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ICS Rises to Connie Hillman Family Foundation Challenge

In 2017, the Connie Hillman Family Foundation made a two-year challenge grant giving campaign to support Single Mom Scholars (SMS) program at ICS. The challenge grant matched every new donor fifty cents on the dollar for contributions totaling up to \$150,000.

Thanks to the outpouring of support from our loyal donors, the

challenge was met, and the impact on the program has been significant.

"There is nothing more empowering than knowing you have an entire community behind you and your family. This challenge has exemplified exactly that—the power of community."

-Adrienne Williams, recent MSW graduate and SMS participant

SMS Adrienne Williams (pictured above) completed her Masters in Social Work from ASU in May. Photo courtesy of Astonn Hart Photography, Pasadena

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A Word from Tom

Dear Friends of ICS!

As we kick off our 35th year, all I can say is thank you! Thank you to all who have come before us, those who are here today and those who will champion the ICS mission going forward.

The one constant-starting back with St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Andy's Attic-that continues today is caring. ICS people care about each other, their neighbor and their community.

Serving over 36,000 people in need this past year is a testament of that caring. Faith communities,



'Andy's Attic'

volunteers and donors have been the backbone of the organization and continue to provide support for our current programs and future dreams. We highlight in this newsletter Terri Patt-Smith as she plans her retirement after 25 years on staff. I think her statement "turn off your judgment" is powerful. It is transformational for all those we serve.

We all need help at some point in our lives. What caused us to need help is not important. How we can help is! Who knows, whoever we help today may be someone who provides help to others in the future. There is power in building a caring community, a community which does not judge, but offers a helping hand. I hope you will join all of us at ICS in building that caring community for the next 35 more years and beyond.

Tom McKinney
Chief Executive Officer



"Helping people in need achieve stable, healthy and independent lives."

GIFTS OF LOVE

Backpack and School Supply Drive

MAY 27 - JULY 24, 2019

*Help Children in Need
Get a Good Start
to the School Year!
Donate Backpacks
and School Supplies*

*for students in grades K-12.
Bring supplies to ICS Northwest office
or Eastside office through July 24
More info at icsucson.org.*



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When this grant began, the Single Mom Scholars (SMS) program was a grassroots organization operating out of a home office with one employee, a little over a dozen scholars, a handful of graduates and minimal services for the children of the moms.

"It was a perfect time for us to rise to the challenge," says Lia Pierse, Self-Sufficiency Director. "We had just won the Social Venture Partners (SVP) Fast Pitch competition, and there was momentum around the work we were doing to transform Tucson's struggling single moms into successful college graduates and break the cycle of poverty."

"The goal of the challenge is for new donors to become loyal contributors and current donors to continue on the trend of becoming long-term; it's not meant to be a one and done," says Hillman Foundation board member, Larry Adamson.

SMS is now a pioneer in its two-generation approach to mitigating long-term poverty. With 36 graduates and an economic value of \$24.4M back into our economy, the program is influencing long-term social change; 90% of program participant's graduate, earning an average of \$50,000 within one year of graduation. By this fall, ICS' SMS will be serving approximately 30 scholars and 75 children, the largest cohort to date.

"We want to support long-term solutions to ending poverty; education and workforce development will achieve that," says Adamson. ICS is at the forefront of these efforts with its self-sufficiency programs geared at providing motivated individuals in the community with the opportunity and tools they need to be successful. "The generous support of the Connie Hillman Family Foundation extends far beyond SMS," says Interfaith Community Services CEO, Tom McKinney. "The Foundation has also supported the ICS workforce development efforts by providing much-needed back-to-work training, equipment, and work gear to individuals in our community. Over the past two years, ICS has helped more than 1000 individuals become employment ready and more than 125 find work and move on to a path of self-sufficiency. We plan to continue this trajectory in support of our mission to help those in need achieve stable, healthy, and independent lives."

"We want to promote all aspects of SMS and our Workforce Development program to continue to empower individuals to become self-sufficient" says McKinney. "It is through the support of the Connie Hillman Family Foundation and hundreds of donors who contributed during the challenge period, that we are able to continue this vital community work. For that, we are extremely grateful."



Athena Atkins, Single Mom Scholar, wins regional Soroptimis Live Your Dream Award



Edward Jones
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Saturday, October 26, 9-12
Canyon del Oro Baptist Church
9200 N Oracle Rd

Be a part of the biggest food drive of the year for the ICS Food Banks! Join Scouts, schools, staff and clients of Edward Jones offices and bring in your food donation. Help collect crucial supplies for our holiday food bag distribution.

