

2015 Annual Report



WORKING TOGETHER

to provide hope and care across Arizona





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& Family Ministries

“We are grateful for those we partner with to meet the needs of the least of these. Churches, organizations, government agencies, communities and individuals are a part of the ministry of ABCS. We don't do it alone.”

Dear Friends of ABCS,

It is a blessing to be a part of the Kingdom work happening at ABCS. We do our best to recognize opportunities for ministry that God presents. Our goal is never to be bigger for the sake of growth, but simply to be faithful to our call while providing quality services to those in need of hope and care.

With that in mind, 2015 was a year of growth for ABCS. You'll see yellow text boxes throughout this report that mark significant milestones. We are grateful for how God has continued to develop this ministry and that He has brought many supporters and partners along to make it possible.

We hope this will be the first of many annual reports. We value transparency at ABCS and know that it is important to provide this information to our donors and the public. One of our core values is to be a good steward with what we have been given, and therefore we apply contributions where they will have the greatest impact. We are held accountable by an annual external audit, as well as the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. Please call us at (800) 678-0648 with any questions.

In Him,

Steve Hanna

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ARIZONA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES & FAMILY MINISTRIES

ABCS is a faith-based, nonprofit organization with seven ministries and one mission: **to provide hope and care to hurting children and families through Christ-centered ministries.** We reach people in your community with services that meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Our vision is that every adult and child is given care, support, kindness and the love of Jesus Christ. We serve the full spectrum of Arizona families, from unborn babies to seniors.



101 decisions for Christ in 2015

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



“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

- Matthew 25:40



Pictured are attendees at the Rio Vista Center's annual Turkey Day event. Volunteers of all ages give of their time to provide hope and care. Members of the community stand in line to receive frozen turkeys and fixings to make a Thanksgiving meal, and are served a hot meal.



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.

Rio Vista Center and Casa de Amor join ABCS



In 2015, the Rio Vista Center in South Phoenix and Casa de Amor in Mesa became a part of ABCS. Both are well-known resource centers in their communities. Each year the Rio Vista Center hosts Turkey Day to address hunger during the holiday season. This was the first year that ABCS was a part of Turkey Day alongside Rio Vista.



A community meal is shared with more than 2,000 neighbors, and frozen turkeys and holiday food bags are given to over 800 families to enjoy a great Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey Day is possible thanks to donors and over 300 volunteers that cook turkeys, serve food, hand out bags and more. Families can accept prayer from volunteers, and children can play in a special activity area put together by the New Life Pregnancy Center on Rio's campus. Many families that attend later return for ongoing services. Auggie came to Turkey Day years ago. He visited monthly for food boxes and soon asked how he could help. He and his wife are some of Rio's most faithful volunteers. We

are grateful that, together with donors and volunteers, providing a holiday meal can introduce individuals and families to Rio, ongoing support and ultimately God's love.

Volunteers travel to Mexico to serve alongside the New Life Pregnancy Center in Ciudad Morelos and the church that houses the center (top right). The group brought supplies for the center and ministered to the community. Mission Encounter 360 plans semi-annual trips to support the Ciudad Morelos center and community.



MISSION ENCOUNTER 360

Developing, supporting and investing in God's people by exposing individuals to ministry opportunities through a wide range of experiences including: volunteering, internships, ministry partnerships and mission trips.

Preparing to move: Mission Drive project completed

Volunteers and interns are critical to the ministries of ABCS. In 2015, **2,051 volunteers served** an astounding **31,604 hours**, and 30 students participated in internships. Wow! We are incredibly grateful for their service and faithfulness. Volunteers minister to pregnancy center clients, bundle diapers, assemble hygiene kits, give out food bags, serve at events for foster families and provide administrative support, while interns learn about the rewards and challenges of ministry by serving with ABCS.

A major project that volunteers helped with in 2015 was the demolition and remodel work at our new Phoenix location at Mission Drive Baptist Church (now Central Phoenix Community Church). We are pleased that **440 volunteers** joined us on mission, **serving 2,100 hours**. Several churches sent volunteer teams to help with construction, or sponsored rooms. We are incredibly grateful to all those who supported this project by giving, volunteering or praying.



Church and community groups volunteered to prepare the new Phoenix office for expanded ministry opportunities. Many prayed over the building and surrounding neighborhood. The youth group pictured above in our red "Serving Arizona" volunteer t-shirts wrote verses and prayers for our ministries and clients on the walls throughout the building before they were textured and painted.



