



March 28, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services  
4747 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, 85013

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Engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

### Minutes

#### I. Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Chuck Fitzgerald welcomed all on behalf of Council Chair Dr. Gary Kinnaman and Council Vice-Chair Dr. Rick Knopf. He then opened the meeting with a recap of the Council's mission statement.

(As a reminder, information regarding this Council may be found on the Council's web site, [www.GodEnriches.org](http://www.GodEnriches.org). This site name was chosen because it is also our State Motto. Meeting archives may be found on the web site at the bottom of the "About Us" page.)

#### II. Guest Speaker, CEO Jay Cory, Phoenix Rescue Mission (PRM)

Jay spoke about his 25 years of rescue mission work, the past 18 months here in Phoenix and previously in the Atlanta mission. There are many "gospel rescue missions" in the US, and its structure is loose – a movement – which allows for local missions to operate in a way to best serve its locale. The mission of rescue missions is to provide Christ-centered, life-transforming solutions to persons facing hunger and homelessness. Jay has added another element to this – community engagement. On November 16, 2012, Governor Jan Brewer proclaimed it Phoenix Rescue Mission day in Arizona.

The emphasis of PRM is on building relationships, while also filling emergency needs. This is accomplished through their continuum of care, which includes: Reach, Rescue, Recovery, and Re-entry.

Jay spoke of a variety of programs and initiative at PRM: Changing Lives Center, a residential recovery program for women and children, located at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Van Buren in Phoenix; Homeless Emergency Services; Men's Addiction Recovery.

Attendees got the sense that they were only hearing a small overview of PRM's, and Jay mentioned this several times. He encouraged all Council members and friends to call him at (602) 346-3335 and to schedule a visit of their facilities to see for themselves. He also encouraged visiting the PRM website at [www.phoenixrescuemission.org](http://www.phoenixrescuemission.org) which is loaded with information and testimonials.

#### III. Updates

- a. ArizonaSERVES. To learn more about ArizonaSERVES, please speak with Task Force members who also participate on our Council (Gary Kinnaman, Judith Fritsch, Scott Neuman, Sofia Tobar, Billy Thrall, Jane Wabnik, Chuck Fitzgerald); especially regarding Foster Care Participation. The next ArizonaSERVES Task



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Force meeting is Friday, May 17, 2013. It is always open to the public. An agenda will be posted on May 15, 2013 at [www.ArizonaSERVES.gov](http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov) on the "Task Force" tab.

- b. HopeFest Phoenix. April 20, 2013 at Chase Field. Terrilyn Miller and Jim Welter spoke of this year's event; 140+ service providers will be ready to serve as many as 25,000 people. This year's event will include a component similar to Project Connect. If you would like more information, please visit [www.cityserveaz.com](http://www.cityserveaz.com)
- c. Recap "Helping the Helpers – equipping those who interact with family caregivers"  
Chuck Fitzgerald spoke of this Summit on March 8, 2013 in Goodyear. It was delivered by the West Valley Human Services Alliance. All materials, presentations and audio recordings are available at <http://wvhsa.acfbc.org/helping-the-helpers>. Community groups statewide are encouraged to replicate this event, using these materials as a starting point.
- d. Children's Heart Gallery. Chuck spoke about this initiative that features children (in Arizona's foster care system) who are in need of a forever family. These children have been designated as available for adoption by our court system. The gallery is available on-line at [www.ChildrensHeartGallery.org](http://www.ChildrensHeartGallery.org) and will also be available beginning in May 2013 for display around the state. Contact Chuck for more details.
- e. Arizona Blue Ribbon. An initiative to celebrate Arizona's Foster Families; this is in addition to all of the other events that already exist and is not in competition with them. The idea is to provide a fun activity for these families, free of charge. The inaugural event will be on May 11, 2013 at Chase Field, it will include a game between the Diamondbacks and the Phillies. Sponsors/Donors are needed as it cost \$20 per person for a ticket and food. Please forward this flier <http://arizonablueribbon.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/DONATE.pdf> to your networks; all information is at [www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org](http://www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org)
- f. Hunger Conference. "Fighting Hunger Together: The Arizona Food Bank Network Conference" is on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Registration and details are at <http://www.azfoodbanks.org/index.php/conference>
- g. Member Updates  
Bob Dunn spoke of "Mending the Soul – Student Edition" training event on April 26-27, 2013. The live training will present materials geared to anyone who feels called to work with teenagers hurting from the pain caused by abuse, abandonment, and/or unhealthy families. Details at <http://www.mendingthesoul.org/2013/03/mts-adolescent-training-phoenix-az/>  
Linda Morris spoke of the April 1, 2013 "sticker shock" effort in South Phoenix to educate convenience store personnel and community members about how purchasing alcohol for minors is not just dangerous, but also illegal.



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Ben Sanders told attendees of Melissa Rogers, the new Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He also shared briefly about the DHS and FEMA efforts with faith-based communities being led by Jannah Scott; he will ask her to attend a future Council meeting to share more details with us.

Betty Mathis offered the use of the Wesley Community Center's "air-conditioned" gymnasium at Buckeye and 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix for events/functions. Please contact her directly regarding this at (602) 252-5609.

#### IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

The next Council meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix. It was suggested we have someone speak regarding children who are "aging-out) of the foster care system.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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