

great is thy **FAITHFULNESS**

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



 **Arizona Baptist**
Children's Services
& Family Ministries
providing hope & care



CORE VALUES

- Honor God in all we do
- Build relationships through trust and respect
- Be a good steward with what we have been given
- Do everything with excellence



46
decisions
for Christ



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Providing hope and care to hurting children and families through Christ-centered ministries

ARIZONA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES & FAMILY MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTERS

Building relationships while meeting physical and spiritual needs in each community. Resources include food, clothing and other assistance to support families in need.



MISSION ENCOUNTER 360

Developing, supporting and investing in God's people by exposing individuals and groups to ministry opportunities through a wide range of experiences.



ARMS OF LOVE FOSTER CARE & PARENT AIDE

Partnering with the state to provide contracted parenting education and supervised visits for families in the state system, and foster care/adoption services for those wishing to provide safe, loving homes for the children in care.



NEW LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS

Providing hope and care to those facing a pregnancy, planned or unplanned, through Christ-centered ministries.



NEW LIFE COUNSELING

Providing Christ-centered, Biblically-based counseling for individuals, couples, families, teenagers, children, pastors and ministry leaders.



PURSUE LIFE ADULT MINISTRY

Providing hope and care to aging adults by guiding them to live in the fullness of God's promises in every season of life through support, community, purpose and personal legacy.



NEW LIFE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

Providing life skills through education, resources and training for individuals committed to improving their lives and achieving stable, independent living.



ALL I HAVE NEEDED

thy hand hath
PROVIDED



STEVE HANNA

Executive Director & President
Arizona Baptist Children's Services
& Family Ministries

DEAR FRIENDS OF ABCS,

We are intentional about looking back over the year to reflect on what God has done through this ministry as we provide hope and care to hurting children and families. We praise Him for His provision, enabling us to serve thousands of clients across the state, and we are grateful for the inevitable challenges that come along with ministry that refine us and make us better. Last year was filled with both blessings and challenges. Through it all, God is faithful.

The expansion of our resource centers inspired us to launch a Community Resource Center ministry in 2016, which includes hub resource centers such as the Rio Vista Center, Casa de Amor and Caring Ministries, as well as smaller satellite resource centers located on campuses with our offices or other sites. ABCS distributed 41,700 food boxes, 11,586 clothing bags and 30,167 diapers through our Community Resource Centers.

We are grateful for other 2016 milestones including 89 adoptions through Arms of Love Foster Care, 2,042 families involved with the Department of Child Safety served by our staff, 29 decisions for life through New Life Pregnancy Centers and 46 decisions for Christ across our ministries. This work, meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs, was made possible by the 47,225 hours volunteers served with us in 2016 and faithful supporters like you.

These blessings came during a challenging season of parent aide contract negotiations with the state, which resulted in changes to our ministry and staff. We value our longtime partnership with the state of Arizona and know these seasons of change are part of the work we do together.

In Him,

Steve Hanna

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"
- Matthew 25:40

The Southern Region grew by over three million pounds in April 2016 when Caring Ministries joined ABCS. Caring Ministries collects and distributes an average of over 73,000 pounds of food per week to meet the needs of families living in poverty. Started in 1972 by a local church in an impoverished neighborhood, Caring Ministries has grown to include a network of churches and community partners throughout Arizona.

Caring Ministries was the third large food distribution center to join ABCS after the Rio Vista Center in South Phoenix and Casa de Amor in Mesa joined in 2015. These became the main hubs for a new ABCS ministry, Community Resource Centers. Like the Rio Vista Center and Casa de Amor, Caring Ministries is mostly volunteer-run and has established relationships with the community food bank, local businesses and churches. These hubs collect and distribute food to smaller Community Resource Centers and church partners across the state. Together, the centers and partners feed those in need across Arizona. The goal of the Community Resource Centers is to reach out to those who are lost, to serve those who are in need and to show God's love.

