

# Community Navigator Training



## NEW FACES PARTNERSHIP

Scottsdale, Arizona

**Wednesdays this spring — 9 AM to 4 PM**

- ▶ **April 11, 2012 Vista del Camino**
- ▶ **April 18, 2012 Scottsdale Healthcare**
- ▶ **April 25, 2012 Paiute Center**

A Community Navigator is a trained volunteer who helps people in financial distress navigate their way through the social service and healthcare systems. Navigators are neither trained social workers nor professional healthcare providers. Instead they are friends, tied to local faith communities or service clubs, who walk with those who are trying to find a way forward.

The first Community Navigator Training for Scottsdale took place April 4 to 8, 2011. The training itself was the result of eighteen months of collaborative efforts by a coalition of public, private, nonprofit and faith groups known as the New Faces Partnership. The origin of this effort was an Interfaith Breakfast on October 29, 2009 sponsored by St. Patrick's Catholic Community. It was the largest gathering of faith leaders in our city's history. Diverse faith communities shared stories of how they each had been trying to respond to dramatically increasing requests for help with social service and medical needs. Out of this gathering New Faces Partnership was formed. Founding members of the collaboration include St. Patrick's Catholic Community, the City of Scottsdale, the Interfaith Network of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Healthcare, Concerned Citizens for Community Health, First Things First, and many local congregations.

The first class of Community Navigators was composed of 20 people representing both community and faith groups in the wider Scottsdale area. Forty hours of initial instruction was provided by 32 individual presenters representing a wide variety of public, private and non-profit organizations:

*Scottsdale Healthcare ♦ DUET Services ♦ Alzheimer's Association ♦ Keogh Foundation ♦ Area Agency on Aging ♦ Scottsdale Healthcare/ NOAH ♦ Arizona Coalition for Military Families ♦ SHC Home Health Services ♦ SHC Community Health Services ♦ Healthy Steps/Heuser Family Med. ♦ SHC Virginia G. Piper Cancer ♦ Hospice of the Valley ♦ City of Scottsdale, Vista del Camino ♦ Scottsdale Police Department ♦ Scottsdale Youth and Family Services ♦ Scottsdale Human Services Department ♦ City of Scottsdale Senior Centers ♦ State of Arizona, DES ♦ Paiute Neighborhood Center ♦ Scottsdale Unified School District ♦ Job Network and Support.*

**For more information, or to sign-up for the Spring Community Navigator training, Please contact Bruce R. Johnson at 480-946-4207; [Bruce@scottsdalechurch.com](mailto:Bruce@scottsdalechurch.com).**