Terri Patt-Smith, a Career in Caring

By: Ann Garn, Communications and Publications Coordinator

This summer, long-time Interfaith Community Services Social Services Director **Terri Patt-Smith** will be retiring from a career in caring at ICS. For nearly 25 years, Terri has been compassionately delivering services and support to people in need.

I sat down with Terri to learn more about her journey with ICS.

Our conversation begins with the basic biographical information and quickly evolves into a poignant discussion of what is at the very heart of ICS and the work she has done over the past 25 years.

Terri attributes her successful longevity with the organization to her relationship with founding leaders at ICS. Having been hired by June Head and later working with Bonnie Kampa helped establish a continuity and dedication to the original mission and vision of ICS.

Like so many people, Terri's experience with ICS began as a volunteer. That was when June Head asked if she would like to administer emergency financial aid with a budget of just \$6,000 a year. That was just the beginning. The programs gradually grew. Today Terri oversees two full-time and one part-time case managers providing emergency financial assistance with a budget of more than \$1M in direct aid to people who have fallen behind.

But Terri is quick to point out, "It's not about the money. It is about so much more. It is about connecting with people. About treating them with dignity and respect."

That growth and success of ICS over the past 25 years has been in large part due to the relationships Terri has cultivated with community action and government agencies.

As she begins to talk about her accomplishments with ICS the conversation naturally leads into a discussion of her legacy.

When asked what her legacy to ICS will be, she doesn't hesitate and states firmly, with an impish grin, "My typewriter!" But then she gets serious. She takes a few moments, a few breaths, and begins to tear up a bit. "I think my legacy to ICS is that I connect with people and treat them with compassion, respect and dignity. I have made a difference in my community."

"What is your secret?" I ask, "How do you make that connection?" She replies, "The very first thing I tell the case managers is to turn



Terri Patt-Smith has been chosen by Pima County Community Services to receive a Wildfire "Heart in Hand" award which will be celebrated at Wildfire's Annual Conference in July.

[Learn more at wildfireaz.org](http://wildfireaz.org)



off your judgment. See people for who they are. There is always more to the story than the surface. You just never know. Any one of us could be in a situation where we would need someone's help. I try to find solutions to problems even if it isn't something we offer at ICS."

Some of her greatest challenges have been working within a 'lean, mean machine'. She says, "The overload can be a burden. You want to help everyone but resources are limited. You have to pace yourself within the given resources."

I ask, "What keeps you going? How do you prevent 'compassion fatigue'?"

She replies, "You have to turn it off when



you leave. You have to take care of yourself. I say to myself when I leave, 'I did everything I could do today.' There have been times when I went back in [to the office] because I thought of something else I could do."

The last line says a lot about her character and her career in caring.



How to Give with Long-Term Care Concerns



By: Jerlynn L. Davis, CLU, ChFC, LUTCF

Your heart wishes to make a wonderful gift

to Interfaith Community Services (ICS), but you have a few concerns about whether you might need additional funds yourself for Long Term Care (LTC, in the future). Did you know that you can purchase certain Life Insurance Policies that allow you to use the Death Benefit for LTC if the need arises? If Long-Term Care is never needed, or only a portion is needed, the remainder could be left to the beneficiary of the Death Benefit. And, of course, the beneficiary, or one of the beneficiaries, could be ICS!

There are policies available for either individual or joint life. Funding can be from various sources, including qualified funds that can be annuitized and used to automatically fund the life policy. Check it out with your financial professional.



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Summer Fuel-Up 

Need an incentive?

Can you help ICS fill a summer volunteer driver drought? Many of our regular volunteer drivers take summer vacations, creating an urgent need for summer volunteers in our Transportation and Mobile Meals areas. During June, July and August, ICS offers an incentive to ANYWHERE Transportation and Mobile Meals drivers. Monthly gift cards are raffled off to participating Senior Corps (RSVP) volunteers. See the details for the summer incentive by visit the volunteer pages of our website at icstucson.org. You can find out more about volunteering at ICS at icstucson.org or contact **Tori Carlson**, tcarlson@icstucson.org or 520-526-9308.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Northwest
2820 W. Ina Road
9:30am-noon
Monday
July 15
August 12
September 9

Eastside
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
10am-noon
Thursday
July 18
August 15
September 12

Southside
101 W. Irvington Rd., Building 2, Suite 2A
Tuesday
July 16
August 13
September 10

ICS welcomes our newest partner faith community! **Grace to the Nations Church**, led by Pastor Obed Orozco, is very excited to be partnering in service with ICS. This faith community and their members are quickly getting involved with ICS in various ways and look forward to continuing their participation.