The need for a large group of consistent volunteers at Caring Ministries offers a unique ministry opportunity. About one-third of the volunteers live on-site and benefit from other resources at Caring Ministries and ABCS. These volunteers gain valuable work experience and support while they work to transition from a time of hardship in their lives. They participate in Bible studies and mentorships with other volunteers and staff, meet with a New Life counselor and participate in New Life Transitional Program classes.

Clients are often referred to a Community Resource Center by another ministry, such as Parent Aide, New Life Pregnancy Center and New Life Transitional Program. Community Resource Center hubs also help churches reach their own communities with food and the Gospel. Food ministry is a practical way to help those in need, build relationships and start spiritual conversations.

Over 50 regular volunteers help Caring Ministries run six days a week, 52 weeks of the year. Volunteers pictured below sort donated food items and prepare them for distribution to community members and partner organizations across the state.



Statewide Operations Southern Region Office

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Program Administrator

Steve Hanna, Executive Director



Arizona's poverty rate of 17.4% is among the highest in the nation¹ with one in four children struggling with hunger².

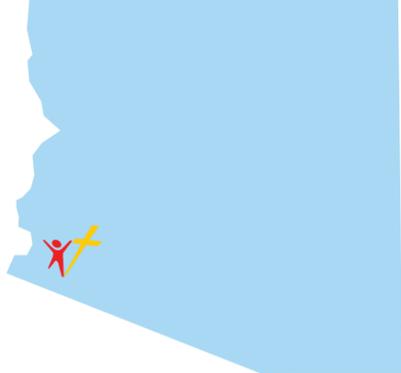


Tucson is the fifth poorest large city in the US³.

Caring Ministries collected and distributed 3.8 million  pounds of food in 2016.

¹ Bice, Allie. "Poverty Rates in Arizona Still among Nation's Highest." Azcentral. N.p., 16 Sept. 2016. Web. 10 Feb. 2017.
² "Stay in Touch with A Place at the Table!" Action Center / End Child Hunger in Arizona. N.p., n.d. Web. 10 Feb. 2017.
³ Kennedy, Bruce. "America's 11 Poorest Cities." CBS News. CBS Interactive, 18 Feb. 2015. Web. 10 Feb. 2017.

southwest REGION



Southwest Region Office

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Yuma, AZ 85365
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Program Administrator Sheryl Van Horn

The Southwest Region is able to extend their ministry across the border thanks to our partnership with Iglesia Bautista Fe y Esperanza in Ciudad Morelos, Mexico, where one of our New Life Pregnancy Centers is located. Our Mission Encounter 360 ministry organizes trips with church groups and ABCS staff to visit the Mexico center and work with the church to minister to that community.

 Arms of Love Foster Care has been in Yuma since 2014 and Parent Aide since 2015. In 2016, 11 new Yuma foster families were licensed and 38 foster children were cared for by Arms of Love foster parents. Yuma parent aides served 123 DCS-involved families, about 369 children. Statewide, parent aides supervised an average of 868 visits and conducted 435 parenting education sessions per week.



The sign in front of our new Yuma office space highlights our ministry model to partner with local churches to serve the community together. We are thankful to churches across the state that house our ministries and partner with us to serve those in need.

After months of prayer God opened the door for ABCS to move our Yuma office to the campus of Immanuel Southern Baptist Church. We had been at our previous commercial property location serving the surrounding community for 17 years. The church allowed ABCS to move into modular buildings on their property. ABCS made minor renovations to the buildings to better accommodate our needs, and then began the moving process with the help of local church partners and volunteers.

The ABCS ministry model of housing our offices on church campuses is a win-win partnership that benefits the church, the community and ABCS. The partnership in Yuma provides ABCS with more adequate space at a significant cost reduction. The Yuma office serves the community through New Life Pregnancy Center, New Life Counseling, Arms of Love Foster Care and Parent Aide. There are plans to add a small resource center and family visitation rooms for parent aides to use for supervised visits.

