

Mission Outreach 2017

**A guide to Support
and Involvement**

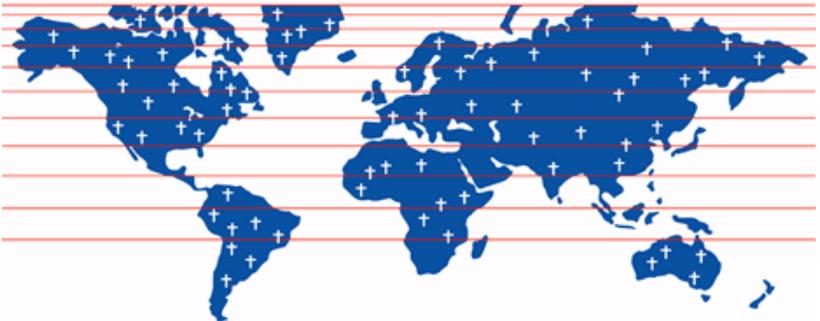
**Global
Missions**



**Local
Missions**



**Regional
Missions**



To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

VPC Mission Directory

In all we do in mission, we seek to be faithful to what the Lord requires of us.

The Mission Outreach Committee researches, reviews and evaluates those ministries and organizations which receive, or are applying for, our financial support. The committee then allocates funds budgeted by the Session or designated by gift to these ministries.

Each committee member maintains an ongoing relationship with the missions we support. This directory is a brief digest of those programs.

Valley Presbyterian Church Contact & Support Guide

This directory describes missionaries and ministries with whom Valley Presbyterian Church partners. You are encouraged to pray, correspond, volunteer your time and skills, and give financially in support of these mission partners. In doing so, you take part in the exciting work Christ has set before us throughout the world.

**For more information,
call VPC at 520-625-5023 or visit
www.valleypresbyterian.net
Visit us on Facebook**

Mission Outreach Budget

2017

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	Emergency Fund	1,500
	Total Mission Funding	\$70,500

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

What is Mission?

Most people who have been part of a church tend to think of Mission either as sending people to distant lands to share Christianity, or as charitable acts carried out in the name of God to “others” in need. Both of those impressions are true, but they aren’t the whole story, because mission is also under your own feet.

Valley Presbyterian Church has, since its founding in 1978, carried out “mission” through many different means, including:

- Being a community seeking to follow Jesus Christ, and encouraging others to find what we know in him.
- Founding, encouraging, and nurturing groups and institutions that seek to serve others, whether that service is providing food, protection, comfort, or spiritual - striving to meet needs however they are presented.
- Directly volunteering in dozens of ways, from local to global influence.
- Providing resources to those who directly help others. Mission is not just sending missionaries, nor is it just fulfilling Jesus’ charge to “feed the poor and heal the sick.” It is empowering our family of faith to “know Christ and make him known through word and deed” – an offering of our entire life to God.

HOW CAN I SERVE AT VPC?

At Valley Presbyterian Church, there are many opportunities to use your talents right here. Our congregation has a multitude of ways to serve those within our fellowship through visitation, assistance with transportation, extending our worship to those who cannot be present at our services, and spiritual caregiving such as walking with another through the process of grieving.

Contact: Paul Phillips, Pastor of Care

For more information about service opportunities, please browse the rest of this booklet. Then, contact the mission contact person at the end of each overview through the church staff.

Amado-Green Valley-Sahuarita Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

250 East Continental Road, #101 520.625.5252
Green Valley, AZ 85614 www.communityfoodbank.org

Mary Jane Goodrick, Director

The Food Banks of Southern Arizona (FBSA) provides many programs for South Tucson, Sahuarita, Green Valley and Amado. It is the mission of the FBSA to provide assistance with food for those in need, but also to enable those very same people to begin small family businesses so they may provide for themselves and supply goods for their community.

The old adage of give a man a fish and his family eats today - teach him to fish and he has food to provide every day for his family.

The Santa Cruz Farmers Market is a very successful program sponsored by FBSA and is rated in the top ten Farmer's Markets in the U.S. Some of the many products that can be bought are fresh Arizona raised salmon, Sonoran honey, fresh food and baked goods, candles made by Arizona artisans and so much more.

