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# CHANDLER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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## DIRECTOR CORNER

### Volunteers Wanted

The center is always looking for volunteers to help with various functions .

We are currently looking for a volunteer coordinator.

Please contact us if you, your group or organization would like to get involved.

We have taken great strides towards our goal of increasing awareness to the community of the plight of the hunger in our community.

Jan. through March 2007 the food bank served 2,477 families with food. That's a minimum of 10,077 people receiving enough food to prepare 90,693 meals! The Fiscal Year total is 7,187 families. (35,350 individuals / 318,50 meals)

CCCC is gearing up for our Back to School program. School starts July 28, 2008 for all elementary school children in the Chandler Unified School District. We must have filled back packs and money for clothing by July 10th in order to ensure continued success with this much needed program for the children in our community in need of assistance.



Please contact us if you or your organization would like to get involved and how you can help.

Remember the food bank can take in fresh vegetables and fruit from gardens! We have a walk in cooler that can be used to maintain freshness. Donations are always accepted.

We thank you for your support,

Elaine Leaños

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Golf-A-Thon Was Held Saturday April 5, 2008**
- **Back to School Program will Begin July 2008**
- **Hot Ticket Casino Night Fundraiser will be Held September 12, 2008**

## NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Brenda Simmes has joined CCCC as the new Development Director. Brenda will be in charge of event planning, program development and public relations for the Chandler Christian Community Center .

Prior to joining CCCC Brenda owned and operated her owned business for the last 7 years. Her background has been in event planning /

fundraising . "I look forward to being a part of CCCC to help it grow and expand its opportunities to our clients".

If would like to find out more information on getting involved or sponsoring an event please contact Brenda Simmes at: [cccbl@cox.net](mailto:cccbl@cox.net) Phone: 602-799-0822

## PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD

Chandler Christian Community Center today announced it has teamed with the White House to become a Certifying Organization for the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service.

Established in 2003, the AWARD was created by President George W. Bush to give Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet requirements for volun-

teer service, measured by the number of service hours performed over 12-months

Chandler Christian Community Center is one of thousands of organizations that have joined forces to deliver the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD and honor the volunteers who strengthen our Nation. As a Certifying Organization for the AWARD, Chandler Christian Community Center is responsible for verifying service hours, nominating potential recipients and delivering the AWARD.

"We are extremely proud to recognize our most outstanding volunteers with the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD," said Elaine Leños-Executive Director.

"Chandler Christian Community Center volunteers are role models in our community, donating their time, energy and talent to bring us closer together as neighbors and a Nation. The AWARD is our way of thanking these volunteers and inspiring everyone in our community to make volunteering a central part of their lives."

To Find out how you or your organization can get involved, please contact us at: 480-963-1423

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Fritz Passolt, Pat Welch and Perla Cossio

**Fritz Passolt** has been a volunteer for CCCC for over twelve years. Fritz comes to the Center twice a week to work in the Food Bank. He spends countless hours each month recording donations of food and working on reports along with entering client data into our computer. Fritz and his wife Criss's hearts are filled with love and compassion for helping people in need. They are very active in their church, Tempe Church of the Nazarene.

**Pat Welch** has been coming to the Center for over three years. Her commitment to helping others is evident in her work. Whether it is on Monday afternoon or Thursday

morning she comes in with a smile and is ready to get to work. She fills each box with food and compassion! We are fortunate to have Pat involved with CCCC as she also spends two days a week at the Chandler hospital gift shop volunteering and assists regularly in her church, Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

**Perla Cossio** is one of our younger volunteers. She has been volunteering for five years. Her recent pregnancy has not slowed her down. She still volunteers five days a week. Her bilingual abilities and quick, charming smile is a great asset

to the Center. Whether Perla is working in the food bank, clothing bank, or registering families for our annual Back to School Program for elementary children her sparkling personality shines through. She remains one of the hardest working volunteers here at the Center.

We are privileged and honored to have such dedicated people coming in to assist with the daily activities.

If you would like to volunteer at CCCC, please contact us today.

## GOLF-A-THON

Saturday April 5, 2008 Chandler Christian Community Center held their 3rd annual Golf-A-Thon, at Bear Creek Golf Course to benefit the programs and services of CCCC.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Golf-A-Thon at Bear Creek golf course. The Golf-A-Thon event, which included a luncheon, as well as a

raffle for prizes, was very well attended and was sponsored by CHW-Chandler Regional/Mercy Gilbert Hospital.

"Special thanks go to Board of Directors and the members of the committees who worked very hard to make this event possible," said Brenda Simmes-Development Director.

"I continue to be amazed at the level of generosity afforded to us by this community." The celebration raised in excess of \$16,000.

CCCC thanks all participants, donors, supporters and volunteers for their generous support.



### BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beginning July 2008, the Chandler Christian Community Center plans to implement our Back to School Program in the Chandler Unified School District.

Items supplied will be backpacks, basic school supplies and school uniforms and clothing for the children.

Children who participate in this program will be referred by teachers and school counselors, based on their observations of the child and their knowledge of any family crises that might be affecting the child.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you or your organization to get involved, and to be a part a young child's education.

For more information on how you can get involved please contact us at 480-963-1423.



### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Chandler Christian Community Center will provide this program at no cost to individuals in the community to help them: acquire basic English proficiency; prepare for citizenship; improve basic educational skills; and opportunities to earn a high school equivalency diploma.

Through partnerships with other community agencies, students will be offered a one stop network of services that will include: orientation and assessment of educational levels and one to one tutoring.

Participants will be given access to and learn to utilize a wide variety of

effective educational resources made available to them through the program.

To find out more information on how you can be involved, please contact us: 480-963-1423

**“Everyone Deserves the Chance to Learn and to Have New Opportunities”**

### “HOT TICKET” CASINO GALA

**Ante Up!**  
Chandler Christian Community Center will host their first “HOT TICKET” Casino Gala, a Vegas-style gambling night (not real money, of course)

This will be a fun filled night with food, music and a silent auction will also

be featured at the event. All proceeds support the vital work of the Chandler Christian Community Center.

We are asking our business friends in the community to help our center by sponsoring the event, advertising in our

program book or donating a silent auction item.

The date will be Friday September 12, 2008

For information on how to become a sponsor or get involved, please contact: Brenda Simmes - Development Director 602-799-0822



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## **Our Mission**

The CCCC meets basic human needs, including emergency food and clothing, for people in crisis in the Chandler community and works to empower individuals and families by providing programs that develop skills needed for self-sufficiency and long-term change.

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