# 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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#### **Our Mission**

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## **Guiding Principles**

**Planning** ~ As a planning council, Tempe Community Council mobilizes government, businesses, nonprofits, faith leaders and the community at large to help identify problems and develop solutions to pressing human service needs.

**Advocacy** ~ As community advocates, Tempe Community Council works to give a voice to those who have none. Our advocacy efforts help create policy and improve the situation for some of Tempe's most vulnerable residents.

**Philanthropy** ~ Tempe Community Council is dedicated to promoting and encouraging residents to give back to community. Tempe Community Council has established the Tempe Community Foundation, an affiliate fund within the Arizona Community Foundation, to provide a sustainable endowment for current and long-term human service needs.

### Strategic Goals

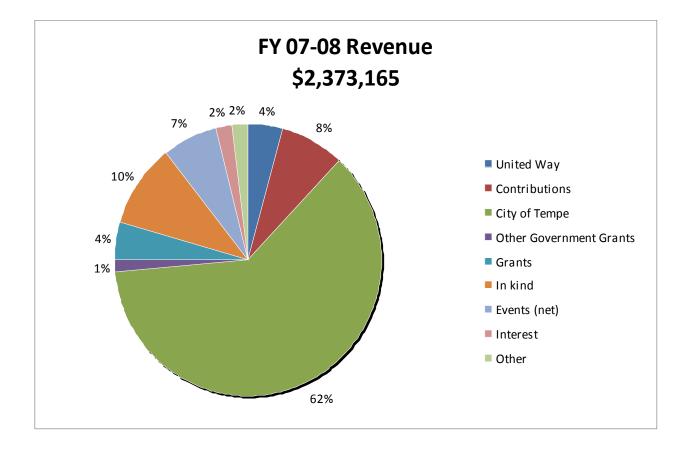
 ${\rm Lead}\,$  ~ Provide leadership in identifying, analyzing and prioritizing human service needs and requirements in the community

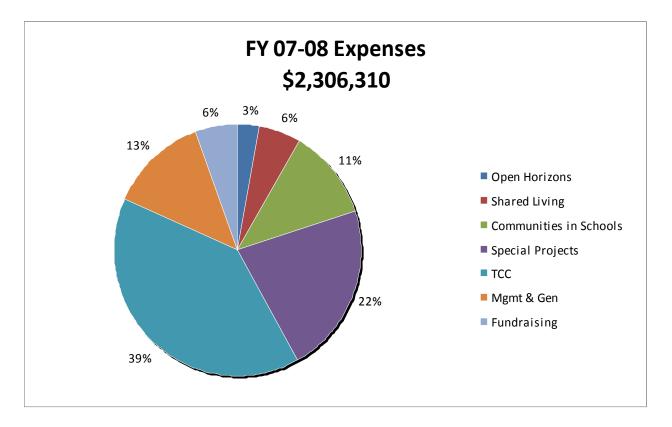
Act ~ Effectively meet the human service needs of individuals and families at risk

**Grow~** Develop and broker resources to meet the human service needs of the community

**Manage** ~ Ensure that TCC's business operations effectively support the mission and goals of the Agency

# Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Audited Budget







*Tempe Community Council* 2008-2009 Project Highlights

#### **Agency Review**

One role of the Tempe Community Council (TCC) is to distribute and manage human services funding on behalf of the <u>City of Tempe</u>. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/2009, \$1,272,134 in funds were distributed to <u>34 local nonprofits</u> that provide vital human services to Tempe residents. Fund sources include: City of Tempe General Funds (\$858,229), federal Community Development Block Grant funds (\$170,830), utility donations through the <u>Help to Others (H2O)</u> program (\$60,000) and City supplemental contingency funds (\$115,000).

Recommendations are done by a citizen-review board, through a process known as Agency Review. Thirty-six dedicated volunteers donated their time to the process and helped to identify six (6) service categories to be considered for funding:

Homeless Shelter & Services
Domestic Violence Shelter & Services
Programs for the Working Poor
Programs for Those with Developmental Disabilities

Youth Prevention & Programs
Senior Programs

Click here for a full list of our nonprofit partners



## Tempe Community Council Communities in Schools of Tempe & Kyrene 2008-2009 Highlights



<u>Communities in Schools of Tempe & Kyrene</u> works with the Tempe Elementary, Kyrene Elementary and Tempe Union High School Districts to help keep kids in school. The goal is to support children and their families and to remove the barriers that prevent children from succeeding in school. High school graduation is the long term goal. CIS serves over 6,000 children and their families each year at fifteen schools and three community sites.

