

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

## **TAKING STEPS TOGETHER**

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

**Courtney Hall** 

Dear Friend:

Recently, one of our treasured long-time volunteers was collecting toiletry donations at a local grocery store. She was approached by \*Maria, who shared that IW helped her and her family with clothes and food. When Maria's husband died and she was facing eviction, IW helped her family with rental assistance. She was incredibly grateful to IW and was compelled to donate toiletries. IW was there for her when she needed it and, with her donation, she was able to be there for others.

This story deeply reminded me that no matter where we are in our journey, we can always help someone else get to a better place. At Interfaith Works, we aim to meet each person where they are, and it is so empowering to know that Maria could help someone else once she was further along her path to stability.



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## **IMPACT**

#### WILL YOU CONTINUE TO WALK TOGETHER WITH US?



Taking Steps Together Today!

At Interfaith Works, we believe in the power of each person's unique journey. Over the past 51 years, we have worked alongside our neighbors and community partners to support our clients as they take steps along their pathways to stability.

#### But we cannot do this alone. We need you.

Your support is essential to make a meaningful impact on the lives of the over 35,000 people we serve in Montgomery County each year.

IW has been standing beside our neighbors supporting their unique journeys for decades. As we face another year of unprecedented challenges in our community, your support is critical.

## With the help of donors and volunteers like you, Interfaith Works has been at the forefront of providing vital services to individuals and families facing adversity.

Will you join us today in making an impact on our neighbors by supporting Interfaith Works?

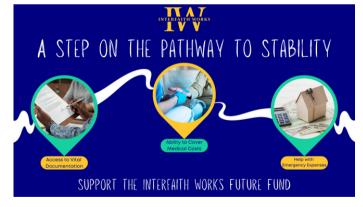
## TAKE STEPS WITH US TODAY!

#### **Giving Tuesday**

#### The IW Future Fund: A Step on the Pathway to Stability

This Giving Tuesday, we are fundraising for the IW Future Fund. The IW Future Fund is a dedicated resource aimed at helping our clients overcome financial challenges on their pathway to stability.

This year, Curbio is offering to match all donations 1:1 up to \$30,000. Can you step up and step in to reach \$30,000?



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# **BY THE NUMBERS**



In FY 23, the IW Food Pantry provided over 4,000 local households with over 600,000 pounds of food.

FY23 data

## **GRATITUDE**

## **Our Partners at 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.

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.



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## Giant Grocery Store Donation Drive Success!

Earlier this month, long time IW volunteer Lucy Swartz hosted a toiletry donation drive at the Wheaton Giant. She collected over 50 bags and boxes of full-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, bar soap, and razors. These donations will be provided to clients at all our shelter locations. Thank you to everyone who donated!

## **New Benches for Crabbs Branch Clients!**

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 773 for building two beautiful new wooden benches for our clients at the Women's Center at Crabbs Branch! We are so grateful to this community for always looking for ways to support our clients.





### **EVENTS**



#### **DID YOU MISS IT?**

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: ADVOCATING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

## **CLICK HERE** TO WATCH THE FULL EVENT RECORDING!

## 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! <u>2023 Holiday Donation WishList</u>



You can volunteer with us! See all the opportunities we offer: <u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>



Host a donation drive! Collect toiletries, coats, non-perishable food and more! Get in touch with us to create a drive: <u>info@iworksmc.org</u>.



Spread the word about IW by following us on social media or share the sign up for our monthly newsletter! <u>Monthly Newsletter Sign Up</u>

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