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## Oro Valley church sets new record in charity benefit

Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene's "Splendor of Christmas" concerts raised more than \$22,000 for Interfaith Community Services this month.

For the third straight year, the church has collected offerings at its free Christmas concerts to support the nonprofit's programs for seniors, disadvantaged and disabled Pima County residents.

Each year, the number of concert participants and audience members, and the total contributions to ICS have increased.

This year, a cast and choir of 180 performed 10 concerts at the church at 500 W. Calle Concordia, where an average of 700-800 people attend services each Sunday. More than 7,000 people saw this year's performances and contributed \$22,081.62 to ICS. Last year, the concerts raised \$14,600.

"Our Christmas musical is a gift to the community," said Worship Pastor Larry Vinyard. "It is the church's desire to show Jesus' love by doing our part to help people in need in our community."

Bonnie Kampa, executive director of ICS, called the contribution "astounding."

"We are so grateful to the congregation at Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene and to the many people who attended the performances for their generosity, especially during this time of such great need," she said. "The number of people served by ICS this year surpassed 36,000, and these donations will help us provide more assistance to more people in financial crisis, many for the first time in their lives."

ICS, founded in 1985, helps seniors, the disabled and the disadvantaged in Pima County achieve stable and independent lives through its food bank, Mobile Meals, emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance, and health-needs assessments and advocacy. Its work is supported by donations, grants, 600 volunteers and 50 member faith communities, including Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene.

For more information about ICS, visit its Web site at [www.icstucson.org](http://www.icstucson.org) or call (520)-297-6049. For more information about Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene, go to [www.ovcn.org](http://www.ovcn.org) or call (520)297-8297.