from 135 million people before the COVID-19 crisis, because of income and remittance losses**



# Celebrating Our Volunteer Family

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**HELP**

*Community*

*Support*

*Grow*

**Volunteer**

**ENGAGE**

**Learn**

**GIVE**

*Service*

We continue to be inspired the way the community comes together to support one another. People find creative ways to offer help in their own unique ways. We have had anonymous flower deliveries for our volunteers, scores of mask makers, spontaneous concerts and birthday cakes. Every little gesture brings a little more joy to us during these uncertain times.



**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS  
ARE NOW ONLINE!**

Sign up on our website at [icstucson.org](http://icstucson.org)

September 3rd, 10:00 am  
September 10th, 10:00 am  
September 17th, 10:00 am  
September 24th, 10:00 am



# ICS Receives EOL Grant

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES (ICS)** is grateful to the David and Lura Lovell Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for the recent grant in support of our End-of-Life Programs.

ICS is pleased to announce the continuation of our work as an integral part of the End of Life Care Partnership in Arizona. The David and Lura Lovell Foundation and the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) has awarded more than \$3.6 million dollars to fund 12 nonprofit organizations over the next 3 years in this important work. ICS will be working with close to \$400,000 to lead the following efforts:

The Wholistic End of Life Program at ICS has three priorities: to spearhead education on advance care planning throughout the community by offering free workshops and one-on-one coaching for people who are preparing their advance directives. To incorporate the spiritual dimension of advance care planning into programming and assist southern Arizona faith communities in establishing or refining their own programs for supporting people making end-of-life plans. And to train staff members and volunteers from ICS and other agencies to present the workshops to coach individuals or couples striving to complete their directives.

Funding provided for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, will enable ICS to strengthen its offerings in training and coaching as well as develop deeper relationships with faith communities.

The Arizona End of Life Care Partnership (EOLCP) is a nationally recognized coalition of community, corporate, and healthcare entities working together to raise awareness around advanced illness and care, especially in vulnerable populations and underserved communities. Gathering diverse community organizations and voices around the same table, the EOLCP is

gaining notoriety as one of the most successful partnerships in this area of work in the country.

ICS will continue to work closely with local faith communities, highlighting the role of religion, spirituality and community in the conversation about care towards the end of life. By building and strengthening relationships with institutions of faith in vulnerable areas of our community, we hope to further engage leaders of faith in these important conversations.



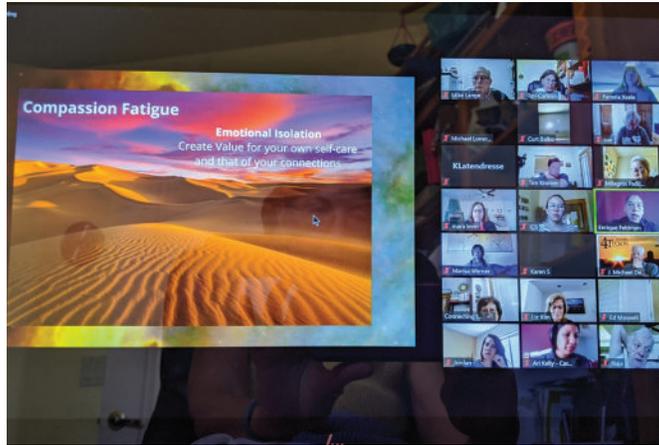
# Faith Community Engagement News

The faith communities that partner with us have always been central to our work; guiding and leading our programs and efforts in various ways throughout the years. Already facing so many difficult decisions and situations, our faith community partners recently have mobilized in unprecedented ways to support struggling families that we serve. Living out one's faith has never been so challenging, but people all over our community are doing so in creative and novel ways:

Amidst growing unemployment and greater challenges to our community's families, the ICS **Faith Community Food Delivery Program** was born to help food insecure families at our faith communities. Every two weeks, food is delivered to faith communities which then gets distributed to struggling families. Over the last 3 months, with the tremendous help of a dedicated group of volunteers from **Casas Church**, ICS delivered 1,100 bags of food to 20 communities of faith. If families in your congregation need extra food, let us know at <https://www.icstucson.org/faithcommunityfooddelivery/>.

