



May 23, 2013
10:00 a.m.

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

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 welcomed attendees. Ben Sanders provided a word of prayer.

(As a reminder, information regarding this Council may be found on the Council's web site, 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 Speaker, Gina Hassett, Not My Kid

Gina spoke about Not My Kid (www.notmykid.org); they prepare kids to face everyday challenges with courage and confidence. Through unique education models of peer-to-peer education, they address the life-changing issues of substance abuse, bullying, unhealthy relationships, eating disorders, depression/self injury, and internet safety. With prevention at the forefront of all programming—rather than intervention— their mission is to reach young people who fight internal battles about what is "right" and "wrong" and to provide them with the knowledge and resources that empower them to make positive choices in difficult situations.

Not My Kid educates parents on the signs and symptoms of destructive behaviors, and educates students using young people who tell their stories of struggle and triumph.

Gina and the Not My Kid Executive Director Jill Woods are both available to speak to other community groups about Not My Kid. Please connect with them via Gina at gina@notmykid.org.

III. Updates

- a. HopeFest Phoenix was held on Saturday, April 20th at Chase Field. Billy Thrall spoke of the event; 140+ service providers, 100+ churches, 15,000+ attendees, 2,500 volunteers, costs approximately \$250,000. This year's event included a component similar to Project Connect. If you would like more information, please visit www.cityserveaz.com or contact Billy directly at billy.thrall@cityserveaz.com

Billy introduced Alisa Keeton and Hope Corkran with Revelation Wellness (www.revelationwellness.org) who spoke about their ministry and how they were involved at HopeFest. Their non-profit ministry is dedicated to educating and inspiring people to live healthy and whole lives through breaking the bonds of physical and spiritual poverty that lie within us all. Council members were encouraged to view their HopeFest video or to connect to Alisa and Hope via their website. A tagline of their organization reads: Love > Fear



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- b. ArizonaSERVES. To learn more about ArizonaSERVES, please speak with Task Force members who also participate on our Council (Gary Kinnaman, Judith Fritsch, Jay Cory, Scott Neuman, Sofia Tobar, Billy Thrall, Jane Wabnik, Chuck Fitzgerald); The next ArizonaSERVES Task Force meeting is Friday, September 20, 2013. It is always open to the public. An agenda will be posted no later than September 17, 2013 at www.ArizonaSERVES.gov on the "Task Force" tab.
- c. Children's Heart Gallery. Chuck spoke about this initiative that features children (in Arizona's foster care system) who are in need of a forever family. These children have been designated as available for adoption by our court system. The gallery is available on-line at www.ChildrensHeartGallery.org and is also available for display around the state.
- d. Arizona Blue Ribbon. An initiative to celebrate Arizona's Foster Families; this is in addition to all of the other events that already exist and is not in competition with them. The idea was to provide a fun activity for these families, free of charge. The inaugural event was held on May 11, 2013 at Chase Field, it included a game between the Diamondbacks and the Phillies; all information, including photos of the event, is found at www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org.
- e. Chair Gary Kinnaman spoke of Arizona 1.27 – a foster care movement within evangelical churches, primarily in the east valley region of greater Phoenix. More information can be found at www.AZ127.org.
- f. Member Updates

Denise Muller spoke of the 2013 Bringing Hope Ministry Conference on Friday evening June 7th and Saturday June 8th at North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix. Guest speakers include Jim Liske, CEO of Prison Fellowship Ministries; and Mary Kay Beard, Founder of Angel Tree. Registration is at <http://prisonfellowshipconference2013.eventbrite.com>. There is also a Prison Fellowship training at Valley View Bible Church on June 1st; registration is at <http://pfsouthwest.eventbrite.com>.

Billy Thrall suggested a "fall 2013" event regarding "love your neighbor." Council attendees were in favor of the idea, with Vice-Chair Rick Knopf offering strong encouragement for this topic – as Arizona's "loneliness index" has risen from 24% to 40% in the past 10 years.

Liliana Jorge told attendees that HUD employees will be taking 7 furlough days in the coming two months. She also spoke of a June 15th HUD "father's day initiative," more information will be forthcoming regarding this event.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Closing Remarks and Adjourn



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The next Council meeting is Thursday, June 27, 2013 at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix. It was suggested to have Jon Katov speak at a future meeting of the Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
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