



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

SEASONS OF CHANGE, SEASONS OF GROWTH

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

Dear Friend:

I came back to Interfaith Works refreshed and reignited after taking some time off for a period of rest. It allowed me the opportunity to reflect on the changes and growth of this incredible organization. During my tenure, Interfaith Works has grown in our programs supporting our neighbors, in our number of staff to support the needs of our clients, and even in space as our Vocational Services Program (VSP) and Administration teams found a home at our new main office on Rollins Avenue in Rockville.

This welcome move provides the catalyst to better connect and collaborate with those we serve and also with each other. Our new location provides space for VSP clients to access a computer lab, have quiet areas to meet with vocational counselors, and prepare for interviews. The new location also enables the VSP team - formerly completely remote and separated from each other - to brainstorm and develop innovative solutions to help their clients. Our entire IW team has greatly enjoyed using the conference spaces to conduct training and have meetings. Our new home allows us to collaborate effectively and come together more than we ever could before.

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HIGHLIGHTS

We Have Their Backs!

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Upcoming Events



IW Rollins Office Open House

You're invited! Join us on October 11th from 5pm to 7pm at the new IW Rollins Avenue Office Open House to learn more about IW's new and expanded space to serve our clients and staff. Light refreshments will be provided.

981 Rollins Ave. 2nd FL. Rockville, MD

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GRATITUDE

We Have Their Backs!

Over the past several weeks, we have been collectively working towards helping students and their families be prepared to go back to school. It's just a few days into the 2023-2024 school year and together we have ensured that **2,175 students** have exactly what they need to feel prepared. This community has worked tirelessly to support students and families who needed a bit of extra help before school started. You all gave your time, generously donated funds, and provided thousands of backpacks and other supplies that all students can start this year on an equal footing.

Thank you!



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Fiscal Year 22 Annual Report

We are pleased to share with you our most recent Annual Report which reflects on Interfaith Works' 50th year of serving Montgomery County. We invite you to explore the stories, photographs, and data that showcase why Councilmember Gabe Albornoz said, **"This place has a heartbeat. It has a soul."**

Together, we support 35,000 of our neighbors in need by providing vital services and a pathway to stability.

If you would like a hard copy of the report, please contact Teri Blandon at tblandon@iworksmc.org.



[Read Full Report Here](#)

IMPACT

Share the Magic of Giving!



We are raising \$15,000 to buy gift cards which families can use to purchase special holiday foods, gifts, and clothes - whatever they need to make this season special.

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We are gearing up for the holiday season as we launch the "Share the Magic of Giving" campaign - tailored to benefit the families and children in our Community Supportive Housing program.

Through this program, people with disabilities and those who were once experiencing homelessness obtain supportive housing and regain a measure of stability. This holiday season, let's not forget the parents who work tirelessly to provide for their families.

We want to make sure our parents have plenty of time to plan and shop, so we are trying to secure the funds by **October 6**. Please donate today!

Thank you for considering our "Share the Magic of Giving" campaign. Together, we can make this season a little brighter for everyone in our community.

Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

We at Interfaith Works are dedicated to providing equitable support to all our Hispanic neighbors. We are thankful for our ability to have bilingual staff across IW to ensure that all clients and neighbors have their needs met. We honor and celebrate the Hispanic Community especially this month, and always!

Be sure to follow along on IW social media as we highlight different ways IW and our partners support our Hispanic neighbors!



BY THE NUMBERS

IW Shelters at Progress Place Served **547** Clients

FY23 data



In FY 23, Shelter at Progress Place provided shelter and access to essential services to 547 adults who are experiencing homelessness. This number includes 386 individuals who were given a place to sleep during the winter nights.

Thank You, Neighbors!

We are so grateful to this community. Our volunteers, donors and partners are vital to keeping our neighbors on their pathway to stability.

Thank you to everyone who has donated their time, provided meals to our clients, donated clothing and home goods, and supported us financially.

Thank you to each and every person who has worked alongside us to help every neighbor in this community find their pathway to stability. Want to get involved? [Click here.](#)



EVENTS

SEPTEMBER IW COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: AVAILABLE RESOURCES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28
7 - 8 PM IN PERSON

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**Silver Spring United
Methodist Church**
**8900 Georgia Ave, Silver
Spring, MD 20910**

2023 Nadim Khan Memorial Homeless Resource Day

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND | CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
**THE NADIM KHAN MEMORIAL
HOMELESS RESOURCE DAY**

October 19th 9am-2pm

[**Learn More Here**](#)

IW is participating in this free event to share information about our clothing, food, and shelter services to those who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. In addition, Vocational Services Program staff will be there to assist attendees with employment needs.

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New Leaf Parking Lot Pumpkin Party

Join us on October 21st from 11am-2pm for a "Trunk or Treat" style event to learn about local resources, meet community partners, and get to know friends at New Leaf! Light refreshments will be provided.

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