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Interfaith Community Services wins Marmis humanitarian award

Interfaith Community Services is the 2010 recipient of The Meyer and Libby Marmis Humanitarian Award, recognizing its "significant and lasting contributions in the fields of human welfare and social reform on behalf of the people of Southern Arizona."

Executive Director Bonnie Kampa and board President Ed Jenkins received the award on behalf of ICS at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona on May 13. The organization also received a check for \$2,500.

"We are grateful to the Marmis family, the award committee and the federation for this prestigious honor," Kampa said. "We also appreciate the federation, the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona and the five Jewish congregations that are among the 53 faith communities we partner with to help seniors, disabled individuals and people in financial crisis in Pima County."

"We are happy to be part of this longstanding organization providing significant services meeting people's basic human welfare needs," Rabbi Samuel M. Cohon of Temple Emanu-El wrote in a letter supporting ICS's nomination. "I count on ICS for assistance for people with a wide variety of needs, and as the Torah says, they offer an open hand to all who reach out to them."

ICS is a volunteer-based nonprofit that since 1985 has provided food and emergency financial assistance to Pima County residents in need and assists seniors and disabled people with Mobile Meals, transportation, home repairs, and health and safety concerns. ICS is supported by more than 600 volunteers, 53 faith communities and the community at large. For more information, call 297-6049.