

# Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Minutes for March 22, 2012

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives ([www.GodEnriches.org](http://www.GodEnriches.org)) is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

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- Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Vice-Chair Rick Knopf welcomed attendees; Jane Wabnik opened the meeting with words of unity, encouragement and joy. "We will never give up, and God will stay with us"

- Updates

- ArizonaSERVES. Chuck Fitzgerald gave attendees a brief update on the Task Force and the website [www.arizonaserves.gov](http://www.arizonaserves.gov). The 2012 emphasis for ArizonaSERVES is Children, and the beginning of this work can be found in a one page document at <https://www.azdes.gov/uploadedFiles/ArizonaServes/ArizonaSERVESandChildren.pdf>. The next Task Force meeting is on May 18, 2012 and it is open to the public.
- The Governor's annual prayer breakfast has been scheduled for 4/12 at 7 a.m. at the Phoenix Downtown Hyatt Regency. More information for the event is available at [www.azgovprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.azgovprayerbreakfast.org).
- CityServe Arizona - Season of Service 2 and HopeFest Phoenix (<http://cityserveaz.com>). Billy Thrall provided an update on HopeFest Phoenix. It will take place on April 14, 2012 at Chase Field. 200+ community and government agencies will provide services during this one day event to the working poor. Volunteers are still needed.
- Engage Tucson is on April 21, 2012 at the Victory Worship Center. The event will feature Del Tackett as the keynote speaker; he will encourage attendees to get engaged in service in their local communities. Information is available at <http://www.azpolicy.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=96>
- The Central Arizona Dental Society's Dental Mission of Mercy is scheduled for 12/7 and 12/8 in central Phoenix. This will be a free dental care event for those without dental insurance.
- Ben Sanders spoke of two town hall events, one on 4/11 at ASU Downtown Phoenix campus on youth civic engagement (<http://www.aztownhall.org/YouthTownHall.asp>); and the other on 4/23 in Tucson (<http://www.aztownhall.org/TownHalls.asp>). The Arizona Impact Summit schedule for 4/23 at ASU Tempe has been combined with the 4/11 youth town hall at ASU Downtown Phoenix.
- Chuck spoke about the "Meeting the Need in Challenging Times: The Arizona Food Bank Network Conference" to be held at Vineyard Church North Phoenix (in Glendale) on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Information at [www.azfoodbanks.org](http://www.azfoodbanks.org).
- Jane informed attendees of the organization called Jewish Free Loan of Arizona (<http://www.jewishfreeloan.org>) that assists people with interest free emergency funds.
- Steve Capobres spoke of a Catholic Charities Paths of Hope breakfast on May 10, 2012 featuring Michael Bidwell <http://catholiccharitiesaz.org/Events/PathstoHopeBreakfast.aspx>
- Linda Morris informed attendees of the Harvest Friend Raising Brunch on April 21, 2012 at Scottsdale Bible Church. <http://www.harvestfoundation.org/685659.ihml>
- Guest Speaker: Catherine Dunning, CEO, Community Information and Referral Services

*Convene - Connect - Communicate - Celebrate*

- Catherine spoke about her journey to the head of the organization, and the journey for the organization as it has become 2-1-1 Arizona. Her presentation is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2-1-1-Arizona-March-2012.pdf>
- Catherine encouraged all health and human services providers to sign-up on their website (<http://www.cir.org>) in order to manage their organizational profile.
- Catherine showed this video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef4VNIZhqlk>. It is amazing!
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
  - Next meeting is Thursday, April 26, 2012; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Catholic Charities, 4747 N 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix.
  - Vice-Chair Rick Knopf thanked attendees for their participation in yet another excellent meeting; Linda Morris led us in prayer, and we adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attendees: Rick Knopf, Catherine Dunning, Donna Roberts, Jane Wabnik, Billy Thrall, Linda Morris, Steve Capobres, Debbie DiCarlo, Marvin Murray, Ina Copeland (phone), Joyce Lopez-Powell, Jessica, Liliana Jorge, Jessica Major, Elaine Sullivan, Donna Davis, Scott Neuman (phone) and Chuck Fitzgerald.

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