

# RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST NEWSLETTER

Winter 2012

RSS Certification Ceremony



**O**n Friday, October 26, the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) celebrated the Certification of 41 peers as Recovery Support Specialists (RSS) from Pima County with a delicious breakfast event. Each RSS received a Certificate from Neal Cash, CPSA President/CEO. As they received their certificates, the RSSs expressed their belief in themselves as change agents in the behavioral health system to create a user friendly system for people they support. Dr Beth Stoneking has retired and was honored for her dedication since the inception of the program. Beverly McGuffin has been selected as Program Director of the Recovery Support Specialist Institute, a program of the Family and Community Medicine Department at the University of Arizona and Dan Steffy continues in his role as Trainer. Aaron 'Arrow' Foster and Christina Baca are two new Employment Consultants for the RSSI Workforce Development Program. RSSs invited their family and friend to celebrate with them and hear about the positive changes the RSS Institute has made in their lives.

**Front Row**

(left to right)

**Jeffrey Fogel**

**Adrian Molina**

**Paulette Skinner**

**Patricia Gammon**

**Mona Phillips**

**Kelsey Defeo**

**Chayo Long-  
Mendez**

**Rochelle Yalkowsky**

**Rudy Trinidad**

**Andrea Shreeve**

**Lorraine Spencer**



**Front and Center—Rebecca Hunt and “CHRISTOPHER”**

**Standing**

(left to right)

**Middle**

**Michele Lynch**

**Marti Sommers**

**Carleen Raybould**

**Joshua Wildman**

**Kim Young**

**Jamie Crane**

**Jackie Sainz**

**Back**

**Thomas Atherton**

**Matthew Woods**

**Nicholas Aldinger**

**Aaron Foster**

**Randal Bechtel**

**Geoff Kabat**

**Not in Photo**

**Angelica Alvarez, Chris Brinkley,**

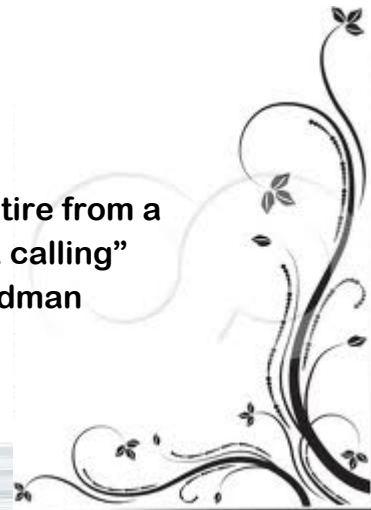
**Norma Castaneda, Joseph Clarke, Lena  
Dorrel, Joan Gipson, Marci James, Darryl  
Keys, Amy Lavallee, Dan Lunn, Anthony  
Parker, Denise Ramirez, Fred Shock,  
Angel Soto, Jessica Steimer, Linda  
Vandenneuvel**

**Dan Steffy  
Beth Stoneking  
Beverly McGuffin**



**Dr. Beth Stoneking Retires**

**“You can only retire from a  
position, not a calling”  
Joshua Wildman**





**UA Workforce Development Program promotes recovery and expanded opportunities for people with mental illness, substance use, and dual diagnosis by employing a collaborative approach to advocacy, service, education, and research.**

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