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JANUARY 2023



Gov. Wes Moore and a team of volunteers serve at IW on Martin Luther King Day
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SO MUCH JOY

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

Dear Friend:

Our staff members have been sharing stories about the deep impact your support over the holidays had on those we serve. Don't ever underestimate how much your donations of gifts, food and time mean to our neighbors.

Thanks to you, we were able to provide gift cards to every resident and client served by our Homeless Services programs.



I hope you understand how empowering that is. While some cards no doubt went to pay for essentials, it is cheering to know that some clients were able to purchase something for themselves or family members. That feeling is a gift.

[Read more here](#)



IW VOICES

"Supporting IW's work is in line with our purpose of inspiring and building better lives and communities. The organization is making a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve in Montgomery County."

*Bernita Bailey, Senior Vice President
Suburban Maryland, Truist Foundation*

"I am grateful for the resources IW gave me. My case manager connected me to a vocational counselor, so I could have a resume and apply for jobs. She also helped me find a lawyer to process my green card. Today, I am working in a restaurant."

-- An IW Women's Center Client

"How we help our neighbors in need reflects the spirit of our community. Helping others is our responsibility. Once you do it, you will realize how personally rewarding it is."

-- Mimi Beall, long-time IW volunteer and donor

JANUARY NEWS

We welcomed governmental leaders to our programs



Maryland Governor Wes Moore brought a team of volunteers to IW's programs at Progress Place in Silver Spring on the Martin Luther King Day of Service. They joined community leaders (including Councilmember Will Jawando and County Executive Marc Elich, above), IW supporters, staff and board members. Learn more and see more photos from MLK Day [here](#).



Montgomery County Councilmembers Kristin Mink (left) and Kate Stewart (right) toured programs at the IW Essential Needs Center in Rockville and volunteered at the IW Clothing Center. They also met with our staff to discuss community needs. Thank you for joining us!



Potomac Lifestyle Magazine published a feature story focusing on Interfaith Works' 50th anniversary and the impact of our programs. Read the story [here](#).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Watch Curbio's transformation of our Priscilla's House residence



SERVING OTHERS, THE IW WAY

Scotty Arnold

Scotty Arnold is one of the longest-serving employees at Interfaith Works (IW). He has been with the non-profit organization for 12 years and counting.

"I am proud to be part of IW because we welcome everyone who enters our doors and we always take the extra step to help others, regardless of their background."

A retired Montgomery County police officer, Scotty started as a volunteer at IW Progress Place before becoming a diversion specialist, where he meets an average of 11 clients a day.

"When I was in the police force, my job was to enforce the law." Scotty shared that IW trained him to look deeper.



"Now, I spend considerable time with our clients to understand why they loiter the streets, take drugs, or run away from home."

[Read more here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY
JAN 24

10:30 AM - 9 PM

Eat Out, Do Good!
IW Restaurant Fundraiser at
Bibibop Grill, North Bethesda

[Get a flyer and
learn more here](#)

Virtual Community Conversation
Wellness & Self-Care, Part 2

[Register Here](#)

THURSDAY
JAN 26
7 - 8 PM

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

2 million

pounds of food
distributed to families
experiencing food
insecurity since the Food
Hub/Pantry program
was launched



New Leaf, IW's new low-barrier emergency shelter in Rockville, needs meal donations to feed 30 residents. You don't have to cook - you can make a financial donation or order a meal. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Zachary Mauro at zmauro@iworksmc.org.



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