ARMS OF LOVE FOSTER CARE & PARENT AIDE

ABCS partners 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 more than 19,000 children in care.



Parent aides and foster parents working with the Department of Child Safety have a wide sphere of influence that includes children in care, case workers, birth parents and more. Parent aides provide hope and care to families who have had their children removed from their home. Many parent aides are able to share the gospel. While discussing forgiveness, one client asked about the gospel bracelet the parent aide was wearing. They shared the gospel, and the two prayed together. In later sessions the client asked to learn more about her new faith and began looking for a church.

Arms of Love foster families provide safe, loving homes to children in care. One foster family reported that after being allowed to take their foster children to church, their overall demeanor improved, and the children experienced a stronger connection with both the foster family and their biological family. The youngest brother offered to pray for dinner one night in the foster home. The children will definitely have a spiritual impact on their biological family when they return home.



The Nichols family pictured on the top and bottom left was featured in a special article for Arms of Love where they shared their foster care journey and how God guided them to become a forever family to a child in need of a home. Read their full story at abcsfostercare.com. Pictured on the top right is a snapshot of the day two children in care were adopted by their uncle.



NEW LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER

Providing hope and care to those facing a pregnancy, planned or unplanned. Services include pregnancy tests, counseling, ultrasounds (where available), Bible study, prenatal & parenting classes and material assistance. There are many centers in Arizona and one in Mexico.

NLPC 2015 STATEWIDE SNAPSHOT

Diapers given through NLPC	297,528
Children receiving material assistance	6,377
New moms receiving layette bags	470
Pregnancy tests	1,131
Ultrasounds	91
Women choosing life	18
Clients attending parenting classes	516
Clients attending Bible Study	161
Bibles given	547
Number of time clients received prayer	3,284
Gospel presented	514

Many clients served through the pregnancy centers visit looking to meet one simple need: diapers for their children. Meeting this need is a practical way to build relationships, show God's love and share the gospel.

The Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona has partnered with ABCS and NLPC for over ten years, allowing tens of thousands of diapers to be distributed each year. More recently, the Diaper Bank of Central Arizona also began to partner with us and increased the number of families we were able to reach. In 2015 alone, New Life Pregnancy Center gave out **297,528 diapers to over 6,000 children and families in need.**

Faye, a faithful NLPC volunteer, meets with clients who come to receive free diapers and clothing. A young mom, Patricia*, came to the pregnancy center with her four children. During her conversation with Faye, the subject of faith came up. Patricia

asked Faye what it meant to be a Christian. Faye shared her faith and walked her through God's plan of salvation, then Patricia prayed to Jesus for salvation. In addition to the diapers and clothes that she came in for that day, Patricia received the good news! Diapers meet a simple need for families but also open the door for deeper relationships and to share the hope of Christ.



NEW LIFE COUNSELING

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

Leader Care launches in 2015



New Life Counseling and ABCS have partnered with local churches for many years, working closely with pastors and church staff. Several ABCS associates have served as pastors or on church staff as well. As a result, we have a heart for the unique challenges they face and felt something more needed to be done to proactively support this important group leading our churches. A special focus on pastors and church staff was developed within the New Life Counseling ministry. In 2015, Leader Care was launched and expanded statewide to include "facilitators" in key areas across Arizona.

Pastoral Statistics*

- 1,500 pastors leave the ministry each month
- 50% of pastors' marriages end in divorce
- 50% of pastors surveyed said they would leave the ministry if they could
- 80% of seminary graduates will leave the ministry within the first five years after graduation
- 70% reported feeling grossly underpaid
- 90% said the ministry was completely different than what they thought it would be
- After three years of ministry, only 50% of pastors still felt "called to ministry"

**Summary data based on research from journal articles; interviews with pastors, directors of missions and denominational workers; and data from The Barna Research Group, Fuller Theological Seminary and LifeWay Christian Resources.*

Six Leader Care facilitators, former or current pastors and directors of missions, began ministering to pastors and church staff around the state. Facilitators offer confidential one-on-one support and counsel, host workshops and retreats, provide resources, step in to fill the pulpit when needed and more.

