



October 27, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

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

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Invocation & Introductions.** Chuck Fitzgerald welcomed meeting attendees, Daniel Butler opened the meeting with a word of prayer. Attendees briefly introduced themselves. The Sign-In sheets, and all meeting archives may be found on our website at www.GodEnriches.org, under the About tab.

- II. **The State of Homelessness in Maricopa County** led by Kevin Hartke
(Panel Discussion) Pastor, Trinity Christian Fellowship
Co-Chair Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care, and
Councilmember, City of Chandler

Pastor Hartke introduced himself and his panel of experts. They in turn spoke about their area of expertise and fielded questions from the attendees.

Trends in Homelessness

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Adult Homelessness

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Family Homelessness

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- III. **Updates.** Time was very short so most of these were not mentioned in the meeting.
 - a. **Helping Christian Boys Thrive;** October 22. Pastor Tim Wright and Michael Gurian were keynote speakers at the event in Peoria. More information can be found at www.helpingchristianboysthrive.org.
 - b. **Movement Day Arizona;** September 15-16, 2017. Movement Day Arizona leader Billy Thrall and 60 other Arizonans were at the Global Cities Movement Day event in



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- New York City this week. Look for updates and information from Billy in the coming weeks and months regarding the event next September at Grand Canyon University.
- c. April Jones spoke of the Phoenix Chorale's event to commemorate Duke Ellington's 1966 "**Sacred Concert**" at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix. Here are all the details for the November 12-13 events, some of which are also at Trinity Cathedral.
<http://www.phoenixchorale.org/concerts/duke-ellington-november-12-13-2016/>
 - d. "**I-HELP Portraits of Homelessness**" opens in Chandler on November 3. Much more information at <http://www.downtownchandler.org/press-releases/2016/10/18/i-help-portraits-of-homelessness>
 - e. Laveen School District's **Special Needs Resource Fair**, to provide information to empower families with special needs children, on November 3 in Laveen.
<http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Special-Needs-Resource-Fair-Flyer-2016.09.26.pdf>
 - f. Foster Care Initiatives' **Affordable Christmas** is an empowering shopping opportunity for low income families to come and purchase new toys at Christmas time for 10% of their sticker value. What do we need? Partnering churches, businesses, and organizations to host toy drives and provide volunteers the day of the event. More information here: <http://www.fostercareinitiatives.org/ac16/>, or contact Berisha Black at 602-859-6858.
 - g. Foundation for Senior Living's **Resource & Relaxation Retreat** for family caregivers is on November 4th in Phoenix. Here is all of the retreat information:
<http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/RR-Retreat-Registration-Form-2016.pdf>
 - h. Request for qualifications (RFQ) for the **transition of Central Village**, one of the Age-Friendly Network pilot sites. Feel free to forward this RFQ to other agencies you think may be interested: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Central-Village-Request-for-Qualifications-for-Transition-Agency-10-18-....doc>
- IV. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn.** Next meeting: December 1, 2016

Jane Wabnik read a piece called "Paces" which she wrote while still in high school. It clearly moved the attendees, and beautifully fit the topic of our meeting. It can be found at: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Paces-a-poem-revised-2016.pdf>

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