In FY 2008-2009, Communities in Schools' (CIS) Family Resource Centers served over 1,000 families, including 343 homeless families. Centers located in the nine Tempe elementary schools provided clothes, food, health services, books, backpacks, training and education for parents, and a connection to additional resources in the greater community.

At the middle school level, CIS helps provide support to high-risk middle school students in the Kyrene District with the **A.C.E. Club.** The A.C.E. Club at Kyrene Middle Schools is an intensive before school program. Students are offered this voluntary program in order to address a multitude of needs they are struggling with. These students are identified by teachers, school staff, and others as those most likely to *not* succeed in high school. During the past year, 28 students at Kyrene Middle School increased their attendance and decreased their referrals for problem behaviors, giving them a much better chance at future success.

At the high school level, Compadre High School serves those students who are not doing well in a traditional school setting for a variety of reasons. Some of these students are homeless, teen parents, supporting their young siblings, have had a death in their family, and a whole host of other issues. While Compadre has provided these students with the opportunity of graduating, they did not have a counselor to assist them with nonacademic issues. CIS has been supporting a part-time counselor for these students. In 2008-2009, 127 students received individual or group counseling. The students who received counseling were much more likely to graduate than those who did not, 87% vs. 66%.

The third annual **Tempe Youth Showcase** was held at the Tempe Center for the Arts on April 4, 2009. A team of teens from several Tempe high schools worked all year to learn how to create an event from the ground up and featured more than 80 young people from ages 6-18 and celebrated the creativity, enthusiasm, and talent of our community's young people. While this event was a great success, it has been decided to suspend this event and focus on the core programs during this next year. The CIS Board and staff feel the best use of limited resources at this time is to support those children who may be at even greater risk due to the difficult economic conditions.



## Tempe Community Council Earned Income Tax Credit Initiative 2008-2009 Highlights

#### Earned Income Tax Credit Initiative

The <u>Tempe EITC/Asset Development Initiative (EITC)</u> completed its seventh year of operation. EITC has a mission to help low/moderate income individuals and families achieve economic stability. Hosted by the <u>Tempe Schools Credit Union</u> and supported through generous public and private donations, EITC was able to accomplish the following astounding results:

- Prepared **889 tax returns** at the tax super-site bringing over **\$1,449,814** in federal and state refunds back to low and moderate income area families.
- Opened 30 accounts. 91% of taxpayers already banked. 7% not interested in being banked.
- Issued 25 no fee, Iow APR Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) totaling \$48,743. Average Ioan cost was \$7. We saved these taxpayers **\$4,825**.
- Targeted outreach to those receiving RALs. 85 taxpayers (10%) served by our Initiative reported using a paid preparer and receiving a RAL last year. We helped these taxpayers save over **\$16,000** in tax preparation and RAL fees.
- Sold 92 Series I savings bonds to 59 taxpayers who invested a total of \$9,600 of their federal refunds. As an incentive/reward, free \$50 bonds were awarded to the first 50 purchasers.
- Screened 32 taxpayers for public benefits eligibility 6 signed up for AHCCCS or Kids Care.
- Recruited 54 taxpayers to receive financial education information throughout the year!
- Involved **75 volunteers** who contributed 3,316 hours saving the Initiative over \$165,800.
- Maintained a high return on each volunteer's investment -- Every 1 hour of volunteer time brought an average of \$437 to an area household.
- Maintained low "rejection rate" indicating an effective Quality Assurance process.



Congressman Harry Mitchell visits with the dedicated EITC volunteers

*Tempe Community Council Special Projects 2008-2009 Highlights* 



Open Horizons is a drop out prevention program, providing quality child care for teen parents so they may finish high school.



Continuing to provide safe, affordable and comfortable living arrangements for active adults in the Shared Living Village.



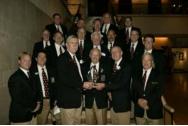
A record number (over 1100!) of high school students were provided with a free formal dress at the 2009 Cinderella Affair—making Prom affordable for their families during these difficult economic times.





#### 2008 Don Carlos Awards

Pen Johnson was selected as the 2008 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year.
The inaugural Guiding Light Philanthropy Award was also presented to The Tempe Diablos.





TCC is continuing the work of growing the Tempe Community Foundation for future human services. <u>Team Tempe</u>, <u>Tempe Karma</u> are just some of the initiatives making an impact on future generations.