The FBSA also has seasonal programs such as back pack for school kids and after school treats. The Caridad Community Kitchens of FBSA give cooking lessons supplied by the fresh food grown by families that were given seeds to plant so that they could grow for themselves and sell to the community. The culinary kitchen teaches nutritional meal planning as well as providing catering for the public in southern Arizona.

These are just a few of the many programs provided to the public by FBSA.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers are always needed to help in all the programs. If you would like to know more about how you can participate, or would just like to read more about all that is going on at the FBSA, go to: www.communityfoodbank.org. You can also visit FBSA on Facebook.

The phone number for the Green Valley Food Bank is: (520) 625-5252. Also, remember the first Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. The cart to bring your donations to is in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Committee Contact: Linda Raybern

Café Justo (Just Coffee)

620 E. 10th St.
Douglas AZ 85607

520 364 3532
sales@justcoffee.org

Adrian Gonzalez, Director of Customer Service

GOAL:

Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico – a ministry of the PCUSA Border Ministry Frontera de Cristo. They market a pure, organic coffee, which is grown, harvested, and marketed in the spirit of justice and providing incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

Their goal is to employ members of the community in the agriculture, production and management/administrative roles to create a sustainable, local business.

MISSION:

Café Justo’s mission is to deliver the highest quality, organic, environmentally conscious, fresh roasted coffee to customers at a price that is fair and just. They work to create a bond between the members of the coffee growing community in Salvador Urbina and their customers throughout the world.

STORY:

Café Justo began with a discussion between the PCUSA Border Ministry, Frontera de Cristo, and the small coffee growers of Salvador Urbina, to determine how best to provide a living wage to the coffee growers. This resulted in the organization of those growers into cooperatives who would grow, harvest, roast, and market their own coffee thus shifting the profits from large, international companies to the members of the cooperative. This effort started with just one cooperative. Currently there are five co-ops supporting 115 families.

Two are in Chiapas, one in Veracruz and one in Nayarit.

The financial benefits of Café Justo are significant when compared to Fair Trade coffee or local purchases. It is also easy to see the impact this business has on migration. The people involved in producing the coffee are now building concrete homes with access to electricity and water. They are no longer trying to immigrate into the U.S. to find jobs. The value of this business to other residents of Salvador Urbina is also clear as the profits earned by the farmers are used to purchase goods and services provided by others in the community. Your coffee purchase is having a direct and dramatic effect on this community and others. The cooperative members and community are putting aside their differences to provide an excellent, chemical free, environmentally friendly product and business.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Purchase your coffee after church during fellowship on the second and fourth Sundays each month. You can purchase caffeinated or decaffeinated coffee in a medium or bold roast as beans or ground coffee. 100% of the money from our sales goes to the coffee cooperatives.
2. Contact Tommy and Lee Ann Calhoun to volunteer to sell the coffee after the church service.

Phone: 520 203 8497

Email: leampsky06@gmail.com or Thomas7487@cox.net

Mission Committee Contact: Tommy Calhoun

Casa Community Services by Posada Life

780 South Park Centre Avenue 520.625.2273
Green Valley, AZ 85614 www.PosadaLife.org

William McCreery, Director

Casa Community Services connects people with a better life through social interaction, education and caring support. With roots in community support, including Valley Presbyterian Church and other generous community organizations and individuals, Casa is able to

maintain a breadth of programs on behalf of the greater Green Valley community.

Casa's services reach across the community by helping:

- Working families in need of child care and preschool services. Los Niños del Valle Preschool and Child Care is a state-licensed program. Currently more than 70 children, ages 18 months-5 years, attend year-round. In the summer, Casa provides educational and “day camp” style care for young school-age children. Healthy outdoor play combined with learning activities are planned at Los Niños del Valle Preschool in a re-imagined use of the patio and playground. Drawing on a growing trend to provide children with “outdoor classrooms”, the playground will be filled with natural materials and play stations that encourage exploration and creativity with an environmental twist. The current patio will be enclosed to expand classroom space and service even more children in the popular child care program. Teachers and staff are being trained to make the most of the innovative area. Support is coming from individual donors, with planning and initial work funded through a grant from the Freeport McMoRan Community Investment Fund. The vision is for gardens, a climbing wall, water features, art and music areas that can be enjoyed in natural surroundings. Want to know more? Please call (520) 625-2273.
- Older adults also enjoy a range of programs. Social opportunities and Senior Lunch are available at the Casa Community Center. This is Green Valley's setting for life long learning, meetings, events and a nutritious lunch five days a week.
- Older adults and their caregivers are served by Adult Day Services. This person-centered program serves individuals with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's and other health concerns, offering activities, nursing care and social opportunities. The many advantages of intergenerational activities benefit the older adults and children from Los Niños del Valle. Caregiver respite and support are integral to this program.
- Individuals and families can benefit from Behavioral Health Services. Casa offers counseling both in our offices and in clients'