One pastor spoke with a Leader Care facilitator about a personal crisis, saying he was afraid to lose his church and his marriage. The facilitator helped the pastor understand he was having a normal response to an extraordinary circumstance and supported his church while the pastor took time off to work on his marriage. Through prayer, support and Christ-centered, Biblically-based counseling with a New Life counselor, this servant of Christ found healing and encouragement. As a result, he is still serving the church and his marriage is on the mend.

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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.

Adult ministry reborn as Pursue Life

Pursue Life Adult Ministry, a rebirth of Baptist Senior Life Ministries which merged with ABCS, was introduced in December 2015. Pursue Life embraces the infinite possibilities of *living fully in every season of life*. They want to help adults live in the fullness that Jesus speaks about in John 10:10, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full." The ministry focuses on the needs and issues of adults. They seek to fill the gaps between adults in need and those willing to be used by God to help.

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NEW LIFE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

Comprehensive resources, training and the knowledge of Jesus Christ for men and women committed to stable living. The program takes participants through key areas over a 9-24 month period, including life skills, Bible study, mentoring and counseling.



Pictured is a family whose mother is learning to overcome challenges in her life through the New Life Transitional Program. While usually just one member of a family participates in the program, the skills they learn and life transformation they begin to experience affects their entire family, the community and generations to come.

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In 2015, one New Life Transitional Program client tragically passed away during her time in the program. She was hit by a car waiting for the bus on the way to Bible study. She left behind a son and was working very hard to get her life back on track. The transitional program participants were moved at the client's memorial by the urgency of this life and the fact that we are not promised tomorrow. The client's death and memorial motivated other clients to mend broken relationships and be right with God.

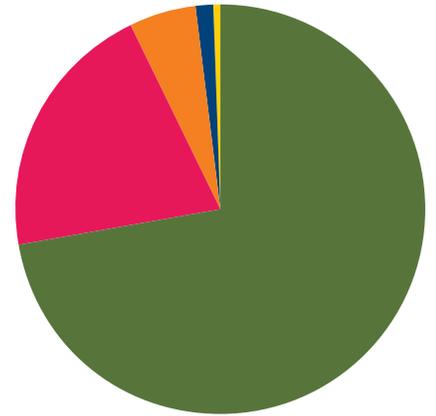
We at ABCS felt the same urgency of life in response to her death. The client that passed was attending Bible study and said it was her favorite part of the program. We have faith the Gospel message and her time in the program brought her hope and peace before her death. It is because of this urgency that we use interactions with each client to build relationships, share the Gospel and love like Jesus.



2015 FINANCIALS

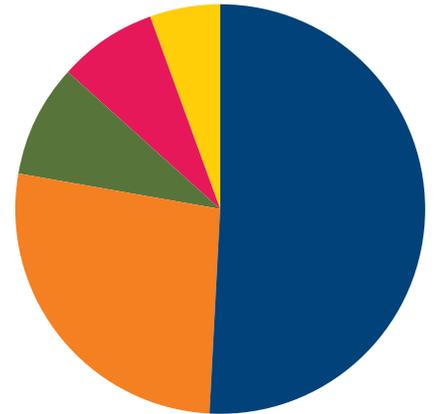
2015 Support and Revenue

State contracts (Foster Care and Parent Aide)	\$9,174,565	72.4%
Public contributions	\$2,595,666	20.5%
In-kind contributions	\$676,870	5.4%
Private care (includes fee-for service)	\$162,992	1.3%
Other revenue (includes special events)	\$53,513	0.4%
2015 TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$12,663,606	100%



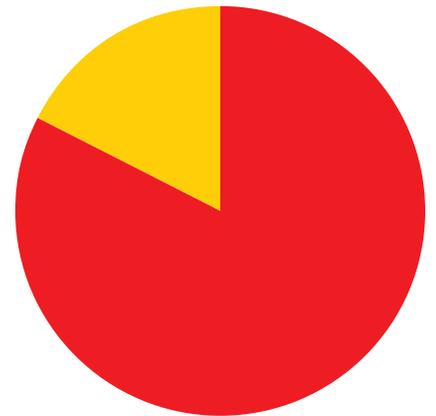
2015 Public Contributions

Legacy gifts	\$1,325,794	51.1%
Individual gifts	\$694,781	26.8%
Corporate/civic gifts	\$230,814	8.9%
Arizona Southern Baptist Cooperative Program	\$206,726	7.9%
Church gifts	\$137,551	5.3%
2015 TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,595,666	100%



2015 Expenses

Program services	\$9,391,211	82.5%
Supporting services – administration	\$1,987,974	17.5%
2015 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,379,185	100%



The numbers above are from the 2015 audited financials. 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 accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.