Since the grand re-opening of the Yuma office in May 2016, representatives from the Department of Child Safety have come to the new office to meet with parent aides to discuss cases and how to best serve clients. Events and classes for foster families have been hosted there, and over 300 material distributions a month of diapers, clothing and wipes have been given out through New Life Pregnancy Center. God has been faithful to provide resources through local donations and diaper banks.

Tricia (name changed), a New Life Pregnancy Center client who had been served at our previous location, came by the new office to donate some clothing and give back to the ministry. At one time she considered abortion for her baby, but chose life after visiting with pregnancy center staff and volunteers. Tricia shared that the father of her children who had originally rejected the baby is now coming around and spending time with them. She was grateful that New Life Pregnancy Center was there for her during her time of crisis. We know God will be faithful to bring many clients like Tricia to our new location.

In January 2016 ABCS moved our Phoenix office to the campus of Central Phoenix Community Church (formerly Mission Drive Baptist Church). The move was preceded by a lot of preparation, including a capital campaign to raise \$100,000 towards the renovation costs, and 440 volunteers serving 2,100 hours helping with cleaning, renovation and various projects. At the end of the campaign, a total of \$171,449 was raised. The BHHS Legacy Foundation gave ABCS three grants totaling \$25,000 to fully fund the resource center. We are in awe of how God provided for this move.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported this project by giving, volunteering and praying. In addition to the funds raised, several churches supported the campaign by sending volunteer teams to help with construction or sponsoring rooms. Because of their generosity, our four family visitation rooms, resource center and New Life Pregnancy Center are completely furnished.

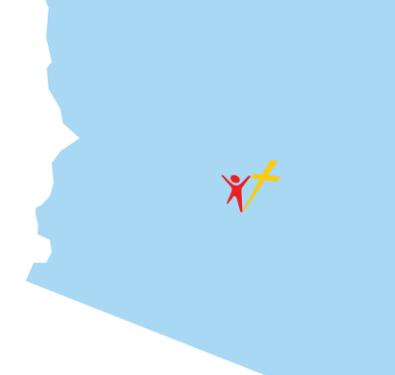
ABCS hosted a community-wide open house in April to formally introduce ourselves to the neighborhood and those we have the opportunity to serve through the New Life Pregnancy Center and Community Resource Center. The event included bounce houses, activities and face painting for kids, lunch served by Arizona Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, a Christian DJ and classic cars. Both the pregnancy and resource centers were open during the event. A pregnancy center client chose life for her baby that day, and 36 food bags were given out.

The first year of ministry in the new space flew by. In addition to serving 1,090 clients through the resource center from March to December, the pregnancy center team ministered to dozens of families and the building was utilized for foster parent training classes, Pursue Life Adult Ministry workshops and ABCS staff trainings. We are thankful for this gift from God and for our new community.

Phoenix staff introduce the community to the new Phoenix office resources at the April 30 open house event. It took a full year to prepare for the move of our Phoenix office, renovate the building and relocate our staff and ministries. Thank you to each group that helped us move to better serve the community.



central REGION



Central Region Office

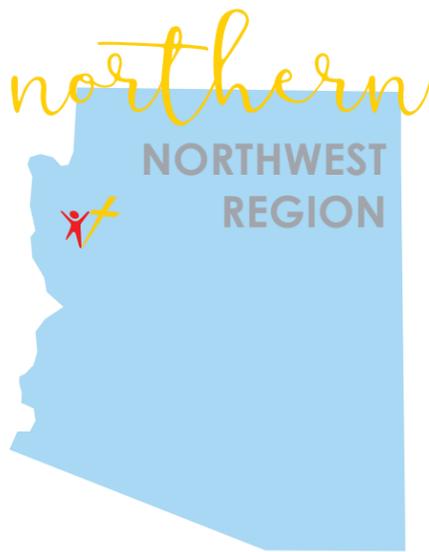
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Program Administrator Nichole Tamburstuen State Director of Foster Care & Adoption

ABCS was selected to participate in the Southwest Gas Fuel For Life employee giving program in Phoenix for two years. Ten Southwest Gas employees who chose ABCS as their designated charity came for a tour of our new building and a presentation on our ministries. They presented ABCS with a large cardboard check for \$102,000 representing the amount their employees gave to ABCS in 2016. Their total giving to ABCS for the two year program in Phoenix was nearly \$230,000!