homes. Depression, grief, anxiety and many other mental health concerns are addressed with the help of licensed, experienced therapists. Medicare coverage is accepted; fee assistance is available for those unable to pay.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers help us make the most of our resources and, in turn, find greater purpose in their own lives. A special program, Victory Volunteers, is a casual approach, attracting people desiring short-term, project-based volunteering. They complete projects for other community nonprofit organizations.

Mission Committee Contact: Doris Steffy

Casa Vida Nueva para Niños
(New Life Home for Children)

Km 18, Camino Al Saric, La Escondida,
Casa Vida Nueva; (631) 112-4663
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico or (631) 106-3945

Elias and Myrna Herrera, Directors

OVERVIEW: Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños (CVN) (House of New Life for the Children) is an orphanage located in a very rural, rustic area about 20 miles southwest of the border in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. It was envisioned in 2007 and opened in August 2012 with major financial support from New Life Church of God in Tucson, AZ.

CVN’s PURPOSE: To provide a safe place to call home for boys & girls (ages 4 – 17) who have been abused and then abandoned by their parents. Left alone, they would have added to the sad statistics of abandoned youth in Sonora, Mexico. Currently they have 24 children.

CVN’s GOAL: To become a home for up to 100 children that is a national model; decrease abandonment and abuse of children; support abandoned children in a comprehensive recovery process of physical, emotional, and spiritual growth; instill in them a character of high integrity which will help them develop into adults that are free of abuse and violence; and provide them with tools to integrate into

society as healthy adults. When you visit the orphanage, you will witness the happiest, most polite group of children that you will ever meet. All are grateful for the place they now call home. To see more about CVN, go to the Valley Presbyterian Church Mission Web page for link:

<http://www.valleypresbyterian.net/casa-vida-nueva-para-nintildeos.html>.

THEIR NEED IS GREAT: THEIR NEED IS GREAT: CVN is located far away from any city-supplied electrical, water or utility services. **GOOD NEWS:** As of February 2016, most of their electricity is provided by a solar panel system donated by members of VPC and local Green Valley supporters. You can see an overview of the installation of the solar panels on our website (www.valleypresbyterian.net, then go to the Mission tab), and also view a personalized thank-you video from the orphanage for the solar panels. However, water is trucked in and stored in water tanks. Sometimes the water pressure is not enough to flush the toilets. Food, medical, living, and school supplies are mostly supplied through donations. In November, more donations came in to erect an antenna that enables the orphanage to use a house phone and web services, so important to school-age children. Their primary financial need is to finish the upstairs "common area" so the children will have a place to go and relax, watch TV, and study - think college dorm room/common area. Their primary needs are furniture, couches, and chests of drawers (for bedrooms). Their secondary needs are plastic dishware sets, a microwave, and LED light bulbs. This important mission supports Matthew 25: 35-40.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Contact Reed Olson, VPC Mission Committee Representative, (olsonr1@cox.net or 520-576-8597) to learn how you can become involved, set up a visit, and donate to their projects.

Mission Committee Contact: Reed Olson

Compañeros en Misión

259 N. Rodriguez Street mission@theriver.com
P.O. Box 1966 www.pcusa.org/border/Companeros
Nogales, AZ 85628-1966
520.287.3060

Dr. Jorge Pazos Aragon, Mexican Coordinator

As part of the Presbyterian Border Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Compañeros en Misión focuses on church development and mission outreach working in support of three small Presbyterian churches located in the cities of Caborca, Nogales, and Hermosillo, all in the state of Sonora, Mexico. All three congregations have demonstrated a membership growth during the last year.

The program seeks to build faith, understanding and relationships among Presbyterians on both sides of the border. As a joint mission project of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the National Church of Mexico, Compañeros is helping the Mexican Presbytery to enable the churches to become self-sufficient, self-governing, and self-propagating.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please help by making a contribution to Compañeros en Misión.