#### Mayor's Disability Awards

TCC partnered with City of Tempe and the Disability Commission to host the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Mayor's Disability Awards.

## Volunteer Groups

Over 700 volunteers dedicated their time and talents to Tempe Community Council's mission of **connecting those in need with those who care**. *Thank you!* 

TCC Volunteer Hours 2008-2009 8,305 hours @ \$20.25 = \$168,176 value!		
Project	Volunteer Group	Estimated Hours
Agency Review	42 Community members	720
CIS Board	18 Community Volunteers	300
CIS Tempe Youth Showcase	100 Students	800
CIS Partner Schools	200 volunteers as Parent Liaison/ Family Resource Centers and No Parent Left Behind Education	1,000
Cinderella Affair	260 volunteers from the East Valley Women's League, National Charity League, Needlewhielders and general community	816
EITC	75 Community Volunteers, ASU Stu- dents	3,316
TCC Board	30 Community Volunteers	1,080
TCC Office Volunteers	15 Community Volunteers and ASU Students	115
Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards	6 Committee members	70
	GRAND TOTAL	8,305 hours

#### TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Executive Committee:** President, **Margaret Hunnicutt**; Vice-President, **Arlene Chin**; Secretary, **Kathy Stevens**; Treasurer, **Charlie Vester,** Member-At-Large, **Brian Martin**; Member-At-Large, **Mike Rooney**; Past Board President, **Lance Cypert** 

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Cheryl Beard	Robert Kizere
Marriage and Family Therapist Term 2 ended 2009	Owner, Robert Vaughn Designs Resigned
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Becky Bowman	Lauren Kuby
RN, Banner Mesa Medical Center	Director of Events, ASU Institute of Sustainability
Term 2 ended 2009	Term 2 ends 2012
Barry Brooks	Barbara Lloyd
Owner, Cookies From Home	Assoc. Vice President, CRES Commercial Real Estate
Term 2 ends 2010	Term 1ends 2010
Angel Carbajal Jr.	Brian Martin
Assistant Chief of Police, City of Tempe Police	Managing Director, Sonoran Capital
Term 2 ends 2012	Resigned
Bobbie Cassano	Nick Miner
Consultant, Cassano & Associates	Associate Broker, Eagle Commercial Realty Services
Term 2 ends 2010	Term 1ends 2011
Arlene Chin	Stan Morris
Executive Coordinator, Arizona State University	President and Owner, Peoples Mortgage Company
Term 2 ends 2011	Term 1ends 2011
Maryanne Corder	Cecil Patterson, Jr.
Community Volunteer, Retired	Retired State Court Judge
Term 2 ends 2011	Term 2 ends 2010
Lance Cypert	Christophe Pla
C.P.A.	Vice President of Direct Marketing, Insight
Term 2 ended 2009	Term 1ends 2010
Shana Ellis	Mike Rooney
Councilmember, City of Tempe	Lawyer, Sacks Tierney P.A.
Term 2 ends 2012	Term 1 ends 2010
Suzanne Fallender	Kate Spielmann
Communications Manager, Intel Corporation	Professor, ASU Dept. Human Evolution /Social Change
Term 1 ends 2011	Term 2 ended 2009
Robert Hackett, Jr.	Kathy Stevens
Yield Group Leader, Intel Corporation	Special Projects, Salt River Project
Term 1 ends 2011	Term 2 ends 2011
Margaret Hunnicutt	Dave Summers
CEO, Tempe Schools Credit Union	Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church
Term 2 ends 2011	Term 2 ends 2010
Mike Jennings	Charlie Vester
Owner, Campus Corner	Owner, MarVest Financial Services, Inc.
Term 1 ends 2010	Term 2 ends 2011
Ryan Joy	Woody Wilson
Vice President of Creative Services, DW Green Co	Syndicated Writer
Term 1 ends 2010	Term 1 ends 2010
Pam Kane	
Prevention Counselor and US Airways Flight Attendant	Executive Director - Katherine Hanley, M.A.
Term 1 ends 2011	

## Tempe Community Council Staff

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Lynette Stonefeld, M.P.A., M.C. Project Director, CIS of Tempe/Kyrene

Diane Bennett Project Director, Earned Income Tax Credit Initiative

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Caterina Mena, M.P.A. Management Assistant

Kathy Nugent Accounting Manager

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Brandy Uhl Administrative Assistant









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