

What can you do?

... *Get Involved.*

- Make a tax-deductible donation to support the work of ICH.
- Request that your faith community or group become a financially contributing member of the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless.
- Participate in one of the ICH Seasonal Shelter programs that provide congregation based, short-term emergency meals and shelter for homeless individuals and families.
- Become an ICH volunteer mentor or tutor in the program for homeless and at-risk public school students who want and need support.
- Join us in raising community awareness about homelessness at the local, state and national levels. Provide advocacy to improve the economic, social and health status of homeless and near-homeless adults, families and youth.

So much needs to be done!

We ask you to join us in this very basic and rewarding labor of love, compassion and service within our community.

Who we are...

The Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless (ICH) was formed in 1985 by a group of interfaith clergy and laity, concerned about the plight of the homeless in our community. We formally organized in 1987, are now composed of over 100 congregations, organizations and individuals who are committed to helping alleviate homelessness in our community.

ICH is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected from the community, that is committed to fulfilling the mission of the organization.

We invite you, your faith community, or group to join us in this most special mission of love.

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INTERFAITH COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Keeping the Faith



with them

Providing a helping hand to
homeless and at-risk adults,
families and youth.

Who they are...

Single parents with small children living in alleys and cars... unemployed families who have lost their homes... the veteran with drug abuse problems, the elderly "bag lady" with chronic mental illness, who wanders the streets and parks... Youth on their own... These populations continue to grow.



According to data generated by the Tucson Planning Council for the Homeless, (TPCH) point-in-time survey in 2005, the number of homeless in the Tucson community on any given day was estimated at over 2,400. Thirty-five percent are families. In Arizona, that number is approximately 22,000 on any given night.

Current research indicates that homeless youth are one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population (National Coalition for the Homeless, 2001). In a survey conducted by the TPCH Homeless Youth Committee in 2005, over 75% of the youth said they would



not continue to be homeless if they had a choice. Half of the youth were currently enrolled in school or some other type of education/training program.

Our Programs

Christine L. Goetzke Student Mentoring Program

This school-based mentoring program matches homeless and at-risk students who are requesting help with caring adults who wish to share their skills and life experiences. Mentors follow children from school to school. Student assignments are available at various public schools.



One Hour, One Child Tutoring Program

Currently at Ft. Lowell Elementary School, this project has provided over 70 volunteers, giving more than 4,000 hours of service. This is a self referral tutoring program and open to all students. ICH is looking to expand this program into other schools in the near future.



Seasonal Shelter/Medical Clinic

A unique coalition of community Interfaith congregations & organizations providing short-term emergency shelter, meals and fellowship. During the winter months, a medical clinic is provided weekly at the Salvation Army Hospitality House. Services include basic first aid, prevention, flu shots and referrals.

Resources and Wellness

This program is located at Catalina High Magnet School's Family Resource & Wellness Center. In partnership with volunteer medical professionals & the U of A College of Nursing, sports physical exams are conducted for uninsured and low income students. Food, clothing and school supplies are also available during the school year.