Mission Committee Contact: Charlie Ashton

Crossroads Nogales Mission

338 Morley Avenue 520.287.5828
P.O. Box 2246 crossroadsmision@qwestoffice.net
Nogales, AZ 85628 www.crossroadnewlifecenter.org

Ben Wenke, Director

Crossroads Mission is located in Nogales on the Arizona side of the border. Their purpose is to serve the poor, the needy, and the homeless in Nogales and surrounding areas, and they share the message of the Gospel to help these people grow spiritually. The Mission is completely non-denominational.

Since their beginning in 1995, this mission has added programs that meets the needs of the people with compassion and gives God the praise. These programs include a 6-month substance-abuse recovery program; a 6-month in house probation program; a shelter that provides abused women and children with a safe environment, warm meals, clothing and other essentials.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Place donations of food and clothing in the Nogales Mission Donation box on the second and third Sunday of each month. This is located on the bottom shelf of the food bank cart in the northeast corner of fellowship hall.

Become a VPC team member that goes to Nogales on the second and third Wednesday of each month to prepare the lunch meal for approximately (65-100 persons). Pick a time that fits your schedule. Most people go once or twice a year.

Attend the Mission Breakfast on April 8th, 2017 when Ben and Bert Wenke, directors of the Crossroads Mission, will be with us to share their story.

Mission Committee Contact: Janice Potter

General Mission Support

For more than 200 years, Presbyterians have remained unwavering in this one conviction: Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3). All power, truth, and salvation rest with God alone. Today, millions of people worldwide worship in Presbyterian churches; they gather as a grateful and loved people, eager to hear Scripture and celebrate the sacraments. They gather because God has called them into community to share with one another and the world a greater love, a brighter witness, a truer faithfulness, than they could achieve alone.

Presbyterians have always chiefly been a “sent” people. Today, the PCUSA shares the gospel through the ministry of 200 mission coworkers in 75 countries working on matters of evangelism, reconciliation, and the alleviation of poverty. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance witnesses to the healing love of Christ by caring for

communities in the midst of crisis. And heeding the call of the Holy Spirit, Presbyterians across the country are building up 1,001 new worshipping communities and empowering congregations to seek out new beginnings and engage their diverse communities.

Recognizing the need to support Presbyterian Church (USA), a portion of the mission budget directly supports Presbytery de Cristo and Presbyterian Mission Agency. While the funds to the mission agency are undirected, the monies to the Presbytery de Cristo support Youth and Young Adult Ministry, New Church Development, Church Revitalization, Community services, and Border Ministries. Specific needs can be addressed through the web sites of PCUSA and/or Presbytery de Cristo. Prayer support for Christ’s church is critical.

Mission Committee Contact: Position Vacant

Hands of a Friend (Genesis House)

P.O. Box 2097 520.648.3589
Green Valley, AZ 85622 www.domesticviolencehelp.us

Patricia O’Berry, Founder/CEO

The local Genesis House shelter is run by Hands of a Friend, and is partially funded with proceeds from DaZee’s consignment shops. Serving as a “safe haven” for female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, Genesis House has provided over 35,000 bed units since its opening in January 2007. The shelter currently has 24 beds, at an expense of approximately \$32 each day. Victims range in age from newborns to 87 years old, and may stay in shelters for up to 24 months.

Additional services provided by Hands of a Friend include: Poverty and Payroll program (an aid to employment development), parenting classes and child development aid, nutrition and health counseling, a GED program, computer classes, and medical and dental emergency work.

Hands of a Friend Foundation and Genesis House Shelter are run

entirely with volunteers. The founder/executive director and the assistant executive director work ten to twelve hours per day, six days a week, unpaid. Because Hands of a Friend is a faith-based agency, they accept no County, State or Federal funding.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

First, donate clothing and small household items to the DaZee’s consignment shops or volunteer your time at the shops, located at 231 Duval Road, just off of La Cañada near W. Duval Mine Road. Second, contribute financially through the church (or if your contribution is made directly to Hands of a Friend, up to \$400/person or \$800/couple may be used annually as an Arizona Tax Credit). Third, obtain the necessary required training and volunteer at Genesis House.

