

CREATING CHANGE TOGETHER

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

Dear Friend:

This summer, we've welcomed several visitors from federal, state and city governments, seeking insight from our staff and clients on creating safe and healthy environments for our neighbor's experiencing homelessness. Such conversations between policymakers and service providers like IW are critical in tackling the rising problem of homelessness.

Recently, Jeff Olivet, the Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness toured our programs at Progress Place. I listened as Jeff talked with our clients about their experiences and needs. After touring the comprehensive programs we offer at Progress Place, we sat together to discuss what trends and challenges Jeff is seeing across the nation for people experiencing homelessness. These conversations can get technical and policy heavy, but a client currently receiving services at Progress Place spoke up. Her question was simple, but impactful. She asked,

"When you're in the room with these people making bills, and making laws, how do I get them to care about me? How do I get them to remember that I am a person with a heart and a mind, just like them?"

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HIGHLIGHTS

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GRATITUDE

Creating a Welcoming Home

IW Women's Center at Crabbs Branch received a generous upgrade thanks to an IW Board fundraising project that attracted support from nearly 100 new donors!

Their contributions allowed us to purchase new tables and chairs, providing a warm and inviting space where our clients can enjoy their meals together.

In addition to the dining sets, we are using the remaining funds to purchase several other items to enhance the center and improve the experience for the women we serve. These include cabinets, bulletin boards, a 75-inch TV, a microwave stand and a computer. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our clients!



"This opportunity of funds means so much more for Crabbs Branch than a new look...(they) promote a safe environment, a welcoming home, and a better functioning facility in order to serve our women. The women are so delighted with their 'new' dining room and better amenities!"

-Supriya Pandit, Program Director for the IW Women's Center at Crabbs Branch

Celebrating the 4th Together!



On the 4th of July, IW hosted BBQs for our clients at IW Crabbs Branch and IW New Leaf shelters. Family members of staff came and spent time with guests at both places, and we had fantastic food. Thank you to Suhas and Mary Pandit for donating all the food at Crabbs Branch and getting a discounted grill to make this happen. Over at IW New Leaf, our BBQ was made possible by generous donations from Sandy Spring Friends Meeting, Church of Christ at Manor Woods and Linda Walker. Thank you to everyone for helping our clients celebrate and share a great day together!



Back to School 2023

Our goal is to get 3,000 students new backpacks and help families get ready for the school year!

Get ready for school with Interfaith Works!

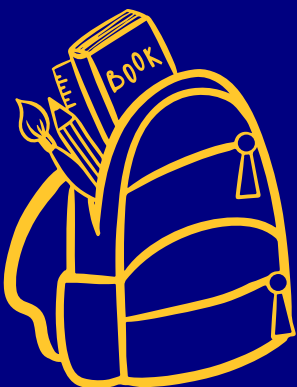
At Interfaith Works (IW), we believe every child deserves the opportunity to start school ready to learn. That's why each summer we host our back-to-school campaign to help families in need prepare for the new school year. Join us in making a difference and ensuring that young minds have the tools they need to succeed!

With the "We've Got Your Back!" campaign, we hope to provide 3,000 of our young neighbors with backpacks filled with new school supplies and support their families with other essential needs, like clothing and groceries.

Every child deserves the chance to start the school year strong. By supporting our campaign, you can help provide the necessary resources our young neighbors need to learn, grow, and succeed.

Let's make sure we've got their backs!

[LEARN MORE](#)



BY THE NUMBERS

Over 2,500
Backpacks

FY22 data

Last year, the IW Essential Needs Center distributed over 2,500 donated backpacks to students! This year we hope to donate over 3,000 backpacks filled with new school supplies!

EVENTS



**JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION ON:
RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND
EVICTION PREVENTION**



**THURSDAY, JULY 27
7 - 8 PM ON ZOOM**

REGISTER HERE:

bit.ly/IWCommConvoJuly23

Registration Required

SAVE THE DATE!

**Park Potomac 15th Annual
Ice Cream Social for Charity
Saturday, August 19, 2023
12pm to 3pm**



**Support children in
Montgomery County with
new backpacks and
school supplies!**

[Learn More Here!](#)



Bethesda Big Train Community Hero

IW was so grateful to be recognized as a Community Hero at the Bethesda Big Train baseball game on June 30. Thank you to Bethesda Big Train for a wonderful evening. Our amazing CEO Courtney Hall even threw out the first pitch!

Thank you to everyone who came out in support.

Touch a Truck Westfield Montgomery

On July 15, we participated in a fantastic event full of fun, games and large vehicles! Neighbors from all around enjoyed the festivities and provided donations for the IW Clothing Center. Thank you to Westfield Montgomery for including us in this event!



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