Casa de Amor in Mesa gave out 2,637 food boxes in 2016. The Rio Vista Center in South Phoenix gave out 7,270 food boxes, and during their annual Turkey Day event provided 1,013 families with frozen turkeys and fed 2,600 people a hot Thanksgiving meal.



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There are currently over

17,000

children in care of the Arizona Department of Child Safety. Thanks to your support, 15 new families in Northern Arizona and 108 throughout the state were licensed through Arms of Love Foster Care in 2016.



The community of Prescott raised awareness of the need for foster families during the first annual 5K for Foster Care, with 82 runners and three local sponsors participating in and supporting the event.

Arms of Love families in the Northern region cared for 17 children in 2016, and cared for a total of 545 children across Arizona.



A participant runs in the first annual 5K for Foster Care in Prescott, AZ, and is cheered on by a volunteer. Thank you to Arizona Shine, the title sponsor of the event. The third annual Jingle Bell Jog was also held in Wickenburg to benefit New Life Pregnancy Center.

Arms of Love Foster Care expanded to Mohave County in 2016. The expense and time involved with expanding to a new area are significant, so ABCS will only consider entering a new community if we are invited or if there are strong partnerships in that community so we clearly see God is already at work. A pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Lake Havasu City asked Arms of Love to come to their city, and we responded. We are thankful for this church partner that actively promotes foster care in their church and allows ABCS to utilize their space.

According to a 2015 report by the state of Arizona, Mohave County was the fourth largest area for removal. Additionally, the report estimated that 1,347 children from Mohave County were in the state's care, which was about seven percent of the total number of children in care, yet the population of Mohave County represents only three percent of Arizona's population. Behind these statistics are children who need loving homes. They have been removed from their home because of neglect, physical abuse or emotional trauma. Many children in the Mohave County area must be placed in foster homes in other counties instead of their own community, causing further trauma.

Arms of Love is one of two Christian foster care agencies serving in Mohave County. Our team partners with the state to provide foster care and adoption services for those wishing to provide safe, loving Christian homes for children in the state's care. Our goal is to develop open, supportive relationships with foster families as they serve hurting families with the love of Christ.

Arms of Love hosted an orientation with 40 families, held a foster parent training class and has reached out to nearby churches to speak about the need for foster parents. While establishing a foster care ministry in more rural areas can take time and comes with unique challenges, we are confident we will see more families come forward to meet the critical need for foster homes. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in the hearts of families in this area.

Working in partnership with local churches, ABCS ministry leaders get to know the needs of the surrounding communities. At times adjustments must be made to best fit these needs while staying faithful to our call and mission, especially while facing challenges across other ministries.

New Life Pregnancy Center entered such a season in 2016 as three center locations, two in the Eastern Region, were transitioned to the leadership of partner churches. It became clear there was not as great a need in Holbrook and St. John's for the full scope of New Life Pregnancy Center services including free pregnancy tests, counseling and parenting classes.

Strategic discussions with the churches' leadership took place to determine together how best to minister to their communities. Through continued partnership with New Life Pregnancy Center and Arizona diaper banks, the churches housing these two centers took over leadership of distributing diapers and clothing to families in need.

We seek God's guidance in all ministry decisions, and He has been faithful to lead. Being flexible to adjust to the needs of the community allows us to remain faithful stewards of your support and partnership in the mission of New Life Pregnancy Center and all ABCS ministries.