Mission Committee Contact: Helen Phillips

Mission Quilts – Women’s Ministries

Mission Quilts Chair: Patti Bright

VPC Mission Quilts started many years ago and was originally referred to as ABC Quilts, which was a nationwide effort to make and give baby quilts to mothers who had little or nothing in the way of clothes for babies. Our mission aim is to target any child, baby, or person in need of the warmth of Jesus wrapped around them. We do so by donating quilts mainly to Casa Vida Nueva, MX, Continental Medical Center,

St. Andrews Clinic, Nogales, Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales, Banner University Medical Center, Diamond Children’s Center, Project Linus, Aviva Children’s Services and Wounded Warrior Summer Camp.

Much love goes into the making of each quilt as it is passed from one set of hands to another until many hands have handled the quilt to its completion. The monies received from the Mission Committee are used to supply needed items, such as, material, thread, sewing machine repairs, and batting.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Mission Quilts meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday, from September

through mid-May, always starting at 9:00 am. We welcome anyone who wants to experience the joy of creating and giving to those in need to be a part of our quilting family. Our faithful quilters consist of both full-time resident and snowbird members, nonmember attendees and friends outside of our church. Together we are a strong, working machine.

Mission Committee Contact: Patti Bright

Operation Mobilisation

Operation Mobilisation
PO BOX 444
Tyrone, GA 30290

Pam and Dave L (confidential) blessed us again last year by sharing their time, inspirational stories, and literature with a visit to Valley Presbyterian Church. Pam and Dave are regional directors for three Muslim nations with 37 years of mission work with Operation Mobilisation (OM). They travel regularly to dangerous lands to direct and serve forgotten souls in need of Jesus Christ. In addition, Pam and Dave L have a growing ministry traveling internationally, speaking and teaching at churches and conferences. OM's role in the body of Christ is to motivate, develop and equip people for world evangelization, and to strengthen and help plant churches, especially among the unreached in the Middle East, South and Central Asia and Europe. OM currently has more than 6,100 people working in more than 110 countries around the world, seeking to "demonstrate and proclaim the love of God." In every situation OM teams attempt to adapt to the local culture and situation, endeavoring to find the best ways to share the gospel using literature, the creative arts, friendship, bible studies, video and cassette tapes, correspondence courses, relief and development work as well as other methods such as the ship, LOGOS HOPE. OM for over 50 years is a faith mission, dependent upon God to raise support for their ministries from individuals and churches. For specific information of Pam and Dave L, and their newsletter, contact Douglas Clark.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Prayer requests

1. For protection, safety, and open doors for Pam and Dave L. and their teams in these three countries in southern Asia.
2. For more people to join them in helping to reach those who have never heard the Gospel among these unreached Muslim peoples.
3. For wisdom for the right decisions and plans for the future of their ministry.
4. For blessing and direction for Pam and Dave L. and their family.

Mission Committee Contact: Doug Clark

PCUSA Seminary Support

It is vital to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to have an ongoing supply of well-educated ministers available for all of our churches, both large and small.

Many young dedicated men and women need additional support to help them through their seminary education. The monies we send to General Assembly go to ten accredited seminaries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

The money is then distributed in the following manner: 60% is divided equally among the ten seminaries; 35% is based on the enrollment of each seminary; and 5% is used for specific needs such as construction.

Mission Committee Contact: Ed Smith

Presbyterian Campus Ministry

715 North Park Avenue 520.623.7575
Tucson, Arizona 85719 www.pcmarizona.org

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) is a mission outreach of the Presbytery de Cristo located at the Campus Christian Center in the heart of the University of Arizona Campus. PCM is a welcoming, relevant, and biblically-grounded community where college students

in Tucson can: Be...themselves, beloved children of God; Belong...to a community following Jesus Christ; Become...who the Holy Spirit is calling them to be.

The core of PCM life is their Tuesday Night Dinner and Worship. Each week, the community of students carves precious time from their hectic schedules to reconnect and recharge in an inviting, fulfilling environment that is centered in a renewing time of worship. Home-cooked meals provided by congregations throughout the Presbytery give students an opportunity to relax with each other while sharing a meal.

PCM believes in mission, as mission service is central to our understanding of God's dynamic work in the world. Throughout the year, the PCM Student Peer Leaders plan service projects as well as the annual Spring Break Mission Trip. Whether it is local, national, or international, mission service gives students the chance to serve others, broaden their world view, and be part of God's work in the world.