Here is just a sampling of other ICS faith community partners in action:

- Three ICS Partner Faith Communities held an interfaith choir service that collected food for the ICS Food Banks.
- **Congregation Anshei Israel** hosted a recent ICS-sponsored Clergy Symposium called Living Fully, Preparing for Death.
- **Northminster Presbyterian Church** sent part of

their youth group to volunteer at the ICS Food Bank.

- **Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church** hosted a classical music concert that benefitted the ICS Food Banks called If Music Be the Food.
- **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church** hosted our most recent ICS Faith Council Meeting for advocates from our faith community partners.

We are deeply grateful for the caring of our 113 Partner Faith Communities! Together we're impacting many lives for the good. To schedule a visit to ICS or to have ICS staff speak to your congregation or to explore your congregation joining ICS in the good work described in this newsletter, call our **Chief Program Officer, Tim Kromer**, at 520-526-9290.

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1985 by six faith communities and is proud to work with 112 partnering faith communities today.

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ICS Staff Updates

Congratulations



Tim Kromer, Chief Program Officer,

Tim Kromer has moved into the position of Chief Program Officer. This newly created position leads the Emergency Financial Assistance Team, the Food Bank Team and the Homelessness Prevention Team. Tim will continue to work with faith community partners.



Tina Bommarito, Workforce Development Coordinator has transitioned from her position as Registration and Information Specialist to Workforce Development Coordinator. She will be coordinating the Job Resource Center.



Lauryn Valladarez will be moving into the position of **Faith and Community Outreach Manger**. Lauryn has served as Community Outreach Coordinator and RSVP Project Director. Lauryn has worked nationally, as well as internationally. She has her Masters in Public Health.

Welcome



Maureen Freeman is our new **Front Desk and Intake Coordinator**. Maureen has a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from the University of Arizona. She has extensive service and retail experience. Maureen is also bi-lingual. In first week, she has brought a great work attitude and a desire to make a difference.

Fun Fact: Maureen travels to San Diego every year to participate in Comic-Con

ICS Board Update



Mike Lange,
Incoming Board Chair



Scott Summerford,
outgoing Board Chair



Rhonda Fure,
Incoming Vice Chair



Bob Hendricks,
Secretary



Karen Mlawsky,
Treasurer

July 1 brings a change in leadership for the ICS Board.

Mike Lange begins a two-year term as Board Chair. Mike was previously Vice Chair.

We are grateful for the leadership and service of outgoing Board Chair **Scott Summerford, CFA**, who has been voted Director Emeritus

Rhonda Fure is moving into the position of Vice Chair with **Bob Hendricks** re-elected to position of Secretary. **Karen Mlawsky** is taking on a one-year term as Treasurer.

Barry Robinson has been elected Director Emeritus.



In early May, ICS and Southwest Folklife Alliance hosted a well-attended symposium for faith leaders on preparing for death. The luncheon featured David Fife, Casa de la Luz Hospice, who facilitated a panel to lead the discussion.

Panelists included Ajahn Sarayut Arnanta, Wat Buddhometta Tucson; Rev. Owen Chandler, Saguaro Christian Church; Lynn Hourani, Islamic Center Tucson; and Gila Silverman, Jewish anthropologist.



Intuit



The Women's Network at Intuit celebrated its Week of Service in early June, with Interfaith Community Services (ICS) as one of its beneficiaries alongside other local organizations such as Primavera Foundation, the Humane Society and Ben's Bells.

Staff members and interns at Intuit tirelessly worked to design, prep, decorate and sign close to 400 greeting cards over the course of the week. The finalized cards will be distributed among the Caregiving Services streams at ICS which support homebound seniors and those with disabilities with crucial life-giving services, allowing them to live independently in their own homes.

Individuals such as Geraldine, an 83-year-old woman, who received meals for years with her sick husband who passed away in 2018. A woman that has no family in town and hardly receives letters from friends, Gerri will be delighted to get one of these bright, uplifting cards in her meal tray.

