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### **Interfaith Community Services Volunteers and Employee Receive “Celebration of Service” Awards**

**(TUCSON, AZ)**—Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Volunteer Manager, Sandi Brickley, and two long-time ICS volunteers were recognized for their work at the 2011 Celebration of Service ceremony on Thursday, November 17, 2011. The awards and Celebration of Service program were organized by Volunteer Southern Arizona, a nonprofit organization that promotes impactful volunteerism and service in Southern Arizona.

Sandi Brickley received the Ellen Hargis Award for Excellence in Volunteer Program Management for her work coordinating ICS's more than 600 volunteers. Since joining ICS in 2007, Brickley has proven her commitment to supporting and enabling volunteers. "I am incredibly blessed to be in a position where I get to connect excited, gifted people with opportunities to live out their passion," Brickley said in her speech during the event. "Our volunteers are our most valuable resource. Without them our work would quite literally be impossible."

ICS volunteers Bob Henry and Don Kimball received Outstanding Volunteer Impact awards in the areas of economic security and health, respectively. Henry coordinates the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which helps low-income families complete and file their tax returns. Last year the VITA program assisted 202 recipients claim \$293,156 in tax refunds. Kimball is a retired nurse who volunteers with ICS's Health Advocacy program by interviewing potential clients to assess their service needs. He is known for putting in extra time and work to ensure clients receive all the services for which they qualify so that they can lead healthier lives in their own homes.

The award nominations were evaluated by an independent panel of judges from a range of community groups and organizations. "Volunteers are the heart of our services," noted ICS Executive Director Bonnie Kampa, "and we are blessed by their hard work and commitment. It is a joy to see their efforts recognized by the community." Last year, 617 volunteers contributed over 41,000 hours of service at ICS, valued at \$797,066 by the Independent Sector of Arizona.

ICS provides food and emergency financial assistance to Pima County residents in need and mobilizes volunteers to assist seniors and disabled people with Mobile Meals, transportation, home repairs, calls and visits, and health and safety referrals and advocacy. ICS offers compassionate support by connecting over 600 volunteers and 60 faith communities with Pima County's most vulnerable residents. From nutritious food to health evaluations to a ride to the doctor's office, ICS provides over 49,000 services to 20,000 people each year.

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