This is a critical time in the lives of young adults, as they face challenges, changes, and temptations that tend to pull them away from the church. We invite you to pray for the ministry of PCM as they strive to support college students, minister to them, and develop them as future leaders for the Church.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can participate in the PCM ministry in a number of ways:

- Tuesday Nights at the UofA: Cook a meal for 25-30 people. Main dish, side dish, dessert, and drinks are served at the Campus Christian Center at 6:00 p.m.
- Participate in our Fundraisers: Your support and your presence make a difference!
- Pray for PCM: If you would like to participate in our prayer vigils (1-2 times/semester), please email us at pcmarizona@gmail.com.
- Donate directly to PCM's General Fund: Give online or send a check to PCM (715 N. Park Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719). Your support makes this ministry possible!

- Give of your time and talents on our Board: Are you called to serve college students? We want to involve you!

Thank you!

Mission Committee Contact: George Curtis

Bob and Kristi Rice - Congo

Kananga, West Kasai
The Democratic Republic of Congo

Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church

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Franklin, TN 37064 bobrice@pcusa.org
bobandkristi.blogspot.com

Bob and Kristi Rice began as mission workers to the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Democratic Republic of Congo in January, 2010. They serve with the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC). “God has woven Africa into our hearts and called us to serve there.”

The Presbyterian Church is growing in the Congo, and it is estimated that in the region where the Rice family is serving, there are 4-5 million Presbyterian members. Bob and Kristi provide vital leadership and educational support to this growing church. Bob and Kristi serve as consultants to the CPC, visioning and implementing new initiatives in Christian education and evangelism, developing curriculum, and traveling throughout the region as members of the evangelism team. Bob provides support to three rural pastoral institutes as well as equipping leaders and building up the church.

Bob and Kristi are involved in a project that takes homeless children off the streets and finds good, safe homes for them. Kristi also serves with community development and micro-loan projects connected to the CPC. Together, Bob and Kristi’s mission brings God’s love and hope into the lives of the Congolese people.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To donate money for their mission, designate support for the Rice's mission on checks written to VPC. Prayer support always benefits all

of our missionaries, both here and abroad. Thanks to all who support our missions at Valley Presbyterian Church. Know that your caring and support and caring makes a difference in God's Kingdom.

Mission Committee Contact: Doug Clark

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

P.O. Box 67 520.648.3242
Green Valley, Arizona 85622 www.standrewsclinic.org

Laura Romero, Executive Director

OVERVIEW: For over 40 years, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic (The Clinic) has provided free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get or afford the care they need in their home country. The Clinic is held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Arizona. As far as they know, it is the only one of its kind along the U.S./Mexico Border. The Clinic is a non-denominational, non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The volunteer professional health care staff sees approximately 225-250 patients on the first Thursday of each month except July.

THEIR NEED: The children suffer from a wide variety of serious medical problems and disabling conditions, and their parents bring them to The Clinic for a miracle. Children are seen from age 1 month to 18 years old. All patients have legal border-crossing documents. The Clinic operation in the U.S. has worked closely with Immigration Services to ensure proper documentation of all the patients and families. In turn, Immigration Services personnel have volunteered their own time to come in early on Clinic Day to ensure that the patients have the documents they need for a timely crossing. The love of the volunteers is everywhere as they faithfully return each month to help patients.

Additionally, every October, in cooperation with Children's Surgery International and CIMA Hospital, approximately 40-45 children have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This special mission involves volunteers on both sides of the US/Mexico

Border who work with the medical team to give patients smiles and a much better life.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Getting involved is easy: Call St Andrew’s Children’s Clinic main office (520-648-3242) and tell them you would like to help. They will recommend you first sign up to visit their Clinic on the next Clinic day (first Thursday of each month except July) to take a tour and watch their video. If you sign up for the 10:30 slot, you can then stay for a free lunch. Next, they will ask you to visit their visitor center and review the list of volunteer possibilities. If you would like to donate, ask them what kind of items are in high demand. Cash donations are always welcome. The Clinic welcomes tours, volunteers (medical and nonmedical), in-kind donations, and year-round friends and supporters. 98% of all donations go directly to patient care.

