



June 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

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

Chuck Fitzgerald filled in for Chair Dr. Gary Kinnaman and welcomed attendees. Billy Thrall provided a word of prayer.

(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 Speaker, Judith Fritsch, The Open Table

Judith spoke to attendees about The Open Table ([www.theopentable.org](http://www.theopentable.org)), beginning with its forming in 2006. While working at DES, Judith helped Jon Katov (Open Table Founder and President) to develop the model that exists today. She gave a brief history of its origins and how incubation provided by DES was instrumental in its success.

Here is a brief description of the Open Table: The Triumph of Relationship Over Poverty. Congregation members come together on a "Table" to restore people through relationship - by investing their own vocational and life experiences. Each Table member makes a year commitment to act as part of a team of life specialists, encouragers, and advocates for impoverished Brothers, Sisters and families. The Table members, together with the individual or family being helped, establish goals, accountability, develop an overall plan and implement it. Table members network in their congregations and their communities for resources to support the plan.

The presentation Judith provided attendees may be found here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Open-Table-Presentation.pdf>

There are many ways to partner with or assist Open Table, here is a brief list: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/OpenTable-Ways-to-Serve.pdf>

Please contact Judith if you'd like to learn more about how you and your organization can connect with the Open Table Movement. She can be reached at (623) 203-8723 or [judithfritsch@theopentable.org](mailto:judithfritsch@theopentable.org)

#### III. Updates

- The next ArizonaSERVES Task Force meeting will be held on Friday, September 20, 2013. This meeting is open to the public; a meeting notice will be posted at [www.ArizonaSERVES.gov](http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov) under the "Task Force" tab.
- Bob Withers updated attendees regarding St. Luke's at the Mountain, an Episcopal Mission which is distributing food in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank. It is



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located at 8th St. & Dobbins in South Phoenix. Through its Saturday fresh food and its daily food boxes, St. Luke's will distribute enough food to provide meals for approximately 900 families [4500 individuals] each month. In addition it is providing daily children's meals at 10am Monday through Friday this summer. See this newsletter: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/agradecimiento.pdf>

- Angie Warren spoke about her Thesis Event – “Inter-Faith Sex Trafficking Summit” to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Tempe. See the flier here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Thesis-Event-Save-the-date-slide.pdf>
- Carol Barger spoke about the Adoptive Families Coalition. She represents this coalition in Arizona; here are the details: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/AdoptiveFamiliesCoalition.pdf>

#### IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Attendees were treated to pizza donated by Peter Piper Pizza. Thank you, Regina and Tanya for taking care of this!

The next Council meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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