



Glendale Strong Family Network
Meeting Notes
April 8, 2021, 1-2:30 PM, Via Zoom

Attendees: Richard Starling, Aimee Sitzler, Pamela Morrison, Greg Kinder, Davita Solter, Monica Carranza, Jody Gallimore, Peggy Peixoto, Gisela Jimenez Vasquez, Silvia Ochoa, Chuck, Fitzgerald, Davita Solter, Amanda Fore, Myrenia Aviles, Greg Kinder, Kaitlyn, Nora Lozano, Zacona, Maria Landeros, and Ismael Cantu

Barrier Busters & Good News

Good News

Phoenix Rescue Mission – family clothing closet is open. Professionals can reach out to Rachel Stacke at rstacke@phxmission.org or 602-346-3383.

Touchstone expanded services into Glendale Area

Glendale Empowerment Center - New collaboration with CASS and Phoenix Rescue Mission for vocational development classes (e.g. GED, job skills classes and resume building, job referrals) and case management services – Glendale Works is located in the same space.

Partner Highlights

Glendale Public Library

- Cards - Any resident can get a card, not just Glendale residents. They have been offering e-cards during pandemic – can change to a regular card at any time
- Brain Fuse – online tutoring program that is available – Spanish and English
- All four locations have “express” libraries inside with computers and best sellers
- On 4/19 all locations will be open and offering full services and all seating with be available and no time limits and all computers will be available
- Classes and programs will still be offered online
- All toys and youth areas ideas will not be available for time being
- Summer reading program is a go and will be offering incentives for reading for children, youth and adults
- For more information, professionals can contact Greg Kinder - Velma Teague Library - at 623-930-3441- gkinder@glendaleaz.com or online at Glendale Public Library - <https://glendaleazlibrary.com/>
- Resource Offered for books for children with incarcerated parents:
<https://childwellbeing.asu.edu/activitybooks>



Food Co-Op Follow Up Discussion

- Food pantries are busier than ever and need is very great. Families are largely not able to engage in near retail co-op pricing
- Childcare is an ongoing need for families. Many childcare centers have closed during pandemic. There may be an opportunity for a childcare co-op.

Social Media Discussion - Top Food Resources for the area

- Phoenix Rescue Mission – can connect to food through warehouse
- Grab and Go meals at Glendale Elementary Schools – for online students
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at Glendale HUB through St. Mary's (not in June and July)
- Farmers to families food boxes – from GCU

Website Discussion

- Website and social media need to be linked and aligned with messaging and resources
- Showcasing and linking the partners
- Not easiest way to share flyers – maybe send them as attachments
- Add search bar
- Needs to highlight story of GSFN
- Add partner agreement – how to be a partner
- Directory of partners for password protected

Next GSFN Meeting: May 13, 2021, Via Zoom