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Volunteers: Our rays of sunlight

There are many bright spots at ICS even as we ride out the storm of the economic downturn.

Our volunteers top the list! The ICS volunteer base is stronger than ever and on March 1, we said thank you at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Event held at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**.

Our special guest presenter was **Irving Olson**, "photographer extraordinaire," whose creative work and sense of humor wowed the 140 volunteers, guests and staff in the audience! Thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful potluck - the **staff, volunteers, Northwest Medical Center Oro Valley, and Laurie Charlton**.

At the event, we paid tribute to the more than 600 volunteers who help carry out our mission. As **Ed Jenkins**, ICS Board President reminds us, ICS is dependent on our volunteers providing front-line services for seniors, disabled individuals, and families in need.

"Each volunteer gives his or her skills, time and resources to make a difference in the lives of others," Ed says.

While our volunteers do not ask for recognition, we want them to know how much they are appreciated. Our Founder's Award, named for our founder **Rev. Barbara Anderson**, recognizes outstanding service to our programs and



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Founder's Award winners, from left: John Stuhlmuller, Joyce Lyons and Phil Cashman. (Please see Page 2 for more photos.)

services. Three individuals received the highest recognition: **Phil Cashman** - front desk, **Joyce Lyons** - Front desk, volunteer coordination, and **John Stuhlmuller** - Mobile Meals, Caregiving Services and Health Advocacy.

Other nominees were **Sally Addison, Laurie Charlton, Larry and Sue Davis, Dottie Gerhart, Jackie Jones, Cheryl Kusler, Jim Liebig, Terry Minks, Jim Seymour, Tobey, Gloria White, Earl White, and Margaret Zube**.

The Director's Award, named for former Executive Director **June Head**, was given to participants in the **Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene Christmas Concert**, and **Ken Blanchard and his staff at Edward Jones**. **Bobby Rich** of

94.9 MIXfm was the recipient of the ICS Champion Award.

Thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers, and donors who keep the sun shining for ICS and people in need.

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April 18 'We Care' Walk to benefit ICS

Form a team of neighbors and friends, lace up your walking shoes and plan now to participate in the "We Care" Walk benefiting Interfaith Community Services on Saturday, April 18 at the Oro Valley Marketplace. The event, which promotes "Fitness and Fun(ds) for ICS" will begin at 8 a. m. near the Olive Garden. You may pick up a "Walk Information Packet" at the ICS office or use the walk form on the back of this newsletter. Call ICS (297-2738, ext. 209) for details.

Celebrate "ICS Day at Oro Valley Marketplace"

Shop, dine and play at the Oro Valley Marketplace on Sat-



urday, April 18th and earn dollars for ICS! Oro Valley Marketplace merchants are offering discounts, special promotions and hosting food drives...all to benefit ICS on the day of our Walk. Go to the ICS website - www.icstucson.org - and click on the "We Care Walk" link to see a listing of the "ICS Day" specials.

Support "ICS Weekend" in our Faith Communities

Many of the member congregations are hosting their own ICS fundraisers the weekend of April 18 and 19. Bring in non-perishable foods, make a donation to help a family in need, etc. Contact ICS (297-2738, ext. 221) for more information.

ICS to provide TV converter boxes to homebound clients

Interfaith Community Services (ICS), through a seed grant from the **Temple Foundation** and assistance from **Best Buy** in Oro Valley, has launched a project to provide TV analog-to-digital converter boxes to low-income, homebound individuals in the greater Tucson area.

According to **Bonnie Kampa**, Executive Director of ICS, "142,000 people in Pima County are 65+ years of age, 40% of them are disabled, 42% live alone and 43% of them earn less than \$25,000 a year. For many of these seniors, television is their contact with the outside world."

ICS will provide and install at no cost the equipment necessary to continue to receive television reception after the digital transition occurs in June 2009. Volunteers in the ICS "Handy Helper" program will handle the installation.

Recipient needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis. To participate in the program, make a donation to this project, or for more information about senior services, contact the ICS office at 297-6049.