New Life Pregnancy Centers remain in Winslow and Snowflake, as well as across the state. Since Winslow's opening two years ago, strong community support has provided services to 145 children and their families. In the Eastern Region, an average of 46 children visit and are served by the two centers each week.

According to volunteer director Michelle Hunt, "It is amazing to build relationships with clients over the past two years, to see babies become toddlers and to see adults ask more about Christ."

New Life Pregnancy Center clients often express their thankfulness for the free services your support provides them during times of need. Pregnancy centers, especially in the Eastern Region, depend on the generous and faithful support of volunteers.



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Program Administrator
Elaine Gaston

In the small communities of Winslow and Snowflake, 34 families visited New Life Pregnancy Centers for parenting classes and 10 for Bible study. Center staff gave out 40 Bibles and one client committed their life to Christ.



In 2016, Eastern Region centers provided free pregnancy tests for 37 women. Two of those women were considering abortion and received crisis counseling at the center. Both women chose life for their unborn babies!

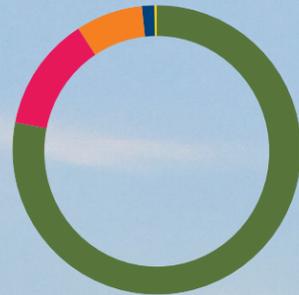
Pregnancy Center Statewide Highlights

- 14 pregnancy centers
- 883 pregnancy tests
- 74 ultrasounds
- 29 decisions for life
- 25 decisions for Christ

ABCS *financials*

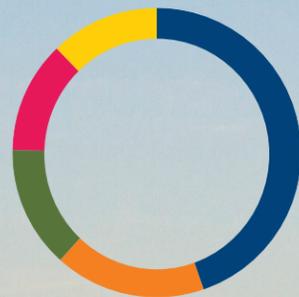
2016 Support and Revenue

State contracts (Foster Care and Parent Aide)	\$8,905,532	78.1%
Public contributions	\$1,461,581	12.8%
In-kind contributions	\$856,751	7.5%
Private care (includes fee-for service)	\$163,130	1.4%
Other revenue (includes special events)	\$23,179	0.2%
2016 TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$11,410,173	100%



2016 Public Contributions

Individual gifts	\$654,198	44.8%
Corporate/civic gifts	\$247,398	16.9%
Arizona Southern Baptist Cooperative Program	\$200,645	13.7%
Legacy gifts	\$184,011	12.6%
Church gifts	\$175,329	12.0%
2016 TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,461,581	100%



2016 Expenses

Program services	\$9,803,509	82.9%
Supporting services – administration	\$2,018,924	17.1%
2016 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,822,433	100%



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The numbers above are from the 2016 audited financials. They do not include Caring Ministries, a separate 501(c)(3) organization under the ABCS ministry umbrella. The full audit is available at abcs.org. We know that donors have many choices when it comes to supporting ministries and charitable organizations, and are grateful for your interest in learning more about ABCS. Gifts made to ABCS are used wherever the need is greatest, unless a specific ministry is designated. Funds stay locally in the region where the contribution is given. ABCS is a 501(c)(3) organization accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

ministry HIGHLIGHTS



725 CLIENTS IN
2,509 COUNSELING SESSIONS

41,700 FOOD BOXES DISTRIBUTED

108 new foster families licensed

1,710 volunteers served
47,225 hours

431,100 diapers and
27,080 clothing bags given out

TOGETHER WE PROVIDED HOPE AND CARE TO AN ESTIMATED **21,828** PEOPLE THROUGH SEVEN CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRIES

social MEDIA

1,917 FOLLOWERS

166 FOLLOWERS

345 FOLLOWERS

4,004 VIEWS

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great is thy **FAITHFULNESS**

Great is Thy *faithfulness*, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they *fail not*
As Thou hast been Thou *forever* will be

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed *Thy hand hath provided*
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and *springtime* and *harvest*
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great *faithfulness, mercy* and *love*

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