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

A special thank you to **St. Odilia Catholic Church, St. Francis United Methodist Church,**



**Rincon United Church of Christ, and Grace Community Church** for holding food drives to re-stock shelves at the food bank. A special thank you to **Church of the Painted Hills, Lutheran Church of the Foothills, and St. Mark's United Methodist Church** for continuously collecting food over the course of the pandemic.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts!

- **North Tucson Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** donated \$1500 worth of food from the Bishop's storehouse
- **Oro Valley Baha'i Group** donated \$300 to the Youth Enrichment Support (YES) Program
- Over 50 missionaries from **all Stakes of the Church of the Latter-day Saints** have volunteered at the food bank over the past 3 months!
- **Congregation Bet Shalom** hosted an online End of Life workshop.
- **Grace St. Paul's** organized and raised \$1,440 at the 5th annual, first virtual **"If Music Be the Food"** event.

We are deeply grateful for the contributions of our 118 Partner Faith Communities! Together we're impacting many lives for the better.

# Y.E.S.



Say YES to Youth!  
Say YES to Enrichment!  
Say YES to Support!

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) is raising funds to help families in need cover the costs for enrichment programs or supplies that may be out of reach for many. School supplies, Instrument rental, enrichment course fees, lab fees, Science Fair supplies, technology or other educational support that are cost prohibitive.

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## Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1985 by six faith communities and is proud to work with 118 partnering faith communities today.

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Welcome

## ICS Staff Updates



### **Kim Dickinson - Food Bank Assistant**

Kim was a five year ICS Foodbank Volunteer before joining the staff in April. Originally from Minnesota, she spent her career in healthcare leading several national hospital medicine organizations before retiring in 2017. Not content to sit down for very long, Kim serves on several local NFP boards and is the current chair for the Board of Directors at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Kim lives in Oro Valley and is an avid golfer.

**Fun fact:** Kim was her high school mascot and spent three years wearing a papier-mâché Jaguar head and fur suit to all of the football and hockey games.



### **Amanda Stanley - Started as Food Bank Assistant and then moved into Case Manager (Eastside)**

Amanda has recently switched career paths, she was a medical assistant for seven years prior to going back to school. She is a graduate of Chaparral College, Pima Medical Institute and our Single Mom Scholars Program. Her work history includes Chaparral College and Arizona Community Physicians.

**Fun fact:** Amanda loves DIY projects, especially making holiday and deco mesh wreaths.



### **Kelsey Gutschow, Education and Registration Assistant**

Kelsey has several years of experience in the public service field. She started out as a Healthy Relationship Educator and since then has held various roles helping others. She was a physical therapy tech, outreach coordinator, administrative assistant and even dabbled in designing closets so others could stay organized. She is a graduate of the University of Arizona, with a degree in Public Health. She finds joy in helping others, however that looks.

**Fun fact:** Kelsey has lived in 4 different countries.

## ICS Board Update



Nicole Maneval,  
Board Treasurer



Patty Clymer

July 1 brings new members to the ICS Board.

Nicole Maneval is a Senior Manager for BeachFleischman PC's Accounting and Assurance Department and will be our new Board Treasurer.

Patty Clymer begins her tenure on the ICS board with a background in education. She has actively served on various Boards to help our Tucson community, including her current appointment to the Tohono Chul Board. She is actively a member of the Lord of Grace Lutheran Church, and currently serves as their financial secretary.

# CARES Act Brings Changes to Required Minimum Distributions

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Congress stepped in, creating legislation to soften the blow. The **CARES Act** (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) and the **SECURE Act** both have provisions that may significantly affect you. We wanted to bring some of these provisions to your attention.