Mission Committee Contact: Position Vacant

Valley Assistance Services

3900 S. Camino del Heroe 520.625.5966
Green Valley, Arizona 85614 www.valleyassistanceservices.org

Christine Kang, Executive Director

The Valley Assistance Service’s (VAS) mission is to help seniors and families live independently. VAS motto is “Helping Hand Forward”. Each program takes into account the diversity of seniors as a group yet considers the individual needs of seniors at different stages of their lives. VAS incorporates a vision that is supported by five inter-related principles: dignity, independence, participation, fairness and safety/security. In our present economy the need for VAS services continues to grow; however, community resources that provides assistance to many agencies has decreased because of the economy and loss of corporate donors.

A nationally acclaimed program developed by VAS and the Green Valley Fire Department is the fall prevention program called SHiM (Safety and Health in Motion). This free program provides home

safety and health risk assessments by a team (RN's and Green Valley Fire Corps Volunteers). Each client's home is evaluated for fire safety hazards and a plan is developed for a fire evacuation. A Registered Nurse (RN) evaluates health concerns, and a handy person may install lock boxes, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and in some cases grab bars, night lights, and bath treads. During the first year of this program the number of falls in Green Valley decreased by 95%.

Our community benefits from a variety of services offered. VAS has many volunteers who help with transportation, grocery shopping, errand running, making phone calls, friendly home visits, and limited repairs by a handy person. One special program is called MAP (Map A Plan). Clients are taught to stretch their dollars by using discount programs and planning effectively. Currently VAS also has limited housing/rental assistance available. The beginning steps of building a savings plan are also taught.

One of the newest programs is called "Going Home with Care". This is a hospital discharge program that provides transportation from our local Green Valley Hospital. An RN assesses medical health needs; coordinates a billing plan, and offer a plan to help manage medications. This service has support from a professional RN team with multiple visits after discharge.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Transportation Friendly Visits Grocery Shopping
- Running Errands Friendly Phoning Simple Repairs
- Help Benefits Check Up Classes Help with Financial
- Help with Fall Prevention Program Office Clerical Help

Mission Committee Contact: Judy Clark

Youth on Their Own

1660 N. Alvernon Way 520.293.1136
Tucson, AZ 85712 www.yoto.org

Nicola Hartmann, Chief Executive Officer

Youth On Their Own (YOTO), a Tucson based non-profit agency, is dedicated to support the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs and guidance.

YOTO youth, through no fault of their own, lack a parent or long-term legal guardian physically involved in their lives, and a stable, permanent nighttime residence. Students served are in grades 6 – 12 in the Greater Tucson region including Metro Tucson, Oro Valley to the north and Sahuarita to the south.

These motivated young people cannot depend on their parents due to parental substance abuse, death, incarceration, abuse, or extreme poverty. Today, high school graduation is a vital step toward self-sufficiency and creates the well-being and opportunities in adulthood that break the cycle of poverty and reliance on social services.

YOTO Statistics for Academic School Year 2015-2016

- Homeless Students Served: 1,588 in 71 area schools
 - 52% ages 11-17
 - 48% ages 18-21
- High School Graduates: 214

The YOTO facility offers students a study area with computers to complete homework, and a mini-mall to get needed food supplies and personal hygiene items.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

YOTO is always in need of the following for their mini mall:

- New, full-sized person hygiene items
- Single-serve, non-perishable food items
- New or gently used clean bedding and towels

Gift Card Purchase

Donations can be made at our Mission Table in Fellowship Hall and/or placed in special offering envelopes (\$10 or \$20 for each card) and designated for YOTO Gift Cards. These can be left at the Information Table or in the church office.

You can also purchase \$10 or \$20 dollar gift cards from Fry’s, Safeway, Target, and/orWalmart.

Back To School Backpacks

YOTO has a drive in late summer to provide backpacks to students as they start a new school year. A donation of \$25 will purchase a backpack with basic school supplies. Larger donations will be used to add additional items to a backpack to make it suitable for either a middle school or high school student.

DONATIONS to, and SHOPPING at, the NEW RESALE HOME STORE

The new Resale Home Store is located right next to the YOTO site at 1642 N. Alvernon Way. In addition to the dollars benefitting YOTO from sales, YOTO students have an opportunity to participate in the store’s internship program which blends both academic work and practical, hands-on experience.

Donations of new and gently loved household items for Kitchen, Bed and Bath are greatly appreciated.

For more information and contact numbers, check out their great web site: yoto.org.

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