



NEWSLETTER

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WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU?

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

Dear Friend:

Where would we be without you? You, who spend your days preparing meals to share with our clients, who organize donation drives to ensure our neighbors stay warm, who share your time and money to address the needs of others. At Interfaith Works, we value our ability to provide services and spaces where our neighbors can have their needs met and find their pathway to stability.

It is so comforting to know that we are never alone in meeting that mission. Thanks to volunteers, donors, and community members like you, we have continued to support thousands of neighbors throughout the county every month. I am always struck, especially during the holiday season, to see the immense amount of care we show to each other. Even during hard times and cold nights, we know that no one in this community is alone.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Take Steps Together Today!

DALY Donor Match

Sharing Holiday Joy with Bobbi M.

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IMPACT

WILL YOU CONTINUE TO WALK TOGETHER WITH US?

Life can be unfairly difficult at times, and a kind gesture or a supportive shoulder can often help rekindle the light of motivation.

Interfaith Works has been a consistent source of assistance to our neighbors in their time of need.

We are reaching out to those of you who understand the value of finding a safe haven during life's most difficult times. Will you assist us in raising funds to continue serving our community?

Learn more about how your support can make a difference for the clients we serve.

[Learn about Sarah*](#) a client who found stability through the support of Interfaith Works. Click above to learn more!



We are so grateful to everyone who has already so generously given to help support our clients and programs that assist over 35,000 of our neighbors on their path to stability. Thank you!

[TAKE STEPS TOGETHER WITH US](#)

EXCITING NEWS!

DALY
Excellence in Enterprise IT

[DONATE TODAY!](#)

Our partners at DALY are challenging Interfaith Works supporters to donate to the "Taking Steps Together Today" campaign where we at DALY will be matching 1:1 up to \$25,000! This means your donation will have DOUBLE the impact. Thank you, DALY!

BY THE NUMBERS

**386 Clients
Served**

FY23 data



In FY 23, the IW Overflow Shelter at Progress Place provided 386 clients with shelter during extreme weather months.

GRATITUDE

Sharing Holiday Joy with IW Board Member Bobbi Montoya

Earlier this month, IW Board Member Bobbi Montoya and a group of volunteers and staff created 150 holiday gift bags for clients in our Community Supportive Housing Program. Read on to learn more about this amazing project!

IW: Bobby, tell us what, what are we doing here today?

BM: Today we are making 150 holiday gift bags for heads of households as part of our Community Supportive Housing program. These are individuals who may have recently transitioned out of shelter, or they may have physical or mental disabilities and sometimes, they are forgotten at the holidays. We wanted to make sure that make them feel special.

IW: How did you first get this idea for doing this incredible project this year?

BM: I worked closely with Sam (IW volunteer coordinator) to find out what our clients need and so she threw out the idea of giving the adults, a little something. I thought, oh, great, I have to think of something that is thoughtful but useful. That's what I like to do. Something thoughtful but useful, then add a little cute to it!

READ THE REST HERE!

THANK YOU, NEIGHBORS!

To everyone who has provided donations, meals, coats, care packages and more, thank you! We know the power of community, and our clients know that they will continue to be supported because of your generosity!



Thank You, Olney Theater!

During this season we are so grateful to be partnering with the Olney Theatre Company! This wonderful local theatre will be collecting winter coats for our clients through the holiday season (see photo at left).

We highly encourage you to go out and see one of their fantastic performances or attend one of their many community events. Upcoming shows include *Fiddler on the Roof* and *A Christmas Carol*. Don't forget to bring a winter coat with you. All donations will help our Montgomery County neighbors stay warm this winter.



EVENTS



DID YOU MISS IT?

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: ADVOCATING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE FULL EVENT RECORDING!](#)

WHAT MAKES IW SPECIAL?

Hear from our local elected officials, community partners, staff and supporters to learn about the impact of Interfaith Works and the services we provide!

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Looking for ways to get involved with Interfaith Works this holiday season?



Neighbors can provide in-kind donations for our clients for the holiday season!

[2023 Holiday Donation WishList](#)



You can volunteer with us!
See all the opportunities we offer:

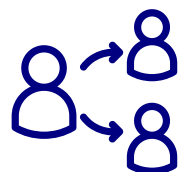
[Volunteer Opportunities](#)



Host a donation drive! Collect toiletries, coats, non-perishable food and more!

Get in touch with us to create a drive:

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