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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 Chair, Dr. Gary Kinnaman

Chair Gary welcomed attendees. C.T. Wright opened the meeting with a word of prayer. Attendees in turn introduced themselves.

(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 Speakers

- a. Linda Morris, Community Development. Linda is a field officer for the Harvest Foundation ([www.harvestfoundation.org](http://www.harvestfoundation.org)), and a minister at First Pentecostal Church ([www.loveliberates.com](http://www.loveliberates.com)) in Phoenix. Linda share a great deal about the community development efforts emanating from FPC. If you have not spent time with Linda, please do so; she has much to share regarding the transformation of communities as a result of transforming people. She told several great stories that each of us should know! Comments from her talk today included:
  - i. FPC places emphasis on the biblical view of how to care for the poor
  - ii. Strategy is to get "out of the seats and into the streets"
  - iii. Pastor David Eddings, Sr. urges every church member to be regularly active in serving someone who is not a member of their church. EVERY church member.
  - iv. Community development always starts with a single person
  - v. FPC adopted a "troubled" apartment complex and is now a partner and friend to the residents
  - vi. The "man by the pool" story from the New Testament is a good example of how we are to help people on the "sidelines" to find hope
  - vii. FPC Community Center is the epicenter of their community development work. Here is a flier with details <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/community-center-services-flyer.jpg>



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- viii. FPC's community center houses a MentorKids ([www.mentorkidsusa.org](http://www.mentorkidsusa.org)) program. Details are found here <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/mkusa-flyers.pdf>
  - b. Jeff Bisgrove, Arizona Neighborhood Transformation. Jeff is the statewide lead for ANT ([www.neighborhoodtransformation.org](http://www.neighborhoodtransformation.org)). He has been a neighborhood transformation force in Guadalupe for the past 8 years. ANT is currently working with 10 geographic areas in Arizona which include 22 different neighborhoods. Jeff spoke of Nehemiah's leadership in rebuilding Jerusalem, as an aide in describing how ANT works in Arizona communities. Their role is to help unlock the gifts, dreams and assets in underserved communities. If you haven't met Jeff, please do so; he has a lot to share about transforming people and communities. His personal story and journey are fascinating! Here are just a few of the points made by Jeff during his talk:
    - i. The key is relationship building, not transactions
    - ii. There is no instant gratification in this work; it can often take generations
    - iii. People are the co-creators of their world
    - iv. Finding people of peace in the community is a key step in neighborhood transformation
    - v. ANT provides "just in time" training; each community develops at their own pace, and when they are ready for the next step, ANT provides the appropriate training then, and only then
    - vi. The community must take all ownership of their efforts
- III. Updates
- a. HopeFest Phoenix. April 20, 2013 at Chase Field. More details to follow.
  - b. 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, Chuck Fitzgerald); especially regarding Foster Care Participation ([www.ArizonaSERVES.gov](http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov)). The next ArizonaSERVES Task Force meeting is Friday, March 15, 2013. It is always open to the public.
  - c. Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy. This free event was on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix. It was amazing. We will have Kevin Earle at a future meeting to recap the event and to set the stage for this year's event in the fall. More info at [www.azmom.org](http://www.azmom.org).
  - d. "Helping the Helpers – equipping those who interact with family caregivers" Chuck Fitzgerald spoke of this upcoming one day Summit on March 8, 2013 in Goodyear. It is being delivered by the West Valley Human Services Alliance. Details, including a full Agenda, will be available in early February at <http://wvhsa.acfbci.org>



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e. Member Updates

Donna Davis with Expect More Arizona spoke of the “Excellence in Arizona Education” spotlight (and a chance to receive cash!) Nominate someone today by visiting <http://www.expectmorearizona.org/excellence-tour/rules/>

Paul Eppinger with Arizona Interfaith Movement talked about the 2013 Golden Rule Banquet on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Details are here <http://www.azifm.org/events/19/golden-rule-awards-banquet-2013/> Do you recognize any of this year’s Honorees???

Mitzi Lynton spoke of the February 19<sup>th</sup> Faith Forum hosted by the Arizona Interfaith Movement. Details here <http://www.azifm.org/events/24/february-faith-forum/>

Joyce Lopez-Powell reminded attendees of the Arizona Standdown on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Here are the details <http://www.arizonastanddown.org/>

Regina Weiler and Shilpika Devarachetty spoke of the Community Inventory Project being worked on by the DES Volunteer Engagement Center ([www.azdes.gov/volunteer](http://www.azdes.gov/volunteer)). This project will help connect faith leaders and community service providers with one another within geographic regions (zip codes). More on this project will be available in the coming months.

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

The next Council meeting is Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix.

Attendees: Chair Gary Kinnaman, Vice-Chair Rick Knopf, C.T. Wright, Scott Neuman (phone), Erin Raden, Regina Weiler, Linda Morris, Mitzi Lynton, Victoria Buchee, Liliana Jorge, Alma Daniels, Keith Cowan, Shilpika Devarachetty, Donna Davis, Joyce Lopez-Powell, Diana Stickney, Jeff Bisgrove, Traci Gruenberger, Judith Fritsch, Paul Eppinger, Sofia Tobar, Bob Dunn, Jane Wabnik, and Chuck Fitzgerald.

Respectfully Submitted,

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