



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

A CULTURE OF SERVICE

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

“Service simply means we embrace the possibility of living for more than ourselves.”

-Governor Wes Moore

Dear Friend:

I was so inspired by the inaugural address of Maryland Gov. Wes Moore. His comments about the need for all of us to answer a call to service resonated deeply.

As you know so well, service is an essential ingredient in Interfaith Works’ success. For IW to make a difference in the lives of more than 35,000 of our neighbors each year, we rely upon our 7,000 dedicated volunteers.

You help expand the reach and impact of our programs. You bring in new perspectives and ideas, which can lead to improved services and increased effectiveness. You also serve as advocates and ambassadors. You are our backbone and our heartbeat.

[Read more here](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

IW Voices

Point in Time
Count

February News

Upcoming Events

Impact by the
Numbers



POINT IN TIME COUNT

Our dedicated IW staff members take part in an important activity each year - completing an overnight census of people experiencing homelessness. Watch to learn more.



IW VOICES

I was part of a team presenting a series of job readiness classes to residents of one of IW's women's shelters. One of the students was significantly younger than the others and extremely shy. She remained silent until the third class, when she raised her hand and answered a question. That prompted an outburst of affirming applause from the other students. There can be a lot of opportunities for support. Even when people are down and out, there's a strong tendency to try to help somebody else. That is pretty crucial.

— Connie Heller, IW Volunteer and Donor

FEBRUARY NEWS

We welcomed community leaders to our programs



Montgomery County Councilmember Natali Fani-Gonzalez toured programs at the IW Essential Needs Center in Rockville. She and her staff met with our team to hear more about IW services and discuss community needs. Thank you for joining us!



Montgomery County Councilmember Marilyn Balcombe (center) and a staff member visited the IW Women's Center at Taft Court and discussed how IW programs respond to the evolving needs of our neighbors. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO LA MADELEINE CAFE AT DOWNTOWN CROWN FOR SHOWING US LOVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY BY DONATING 15% OF PROCEEDS BACK TO INTERFAITH WORKS. AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE FRIENDS OF IW WHO PATRONIZED THAT DAY. MERCI BEAUCOUP!



Thank you to Cohn Reznick for holding a clothing drive!

We need gently used business attire!

Our "Prepare to Impress" Collection at the IW Clothing Center gives job-seekers an opportunity to upgrade their wardrobes.

Can you help by donating gently used items in great condition?

Top donation priorities:

MEN: business casual pants & jackets, large sizes (no suits, please)

WOMEN: Nice slacks (size 14 and up), tops, lightweight sweater jackets, and jackets in business appropriate colors, patterns, and styles; accessories like scarves, necklaces, bags (no dresses please)

Please bring donations to the IW Clothing Center, 751 Twinbrook Pkwy., in Rockville and mark them "Prepare to Impress." Information about donating to the IW Clothing Center, including hours, is [HERE](#).

Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Restaurant Fundraiser!

honeygrow

ROCKVILLE

TUESDAY

MARCH 14

10:30 AM - 10:30 PM

Order made-to-order stir-fries and salads from fast-casual eatery honeygrow at 12035 Rockville Pike, on March 14 to benefit IW.

Use promo code GIVE125 (in person OR on line) 20% of proceeds will go to Interfaith Works.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

fiscal 22 data

82

adults exited the shelter system and attained housing through IW's Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Program; 17 people achieved self-sufficiency last year, joined by nine more so far in this fiscal year.



IW's RRH team has achieved the highest number of "graduations" in Montgomery County among all providers



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