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Honoring volunteers

Some images from the Volunteer Recognition Event: **Pastor Larry Vinyard** of the Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene, who received a Director's Award, top left; presenter **Irving Olson**, top right; and **Bobby Rich, 94.9 MI Xfm**, Champion Award recipient, bottom left.

GIFTS IN HONOR AND MEMORY: JANUARY-MARCH 2009

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 acknowledgement is sent to both donor and honoree. Thank you.

IN MEMORY OF, GIVEN BY

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Martha Martin's Mother, Bernice Menkin
Molly Batten, Kaye Patchett
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Richard Christenson, Myra Christenson
Julie Dibler, Nell Carlston; June Head; Leslie Killips; Larry and Susan Lane; John and Ida Michael; Stan and Peggy O'Kane; Charlotte Patt; Terri Patt-Smith; Mel and Charlotte Queen; Bonnie Kampa
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Joe Nay, Wendell and Rose Tyson
Max B. Parker, Ruth Parker
Alan Polley, Steve and Cheryl Schmitt
My Wife Shirley, John Sertich
Roderick Stewart, John and Nancy Callicotte; Charles and Sarah West; David and Kathryn Wilkinson
Prentiss Wilson, Joanne Wilson

IN HONOR OF, GIVEN BY

ICS Drivers, Patricia Murray
CCLC Chapel - Pastor Ray Elliott and Workers, Evelyn Parker
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Christine Mordaunt, Peter and Cindy Mordaunt
The Men and Women of Mobile Meals, Danny and Mary Hodges
Sam Pagnucco, Peter and Cindy Mordaunt
The Mission of Rincon United Church of Christ, Calvin and Judith Fischer
Peter and Beryl Shantic, Brenda Hooper
Cpt. Gary Thomson, Gary and Luanne Thomson
Joseph Vasconcelos, Ernestina Vasconcelos

Please consider making a lasting gift to support ICS. For more information, call **Bonnie Kampa (297-2738, ext. 212)** or **Monnie Applegate (297-2738, ext. 222)**.

GRANT AWARDS. We are grateful to the following organizations for recent grants: **New Spirit Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Journal Broadcast Group; the Temple Foundation.**

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'Music for the Soul' Concert Series continues

We hope that you were in the audience at the Berger Performing Arts Center on March 15 as classical guitarist **Gabriel Ayala** launched the first in a series of concerts to benefit ICS. If not, here are two upcoming performances you won't want to miss:



Dustin Jones

Pipe Organ Concert (date and time TBD) The Episcopal Parish of St. Michael and All Angels,

602 N. Wilmot Road. Offering at the conclusion to benefit ICS.

Sunday, July 12 – "ICS Freedom Concert" by Classical Guitarist, **Dustin Jones** Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church, 9200 N. Oracle Road; 4:00 pm concert. Ice Cream Social to follow. Offering to benefit ICS.

Journal Broadcast chooses ICS as Community Partner for March!

Throughout the month of March, you may have heard the radio spots or seen the television PSA featuring our organization (ICS).

That's because we were chosen by **Journal Broadcast Group** as their non-profit, community partner for the

month.

What a wonderful gift – valued at approximately \$125,000!

We are so grateful – thank you **Bobby Rich, 94.9 MIXfm, KGUN Channel 9 Television and all the folks at Journal Broadcast!**

Testimonies!

The following emails were received by **Journal Broadcast** after the announcement that ICS was chosen as Community Partner for March...

A loyal 94.9 listener wrote, "...what a **WONDERFUL** service this (ICS) is...I

will **ALWAYS** be so thankful they were able to help me when I needed it!"

A current ICS recipient wrote in to say, "...I would like to say thank you for picking Interfaith Community Services...I am truly grateful that ICS helps provide me with services...."

Interfaith Community Services thanks our ongoing supporters!