The **CARES Act** allows all who are currently required to take their RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from their IRA accounts to forgo taking that RMD payout in 2020. If you have already taken your RMD for the year, further guidelines from the IRS allow you to pay all or part of it back to your IRA, but it must be done before August 31st. Please work with your financial professional for instructions as to how to re-contribute to your IRA for the 2020 tax year.

Qualified Charitable Distributions, however, are still allowed in 2020. These tax-free IRA distributions (up to \$100,000) are available for IRA owners age 70½ or older. This is a great way for Donors who take the standard deduction to receive a tax benefit for their charitable giving.

The **CARES Act** also gives extra benefit to those who give charitably to non-profits:

It gives Donors who itemize the ability to deduct up to 100% of your AGI for cash donations given to qualifying public charities. It gives Donors who do not itemize an above the line charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations, in addition to the standard deduction. It increases the amount that corporations can donate to charity from 10% of income to 25% of income. The deduction to corporations for donations of food inventory to charity increases from 15% to 25% of income for 2020.

The **SECURE Act** has significant provisions that change the retirement and estate planning landscape.

A few highlights of the changes include:

- For individuals who turn 70 ½ after December 31, 2019 (born on or after July 1, 1949), the age for taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from traditional IRAs is increased from age 70 ½ to age 72.
- The **SECURE Act** limits the ability to “stretch” payouts after the death of the account owner, for both traditional and ROTH IRAs to: account owner’s spouse or minor child, a disabled or chronically ill individual or a beneficiary not more than 10 years younger than the account owner. All other beneficiaries must receive the payout of the full IRA balance within a 10-year period from the death of the account owner.
- The limitation on “stretch” IRAs changes the evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of naming what is known as a conduit trust or an accumulation trust as the beneficiary of an IRA.

There are obviously many tax and estate planning opportunities created by these two acts, and there are additional provisions that should be reviewed for further potential benefit to you. Please talk with your tax or legal advisor if you have any questions about either the **SECURE Act** or the **CARES Act**.



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# Memorials and Tributes: 5/1/20-7/31/20

*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

**June Amspaugh**, Alan Murray  
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**Patricia Long's 73rd Birthday**, Kathleen Wooldridge  
**Lynn Manis**, Bettina Thompson  
**Marjorie Miller - Happy Mother's Day!**, Kenneth and Michelle Perrin  
**John Nemo's gift of time teaching people in the connecting of people during these times on Zoom and etc.**, Phillip and Phyllis Davis  
**Joey Rousos-Hammond**, Diane Daugherty, Betsy Rubin, Barbara Schechtman  
**Rev. Barbara Smith**, Susan Lane  
**Those affected by COVID-19**, Melinda Sims  
**Greg & Crystal Wieland**, Diane Loving



# 'If Music Be the Food' Goes Virtual for Fifth Annual Event



photo courtesy of If Music Be the Food

Like so many things this year's fifth annual "If Music Be the Food" concert had to be re-imagined. All of the participating musicians were in lockdown, courtesy the coronavirus pandemic.

The musicians participating from the TSO, University of Arizona Fred Fox School of Music, and the Santa Cruz Foundation for the Performing Arts met in Zoom sessions in April to discuss the program and their roles, then recorded their parts individually.

TSO violist and "If Music Be the Food" Tucson artistic director Candice Amato put it all together.

And the need this year seems to be greater than the four previous years, she said.

"I think now you see a lot of people who are out of work and a lot of people who hadn't had to rely on food banks before are finding themselves in a new state of need," she said. "And food banks are also strained because people aren't donating as much. I think the problem is at both ends."

The virtual event raised more than \$1,400 for ICS Food Banks this year.

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**Month of October**



1 in 4 children  
are  
at  
risk of hunger



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Be a part of the biggest food drive of the year for the ICS Food Banks! The need this year will be greater than ever. We are coming up with creative ways you can get involved and help our community. Join Scouts, schools, staff and clients of Edward Jones offices and help collect crucial supplies for our holiday food bag distribution.

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