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### **Interfaith Community Services receives \$1 million gift**

Interfaith Community Services has received a \$1 million gift that will ensure the volunteer-based nonprofit's financial stability and ability to deliver safety-net services for years to come.

Ed Jenkins, an ICS volunteer since 2003 and its board president, and his wife, Kay, have given ICS \$250,000 to create the ICS Endowment and have agreed to match up to \$750,000 in donations to the endowment from others.

For 25 years, ICS has been helping seniors, disabled individuals and families in financial crisis in Pima County achieve stability and independence.

Relying on more than 600 volunteers and support from 51 diverse faith communities and the community at large, ICS operates a food bank and provides emergency financial assistance; Mobile Meals; transportation for medical appointments, shopping and other errands; home repairs; friendly calls and visits; and in-home health and safety assessments, referrals and advocacy.

It provided nearly 50,000 services to more than 36,000 individuals last year.

“From the day I began as a volunteer at ICS,” Ed said, “I have been very impressed with two things: the way ICS uses its many volunteers to leverage what it does so well, and the very practical way that it serves those in need.”

Ed believes that an endowment, where earnings from investment of the principal are used for services while the principal is retained, will help ICS meet the growing demand for help as tough economic times force many of its public funding sources to reduce their support.

“Our ambitious goal is to reach \$2.5 million for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in cash gifts, pledges, and quantifiable planned gifts for the Endowment,” said ICS Executive Director Bonnie Kampa. “Over the past months, we have been quietly working on this campaign and are pleased to announce that we are already halfway towards this goal.”

## **About our generous donor**

Newly retired to Tucson in 2003, Ed Jenkins walked into ICS looking for a way to help. Little did we know...

This modest man who described himself as a retired CPA on his ICS volunteer application rose to managing partner of a worldwide accounting and auditing practice during his 38 years with the firm. In 1997, he was pulled out of his first retirement to serve as the chairman of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the organization responsible for establishing and improving accounting standards nationwide. He was inducted as the 78<sup>th</sup> member of the international Accounting Hall of Fame in 2005.

Before he moved to Tucson, he served on the board of a major child welfare organization for 25 years and was president twice. He also was a trustee of his alma mater, Albion College in Michigan, for more than 20 years.

Since 2003, Ed has worked at the front desk at ICS every Monday morning, where he fields calls from Pima County residents in financial crisis. The position gives him a vantage point to see this community's huge needs and to witness day-by-day the impact of 600 ICS volunteers.

Moved by the need, Ed joined ICS's development and finance committees and board. He is serving his third year as board president. He is also on the board of University Medical Center, one of ICS's top corporate partners.

"I believe that successful organizations, and ICS certainly is one of those, deserve to be protected as best possible for the future," Ed said. "I have always believed in endowments as a way to assure that resources are available in the future to continue the good work of successful organizations."

Ed's role in ICS has grown significantly since 2003, but he still shows up every Monday at 9 a.m. to answer the phone.

As he said when he was presented with Albion College's Meritorious Service Award in 2007: "Public service is an important part of a full life. It's a win-win situation. Society benefits from your contribution, but you gain even more."