



Arizona Council
on Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives
God Enriches

June 26, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities
4747 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix

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

Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees and Chaplin Elmon Krupnik opened the meeting with an invocation. Gary spoke about how unique and neutral this meeting is and how much we appreciate new attendees. This group is about 6 years old. Attendees introduced themselves. Sign-in sheets can be viewed here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/062614-ACFBCI-SignIn.pdf>

II. Safe Families Arizona

Stephan Browning and Tina Rodrigues from Christian Family Care (<http://www.cfcare.org>) presented on Save Families Arizona, a Safe Families for Children movement. This ministry empowers churches to care for children in need and provide support for families during a crisis. The goal is to reduce child abuse, abandonment, and the need for involvement with the foster care system.

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Stephen spoke about the town square model and how this meeting represents the town square. He shared 2 videos and followed by a slide presentation on the program and on how faith communities can get involved to support families and children in need.

- Video <https://www.youtube.com/v/2AbDublO1VE>
- Video <http://vimeo.com/92329418>.
- Presentation http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CFC-SFFC-presentation_General.pdf

III. Updates

- a. Arizona SERVES - Chuck Fitzgerald is not sure if the July meeting will be held (<http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov>). The Johnjay and Rich Care for Kids Foundation launched the mobile Children's Heart Gallery at Scottsdale Fashion Square. It will be at City of Phoenix's Burton Barr Library in July and at the Chandler Fashion Square in August. For more information go to (<http://childrensheartgallery.org/>).



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- b. Presidents Campus Challenge - Ben Sanders spoke of the efforts in Arizona of this initiative to engage university and college students around community services including poverty, education, emergency preparedness, homeland security, human trafficking, energy and the environment. ASU, UofA, Maricopa and Pima Community Colleges and possibly NAU are involved. EPA is working on an Evangelical environmental network (<http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/campus-challenge.htm>).
- c. Other Member Updates
 - Billy Thrall, CityServe and Grand Canyon University shared about HopeFest and how successful this year's event was (<http://www.cityserveaz.com/hopefest>). So many important services were provided and guests are getting follow-up health care.
 - Nola Perkins, Run Against Trafficking - R.A.T. Race, told us about the inaugural run on October 25, 2014 that will raise funds for organizations working to end sex trafficking in Arizona and Southeast Asia. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply to be a benefactor and use the race to encourage their supporters to help build their base of financial and volunteer support (www.ratraceaz.org).
 - Tammy Abernathy, Women's Hope Center talked about their programs for at-risk women and teen girls in Phoenix, Apache Junction and Coolidge. Their mission is to engage, encourage, and equip women. Everything is free and the participants earn points toward the items they need. Most services are bilingual. The program also provides resources and referrals in the community (<http://hopewomenscenter.org/>)
 - Dr. Paul Eppinger Arizona Interfaith Movement invited everyone to join this year's SouperBowl of Caring (<http://www.souperbowl.org>), an event to use the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize an effort to care for those who are hungry and in need. Last Super Bowl the Arizona Ecumenical Council raised almost \$500K that all went to Arizona food banks. This year Paul would like to raise \$4-5 million. If you would like to participate, please contact Paul at paul@azifm.org.

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Gary Kinnaman announced that there will be no meeting in July. He reminded everyone that the "Refugee Highway Partnership: North American Roundtable" is being held at Grand Canyon University on July 22 – 25, 2014. Information packet is here: <http://acfbci.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/03/RHPNA-2014.pdf>. Updates and more information at: <http://www.rhpna.com>.

Linda Morris closed the meeting with a word of prayer. The next Council meeting is on August 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix.



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VI. Items From Conversations After the Meeting

- a. The National Chaplain Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) would like to invite you to attend a 1-day workshop in Prescott, Tuesday, July 22nd from 8:00am until 4:00pm at The Heights Church (lunch will be provided). Demand is high and seating is limited for this free workshop, so register TODAY! Please complete the Registration Form online at www.ruralhealth.va.gov/clergytraining or contact Jim Goalder at 1-800-216-6447/jim.goalder@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Registration deadline is July 14th.
- b. Experience Matters would like to share a compelling volunteer opportunity for current and retired employees, age 55+. In partnership with Experience Corp Phoenix, they are calling for volunteers to become reading tutors for kids in kindergarten through third grade. Children who do not read at grade level by third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. Individuals who can commit a couple of hours twice a week can make a huge difference in the life of a child by becoming a reading tutor from October through April. This effort is part of a national service program, Senior Corps RSVP, and we would love to welcome current and retired employees to become part of the nation's largest volunteer network for people 55 and over. To learn more on how to get involved and place tutors in the schools where they are desperately needed please contact:

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