

TOGETHER

in service



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Diversity Initiative

Many communities interweave to give Mesa it's vibrancy. At the City of Mesa, we value and embrace our community's rich diversity.

TOGETHER MESA is the City's initiative that collects and showcases the voices that make up our community, fostering the awareness and understanding that strengthens us as a community.

Featured Programs:



Program Overview



Convening our Faith-Based organizations to collectively understand the landscape of social services currently being provided and collaborate on initiatives to further meet the needs of our Mesa community = *Together In Service*

Program Goals



1. Educate and reengage the faith community to meet the needs of Mesa.
2. Centralized group for faith-based organizations (FBOs) to share ideas/needs with the City, resources among other FBOs and for the City share with them to collaboratively serve Mesa.
3. Diversify the number of agencies and organizations involved in meeting Mesa's needs.
4. Inspire collaboration, innovation and creativity in meeting needs and delivering solutions to serve the community.
5. Open communication and dedicated time and place for FBOs to connect to City staff and strengthen partnerships among all entities.
6. Celebrate, support and showcase the faith communities in Mesa.

Program Pillars



Example of Topic Interests:

Housing Path to Recovery, Homelessness & Human Services, Education, Workforce Development, Volunteerism, Migration Support Services, Behavioral & Mental Health, Public Safety, Food Insecurities

Program Structure



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Needs Assessment

- Survey engagement with FBOs to determine priorities, opportunities and needs

Quarterly Networking Meetings

- City facilitated meetings to provide current information and encourage collaboration among entities

Faith-Based Orgs Registry & Map

- GIS Mapping of FBO on the Neighborhood Registration Map with contact information
- Made available to the public as a tool to find local orgs
- Contact list for emergency communication and/or call to action

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Volunteers & Day of Service

- Increased collaboration with annual volunteer opportunities
- Participation in City days of service

Newsletter & Public Education

- Specialty City newsletter with tailored information and alerts to programs, events and other pertinent info
- Celebration and education of communities as part of Together Mesa initiative

Resource Hub

- Dedicated group site with resource list and direct contacts
- Social media engagement to stay connected and share resources in real time

Program Launch



May Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting

June Public Survey Launched

Targeted Group Meetings/ Individual Organization Discussions

August Mayor's Faith-Based Breakfast*: Program Announcement, Initial Survey Results & Call to Action

Fall Formal Launch: Website, Resources List, First Quarterly Networking Meeting

*Ongoing Quarterly Networking Meetings: August, November, February, May

Questions or Comments?