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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 Jeff Armor open the meeting with a word of prayer.

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

- II. **Foster Hope** Kevin Richardson, Feed the Children

Kevin spoke about the global and local work being done at Feed the Children. Most people understand their primary work, but not many know about their work to support children in foster care.

Feed the Children is known by its mission to end childhood hunger. It's the cause upon which they were founded 35 years ago and the one that they continue to fight for each and every day. They know it takes the power of many to end childhood hunger for good. They connect donors, experts, partners, leaders and communities to attack the problem from all angles.

Kevin talked about a new initiative, Foster Hope, that connects churches with local foster care agencies and nonprofits to supply needed comfort items for children removed from their homes. See his presentation: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/AZ-Faith-Council-No-Video.pdf> and the video he shared: <https://vimeo.com/139726554>

Connect with Kevin Richardson at: 405-945-4196, or kein.richardson@feedthechildren.org

- III. **Bridges Out of Poverty** Danielle Charbonneau, St. Vincent de Paul

Danielle spoke of the Maricopa County launch of "AZ Bridges." Here is her presentation: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/INTER-FAITH-30-mintues.pdf> and the video she shared: <https://youtu.be/fFwAm7HDSwU>

Bridges Out of Poverty is not another program. It is a comprehensive approach to understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty. Using the lens of economic class, Bridges provides concrete tools for all sectors and economic classes to come together to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty.

She spoke of an upcoming workshop on June 23rd in Phoenix. In the Understanding Poverty workshop, you will examine:

- Hidden Rules of Economic Class

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- Mental Models
- The Role of Language and Story
- Research Continuum
- Getting Ahead Theory of Change
- And much more

Reaching out to the millions of service providers and businesses whose daily work connects them with the lives of people in poverty, Bridges contains specific solutions you and your organization can implement right now to:

- Redesign programs to better serve people
- Build skill sets for management to help guide employees
- Upgrade training for front-line staff like receptionists, case workers, and managers
- Improve treatment outcomes in health care and behavioral health care
- Increase the likelihood of moving from welfare to work

More information about, and to register for, the workshop is found here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-poverty-now-friday-june-23-tickets-33697240353>

You may reach Danielle Charbonneau at: 602-850-6926, daniellec@svdpaz.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/>. 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 meeting at The Refuge Café immediately after today's meeting. More Information: Pastor Sanghoon Yoo, sanghoon@asu.edu.
- Flourish-Now's **Phoenix Job Fair** is on June 1st at First Pentecostal Church in south Phoenix. Please contact Linda Morris at mlmorris@loveliberates.com for more information, or see all of the details in this brochure: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/PHX-Rack-Card-June1.pdf>

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- **DES Services List** as provided at the meeting by April Jones contains contact information for all of the DES community liaisons. <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/DES-Services-List.pdf>
- Other announcements
 - **MentorKids USA** open position for Instructional Teacher for After-School Program in South Phoenix. <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SPPN-Instructional-Teacher-Position.pdf>
 - **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>
 - Phoenix Public Library “May the 4th be with You” **Family Literacy Night** in South Phoenix. Here’s the information: http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Maythe4thBeWithYou_fullpage-flyer.pdf
 - **St. Patrick Behavioral Health Interfaith Conference** will be held on May 11, 2017. Join other individuals from faith, healthcare and behavioral health communities, including the community-at-large who have an interest in how to help those with behavioral health needs. The conference will raise awareness of behavioral health issues; provide behavioral health knowledge and resources while building relationships among other conference attendees. Here is the flier: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/BHI-brochure-for-posting-28129.pdf>
 - **Healing of Memories for Veterans Workshop** - May 12-14, 2017 in Phoenix. <https://frc.retreatportal.com/calendar/viewEvent.aspx?programcode=17HOM38047>
 - **Take Control to Make Your Life Successful** sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs in Phoenix; three days of FREE Training, Workshops, and a Job Fair. June 3 - 6, 2017; more details at <http://thincdev.wixsite.com/livingonyourown>; or on brochure: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017Conference.pdf>
 - **Harvest Crusade**, June 11 in Glendale: <https://harvestamerica.com/>
 - **Micah Collaborative Opportunity Brief** (Flagstaff): see this informational email <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/MicahBrief.pdf>
 - 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.

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- V. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn.** Daniel Butler closed the meeting with a word of prayer. Next meeting is May 25, 2017. Guest speakers will be Billy Thrall with Movement Day Arizona.

Respectfully Submitted,
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