ABCs HIGHLIGHTS

101
decisions
for Christ

18
decisions for life

495,000
diapers given out

34,800
clothing bags &
material assistance
bundles given out

70
adoptions

served an estimated
13,700
people through our
7 ministries

served
1,903
DCS-invovled
families

15,059
food boxes
distributed

\$171,449
raised for Mission Drive
renovation project

1,073
new likes on social media

31,604
volunteer hours

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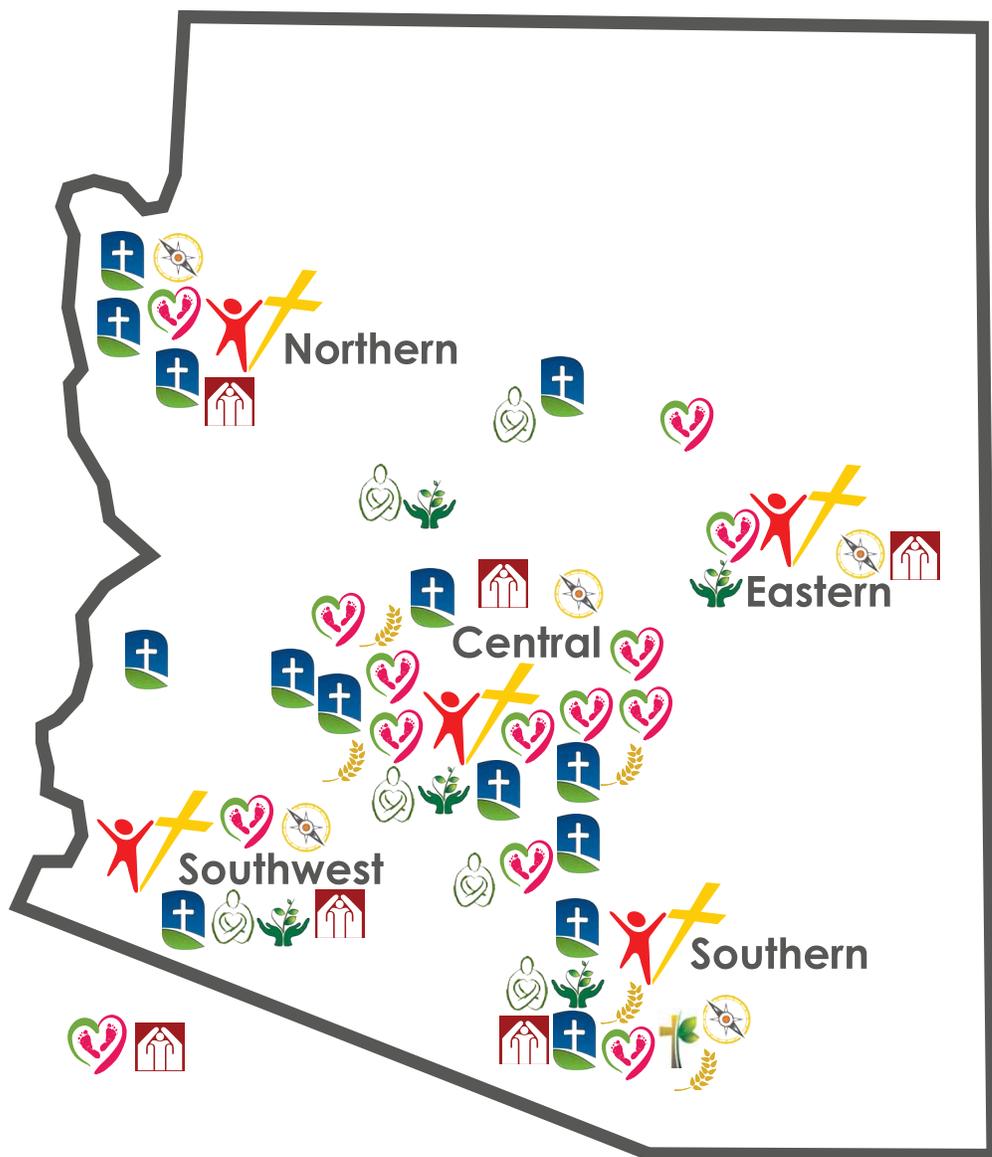
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