



March 23, 2017
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 attendees at 10:05 AM, and Jane Wabnik opened the meeting with a word of encouragement for attendees.

“Those who attend these meetings give to me, to each other and to the world, the reality of life, the romance of dreams, the ability to give, the concern to love, the courage to attempt the untried, the strength to persevere, and may we go from strength to strength, and may we say Amen.”

All attendees introduced themselves. The Sign-In sheets, and all Council meeting archives, may be found at www.GodEnriches.org, click on About.

- II. **Safe Families for Children** Cody Fort, Christian Family Care

Safe Families for Children is a best practice model for engaging the faith community in support of struggling parents of small children. Their motto is “Loving Kids, Redeeming Parents.” Cody educated attendees about Safe Families, and how this model can be adopted by churches small and large. It is best understood by viewing these 2 short videos and Cody’s presentation:

- Child Video (2 minutes): <https://vimeo.com/193927062>
- Family Video (4 minutes): <https://vimeo.com/98482427>
- Presentation: <http://arizonafaihcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/SFFC-Presentation-Council.pdf>

- III. **CarePortal – Maricopa County** Mark Klym, Department of Child Safety

Mark provided attendees with an update on the CarePortal since its Maricopa County launch last September. His desire to help children and families comes from his personal hardships as a child and as a young parent. He has dedicated his life to helping others struggling with vulnerability and poverty.

Here is a video that explains the CarePortal: <https://youtu.be/ivC3rdTkiU4>. To learn more, please contact Jenica McMaster, jenica@goproject.org.

- IV. **Updates/Announcements**

- Movement Day Arizona; Billy Thrall spoke of this event to be held on September 16, 2017 at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. <http://movementday.com/md-arizona/>.



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- Billy will be speaking to the Council at its May meeting about this. More information: bthrall@nycleadership.com.
- Helping Christian Boys Thrive Summit in Central Phoenix on February 24, 2018. <http://helpingchristianboysthrive.org/phoenix>. Please save the date; more information will be coming in the next couple of months. More information: Pastor Tim Wright, tim@boldrecklessgrace.org.
 - Arizona Trauma-Informed Faith Community Network meeting, led by Pastor Sanghoon Yoo, is held each month immediately following the Council meeting at The Refuge Café (4727 North 7th Ave, Phoenix). More Information: Pastor Sanghoon Yoo, sanghoon@asu.edu.
 - Jane Wabnik spoke of Karolyn Bengner, who left the meeting early. Karolyn is the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Initiative; she will be attending the Council beginning in April. She can be reached at karolyn@jcrphx.org.
 - Maureen Pass spoke of Maggie's Place and their new Community Education Series.
 - Robert Boyd spoke of his new Lifeskills Intervention Program working with the Department of Corrections and others interested in anti-gang support. Contact him for more information at thestreetsdontloveyouback@gmail.com.
 - Mike Wold spoke of the Arizona Coalition for Military Families and their 8th Annual Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans & Their Families April 19 & 20. Details at <http://arizonacoalition.org/events/symposium/>, or contact Mike directly at michael_w_wold@msn.com.
 - Mike Wold spoke of the Healing of Memories for Women Veterans in Carefree on April 7 through 9. Info: http://na.healing-memories.org/event/healing-memories-workshop-women-veterans/?instance_id=66, contact Mike at michael_w_wold@msn.com.
 - Kassaw Merie with Catholic Charities spoke of their urgent need for foster families. More information at kmerie@cc-az.org.
 - Other announcements
 - Athletes in Action's Final Four Legends Breakfast is at the Phoenix Convention Center on April 1: <http://goaia.org/basketball/events/finalfour>
 - DES Community Partner Roundtable on May 3rd in Phoenix. Here are the details: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Community-Roundtable-Invite-Long-050217.pdf>
 - City of Phoenix; free Computer Classes at Burton Barr Central Library
 - i. English Flier: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/March-2017-English-CC-Flyer.pdf>
 - ii. Spanish Flier: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Mar-April-2017-Spanish-CC-Flyer.pdf>

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http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/PhxWorks_March2017_Final-1.pdf
 - Harvest Crusade, June 11 in Glendale: <https://harvestamerica.com/>
 - Homeless Youth Connection's "Host Family Lunch and Learn" on April 1st. Details here: <http://hycaz.org/event/lunch-and-learn/>
 - The City of Phoenix's "Open Doors Home Ownership Program" offers quality affordable housing and a pathway to self-sufficiency.
https://www.phoenix.gov/housingsite/Documents/Open_Doors_Fact_Sheet_Eng.pdf.
 - Phoenix Christian Preparatory School golf tournament fundraiser benefits foster care support program. Details at <http://www.phoenixchristian.org/fostercare.cfm> or contact Amber Walker at AWalker@phoenixchristian.org.
 - St. Vincent de Paul's "Ignite" is looking for mentors for their "Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By-World workshops. Details here: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/GA-Investigator-Brochure.pdf> and more info here: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Mentor-Req-Flyer-sm.pdf>.
- V. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn.** Chuck closed the meeting with a blessing. Next meeting is April 27, 2017. Guest speakers will be Kevin Richardson, Feed the Children, and Danielle Charbonneau, St. Vincent de Paul.

Respectfully Submitted,
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