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Our
Mission

Helping seniors, disabled individuals and people in financial crisis achieve stable and independent lives.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

ICS will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Sunday, March 1 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The location will be St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

MILEAGE RATE

The mileage reimbursement rate for volunteers changed to 50.5 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, in line with a similar change in the IRS rate.

Belt-tightening time

Without question, ICS is feeling the impact of the economic times. Demands for services are increasing, in some cases more than doubling. Calls are coming for utilities, food, rent, medications...and more. Our clients often have nowhere else to turn.

We were very grateful for the generosity of our volunteers and supporters who helped us meet many of the needs at the year-end (see Holiday Food article below). However, while December's giving was very encouraging, the overall financial resources are not keeping pace with the needs.

It's opportunity time! Thomas Edison used to say that people don't recognize opportunity because it *"usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work."* The task before us means that we must look for opportunities for both cutting costs and increasing revenues – while maintaining our levels of services.

We have already implemented changes

such as limited voluntary reduction of staff hours, a change in our leave policy which significantly affects our bottom line, and cost reductions in printing, mailing and supplies. Please note the "greening" article on page 4 and help us move from a paper version of this newsletter! We are also implementing new and expanded fund-raising activities, many mentioned throughout this newsletter. Please call or email me with any thoughts or ideas you might have.

We know that the next year and more may be very difficult, but with our fantastic team of staff, Board, and volunteers, we will rise to the challenge and relish the opportunities that present themselves.

Blessings to all,

Executive Director
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ICS sets record for Holiday Food Packages

A lot of people were hurting financially last holiday season. The long lines of clients who came to ICS for Holiday Food Packages were a constant reminder of the need.

From Nov. 24 to Dec. 23 last year, ICS distributed 1,073 packages, compared with the previous record, 615 in 2007. That was in addition to an average of 73 emergency food boxes a day that our Food Bank distributed, up from an average of 47 in prior years.

In all, 48 volunteers helped with the Holiday Food program, in addition to our usual Food Bank volunteers. In ad-

dition, sixty people and organizations donated to our Gifts of Love program.

Businesses and volunteers helped make the program work. A special thanks goes to The Walmart Supercenter, 7635 N. La Cholla Blvd., who helped us store the 664 holiday hams received from the Community Food Bank in their freezer. For a list of all those who contributed food or gifts, go to the ICS website at www.icstucson.org. (Record Holiday Outpouring from Community).

Thanks to all!

March classical guitar concert launches ICS benefit series

A concert by classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala will kick off the 2009 "Music for the Soul" Concert Series to benefit Interfaith Community Services.

This is a change in our "Music for the Soul" format of the past. Instead of one large concert, we're going to sponsor a series of music events throughout the community.

Watch for information about upcoming concerts. We know you'll want to participate.



Featured as one of the "Nine to Watch in 2009," by the Arizona Daily Star, Gabriel Ayala will be in concert at the Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway, on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person. Call 297-2738, ext 209, for tickets or order online at www.icstucson.org.

GIFTS IN HONOR AND MEMORY: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2008

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

Aleah, Michael and Karen Cruce
Our Moms, Michael and Gail Drake
Our parents, Don and Bobbie Prochazka
Our son Brian, James and Marie Green
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My loving wife Carol, Charles Davis
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My Mother and Husband, Marjorie Donovan
Robert Larson, Bernice Menkin
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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: **Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation; Carl's Jr.; Eugene C. & Wiletta F. Denton Family Foundation; Elizabeth Read Taylor Foundation; Employees Community Fund of Boeing Mesa; Lewis Hertz Foundation; Carl & Mabel Shurtz Foundation; Trico Charitable Trust; Tucson Electric Power Grants That Make a Difference; Walmart Neighborhood Market, Ruthrauff Road; Walmart Superstore, Tangerine Road.**

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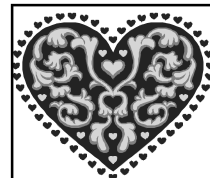
A heartfelt thanks!