ICS will be able to brighten the days of many, and the cards will likely last at least 2 years as we distribute them among new and existing recipients. Intuit's Week of Service has truly benefitted our community, and the individuals receiving these cards will feel uplifted and joyous as a result of their hard efforts.

Memorials and Tributes: 4/1/19-6/30/19

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 acknowledgment is sent to both donor and honoree. Thank you!

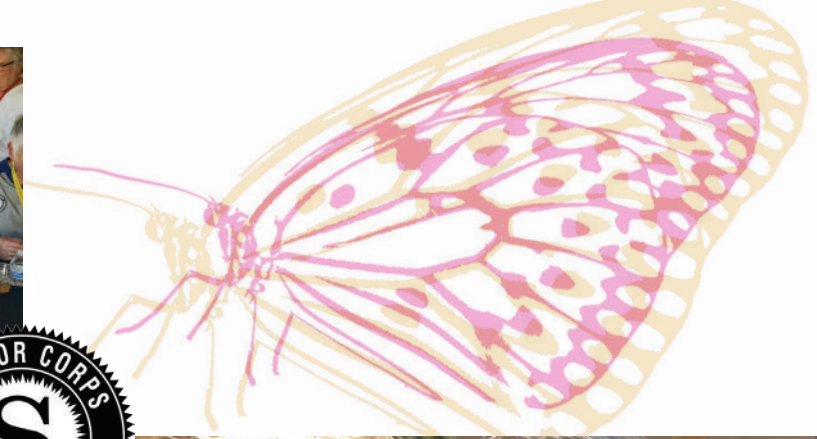
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Ryan Armstrong and John Delli Santi: Josephine Cordasco
Phylsey Bergeson: Jim and Lora Pirzynski
Robert and Marie Brauer: Lawrence Brauer
Tom Brock: Pam and Jeff Lappies
Vivian Walker Carter: Frances Walker
Cynthia's Dad: Doris LeQuieu
Family and Friends: Jean Small
Tom Feldsein: Bruce and Karen Bittmann
Richard William Gillespie: Glenda Gillespie
Anne Harman: Marie and Charlie Gaskill
Robert Hurst: Margaret Hurst
Ida Weber Kampa: Richard and Bonnie Kampa, Robert and Joyce Lyons
Louis and Esther M. Katz: Diane Katz
Barbara Keegan: Vicki Bergesen
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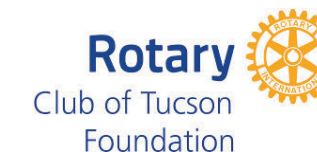
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Deborah Carr: Mark Fischer
My Clients in 2018: Stratton Advisors
Jan DeKeyser's Birthday: Bertha Wolfe
Georgia Dunsworth: Janet M DeKeyser
Natalie Freiburger: Norman and Victoria Carlson
George and Peggy Gluski's 50th Anniversary: Stephen and Marilyn Weleck
ICS staff and volunteers who provided rides: Mark Farrell
Ed Jenkins: David and Robin Geis
Barry Kalpin's 80th Birthday: Robert and Selma Gevitzman
Peter McCarthy: Robert and Selma Gevitzman
Tom McKinney: Celena Robles
Ron Mumford: Karina L. Trumbull
Himelda Perez: Carlos Perez-Velez
Lia Mari Pierse: Brenda Goldsmith
Bertha Wolfe: Janet M DeKeyser



ICS hosted a Senior Corps Spring Mixer at the Tucson Botanical Gardens in late April. The event was held in appreciation of Senior Corps volunteers who volunteer with ICS, Pima Council on Aging, and Northern Arizona University. Refreshments were enjoyed as well as the opportunity to visit the butterfly magic exhibit.

Thanks to our Corporate and Foundation Partners



"If Music Be the Food"



If Music Be the Food held a special concert benefiting ICS in April. A very special thank you to all the musicians who donated their talent and time. Thank you to all who attended this special event. The benefit concert raised nearly \$2000 and 435 pounds of donated food for our food banks!



Play it Forward
Golf Classic



Friday, November 15
12:30 Shotgun Start
Play it Forward Golf Classic
at Omni Tucson National
Golf, silent auction, prizes

Play a round at Omni Tucson National!
Play it forward for ICS and help change
the lives of neighbors in need.
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