Faith Communities:

- Avra Valley Community Church
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran
- Canyon del Oro Baptist
- Capilla del Sol Christian
- Casas Adobes Congregational UCC
- Catalina United Methodist
- Christ the King Episcopal
- Christ Presbyterian
- Church of the Apostles
- Church of the Painted Hills
- Congregation Chaverim
- Congregation Or Chadash
- Cortaro Vista Community
- Dove of Peace Lutheran
- Grace St. Paul's Episcopal
- Immanuel Presbyterian
- La Aldea (formerly Community Church of the Foothills)
- Lutheran Church of the Ascension

- Mountain Shadows Presbyterian
- Mountain View Baptist
- New Spirit Lutheran
- Northminster Presbyterian
- Northwest Baptist
- Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene
- Oro Valley United Church of Christ
- Our Saviour's Lutheran
- Resurrection Lutheran
- Rincon Congregational UCC
- Sanctuary United Methodist
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
- St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist
- St. John on the Desert Presbyterian
- St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic
- St. Mark's Presbyterian
- St. Mark's United Methodist
- St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal

- St. Odilia Catholic
- St. Phillip's in the Hills Episcopal
- Temple Emanu-El
- Third Church of Christ, Scientist
- Tortolita Presbyterian
- Tucson Community of Christ
- Tucson Young Nak
- U.U. Congregation of NW Tucson

ICS Community Partners:

- American Red Cross, Southern Arizona Chapter;
- Pima County Community Action Agency;
- Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department;
- City of Tucson Human Services Department;
- Community Food Bank;
- United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona;
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation;

- Pima Council on Aging

ICS Mobile Meals Partners:

- Amber Lights
- Campana Del Rio
- Health South Rehabilitation Hospital
- La Cañada Care Center
- Mountain View Care Center
- Northwest Medical Center
- Northwest Medical Center, Oro Valley
- Santa Catalina Villas

Supporting Groups:

- Tucson Meadows Mobile Home Park
- Desert Skies UMC
- Presbytery de Cristo
- Chapel of Country Club of La Cholla



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Volunteers

Here are upcoming training sessions for new volunteers. They are held in the ICS Conference Room, 2820 W. Ina Road.

April 9, 10 a.m. – Noon

April 29, 1 – 3 p.m.

May 14, 10 a.m.– Noon

May 26, 1 – 3 p.m.

June 11, 10 a.m.– Noon

June 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call Sandi at 297-6049.

ICS NOTES

Our “green” newsletter. As of printing time, 151 people had signed up for the electronic version of this newsletter. Thank you for helping us cut back on our printing and mailing costs – savings that can be passed on to clients through ICS programs. You can still switch from this paper version of *“Living*

Our Faith.” Just send an email to scalley@icstucson.org, write “Go Green” in the subject line, and in the body of your message, give us an email address where we can reach you and the address you want removed from the print newsletter mailing list. We’ll notify you by email when a new e-newsletter is available and provide a link that will take you there.

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‘We Care’ Walk Registration Form

Join us for the “We Care” Walk on Saturday, April 18, at 8:00 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. near the Olive Garden restaurant at the Oro Valley Marketplace on the southwest corner of Oracle and Tangerine Roads. Young and old welcome!

Participate in either the 5K Nature Walk (3.1 miles) or the Oro Valley Marketplace Art Walk. If you secure \$100 in donations, you will receive a “We Care” t-shirt courtesy

of Wal-Mart at Oro Valley Marketplace. Fruit and bottled water will be provided.

For more information, call the ICS office at 297-2738 x209 or download the Registration & Pledge Form at www.icstucson.org. Or fill out the form below, mail or bring it to our office at 2820 W. Ina Road, Tucson 85741, and we’ll get you signed up.

Name _____
Address _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Please read and sign the following waiver for our insurance purposes:

In registering for this walk, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executor and administrators, waive any and all rights of claims for damages I may have against Interfaith Community Services and any other individual or entity associated with this event. Also, none of the above is responsible for the loss of personal items or any other form of aggravation in connection with the event. I have been warned that I must be in good health to participate, and in filling out this form, I acknowledge that I am an amateur in this event. I also give permission for the free use of my name and/or picture in any broadcast, telecast or print media coverage of the event. I also agree to obey the lawful orders of a police officer. In filling out this form, I acknowledge I have read and fully understand my own liability and do accept the restrictions. If I am participating as a minor, my guardian has provided consent by signing below.

Walker Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please provide a list of sponsors on a separate sheet.

Bring registration form, pledge sheets and donations to the Walk on April 18.