We don't want to miss this opportunity to once again say "thank you" to all those who participated in or supported our fall fundraising events.

Whether you attended the "Music for the Soul" concert, golfed with us on Veteran's Day, enjoyed "Dancing with the Stars," or supported us through your donations...we just can't thank you enough! You made an impact in the lives of others.

Gift ideas for Valentine's Day ...

Jewelry show benefits ICS. Make your jewelry shopping easy and help support ICS! On Saturday, February 7, you are invited to an afternoon of fun, friends and fabulous Silpada Sterling Silver Jewelry. The event will be from 1 to 5 p.m. at a local home. Call 297-2738, ext. 212 to RSVP and for directions to the event.



View the entire catalog online at www.mysilpada.com/michele.thompson. Pre-orders will be accepted by contacting Michele Thompson, at mmlt@msn.com. Mention ICS!

"Have a heart" table displays are available for your faith or civic groups. These are "ready to go" displays to encourage donations to help those less fortunate.

Red, pink and white food drive for ICS. With the increase in needs, the ICS food pantry is even more important in helping families. Consider a food drive based on the colors of Valentine's Day: pasta sauce, pasta, red jello, diapers, canned chili, jams, etc! Call ICS to share your ideas.

Garden of Caring. Dedicate a personalized brick in the ICS garden for someone you love. Go to www.icstucson.org...Donate...Garden of Caring for the order form.

Upcoming Events

Write A Will Workshops: ICS will again sponsor the "Leave a Legacy" campaign with a series of "Write A Will" Workshops, hosted by members of our faith communities. Call 297-2738, x 209 for a listing of dates, times and locations.

"We Care" Walk for Fitness and Fun(ds) for ICS: Watch for details of this fun way to enjoy our great weather and raise much-needed funds for ICS. Location, date and time TBA.

Celebrating our Founding Partners. In this issue, we complete our series on ICS founding congregations. **Cortaro Vista Community Church**, pastor **Ted Vande Berg** at 8600 N. Camino de Oeste, is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. The **Third Church of Christ, Scientist** is located at 7355 N. Paseo del Norte. They minister and worship together as laypeople. **Sandra Foster** is their interim Clerk. Our 45 member faith communities are the core of our work. We're grateful for each of them for their partnership.

Health and Wholeness workshop. In October, ICS and **Carondelet Health Network** teamed up to provide a two-day workshop on congregation-based health programs. Representatives from ten faith communities gathered to explore opportunities. The program is available to congregations wishing to start or strengthen their health ministries. Contact Karen MacDonald at 297-6049 or kmacdonald@icstucson.org.

Thank You

Guest hosts. Many thanks to **Dove of Peace Lutheran Church** for hosting our September Council meeting, and to **Christ Presbyterian Church** for hosting our November Council meeting.

Carolyn Maurer, a volunteer Telecare caller, made beautiful, warm afghans for recipients who attended the annual Telecare holiday party, held Dec. 7 at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**. **Caryl Willand**, one of the recipients, also brought a variety of gifts, and **Susie Melton** entertained on the keyboard.

Gary and Ruthie Rehm provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to several recipients on their Mobile Meals route, with funds from science teachers at **Ironwood High School**.



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Volunteer Trainings

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

February 10

10 a.m. – Noon

February 25

1 – 3 p.m.

March 10

10 a.m. – Noon

March 25

1 – 3 p.m.

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

ICS NOTES

“Sounds of Christmas.” Our thanks to the **Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene**, 500 W. Calle Concordia, which raised \$14,600 for ICS with its annual “Sounds of Christmas” concerts. More than 150 OVCN members took part in the six concerts and more than 6,000 people attended.

Tax help. ICS is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site this tax season. VITA, sponsored by United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, offers free tax preparation for eligible working families and seniors. The ICS site will be open Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 352-3792 or go to unitedwaytucson.org for information.

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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
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St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist
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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:

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Presbytery de Cristo
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