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Monthly Bulletin from Interfaith Works

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*Comcast employees sorted clothing, made treat bags and provided facepainting for children at the Interfaith Works Clothing Center in Rockville as part of Comcast Cares Day. County Executive Isiah Leggett stopped by to encourage them and tour the new upstairs space at the center, which will open on May 8. See the announcement below!*

## IW Momentum

The annual Interfaith Works Companies Caring Breakfast is always a feel-good event. It is an opportunity for Interfaith Works to honor the leaders who have helped strengthen our community and also reflect upon our past and our future. This year's breakfast was no exception, as we honored the many people and organizations who over many years have been an integral part of Interfaith Works' foundation and mission.



Keynote speaker Mauricio Lim Miller, founder of the [Family Independence Initiative \(FII\)](#), brought us a glimpse of future possibilities as he described the innovative approach FII is using to encourage families in communities across the country help themselves escape poverty. We look forward to collaborating with FII here in Montgomery County. You can find more on Mauricio's talk [here](#).

And in a year of Interfaith Works grand openings, we are on the brink of the third in the past five months: the [Interfaith Works Clothing Center](#) moves into exciting new space at the same location upstairs. At this newly renovated facility, a mom who comes to shop for free clothing for her family at the Center also can update her resume in the computer lab or work with vocational services staff to find a new job or take English classes -- or all of the above.

After months of panning and hard work, IW is ready to open the doors at the new center. [Join us on May 8](#) at 9:30AM for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house (details below). If you can't make that, be sure to [schedule a tour](#). You will be amazed!

Thank you for all you are doing to support Interfaith Works as we move into a new era of expanded services and opportunities to help our neighbors lift themselves out of poverty and make Montgomery County an even better place to live.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane".

**Shane Rock, CEO**

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## 20th Anniversary Companies Caring Breakfast

The 2017 Companies Caring Breakfast was a huge success, shining a spotlight on the many partnerships that make Montgomery County a caring, welcoming community. Emcee WUSA-9 anchor Mike Hydeck did an excellent job keeping things running smoothly from the podium. County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Council Roger Berliner presented Interfaith Works CEO Shane Rock with a proclamation commemorating IW's 45th anniversary this year.



If you want to feel like you were there, take a look at these [videos](#) produced by Comcast to honor this year's awardees and awardees over the past 20 years. Check out photos from the event [here](#).

Thank you to the many sponsors who made the event possible:



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**Interfaith Works By The Numbers**



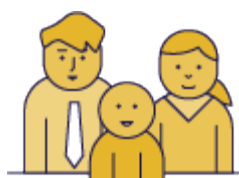
**192**

### **Men & Women**

have engaged with  
**Vocational Services**  
**Program** since July 2016;  
and

**113**

have found jobs



**48**

### **Families**

escaped eviction thanks to  
the Interfaith Works **Hand to**  
**Hand safety net program**  
this year

## Latest News



**JOIN US!**

**Open House and Ribbon-Cutting for the  
New Interfaith Clothing Center space**

**WHERE**

Upstairs at 751 Twinbrook Parkway in Rockville  
(same as current location)

**WHEN**

Monday, May 8, 9:30-11:30am  
(ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10am)

### **Clothing Center Open House & Ribbon-Cutting**

It's a grand opening celebration to christen the new Interfaith Works Clothing Center on **May 8, 9:30-11:30AM**, with ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10AM. There will be refreshments and a chance to tour the new space.

If you plan to come, please RSVP [here](#). If you can't make it, please schedule a tour [here](#).

## **"Songs of Life" Concert To Benefit Interfaith Works**

**Kehila Chadasha** congregation, **Warner**



Open to the public. Free-will donations requested.

**SUNDAY  
MAY 7  
3:00 pm**

**WARNER MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
10123 Connecticut Avenue  
Kensington, MD 20895

Questions?  
Contact Shiraz Reaves:  
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Featuring contributions by  
local musicians and members of  
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church Choir  
Kehila Chadasha Jewish Community  
Indonesian Kids Performing Arts (IKPA)

Enjoy a mix of instrumental and  
vocal, chamber and choral music  
that draws on universal themes of childhood, love,  
loss, celebration, prayer, and wisdom.

**THE INTERFAITH CLOTHING CENTER** in  
Rockville provides low-income families with  
clothing and home goods free of charge, allowing  
them to use more of their resources on food, rent,  
utilities, medicine, and other basic needs.

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INDONESIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION • ISMAAM CENTER

**Memorial Presbyterian Church** and  
the **Indonesian Kids Performing  
Arts** will present a concert to benefit the  
Interfaith Works Clothing Center on May 8  
at 3pm at Warner Memorial in Kensington.  
A flyer with more information about the  
concert, which will include instrumental  
and vocal performances, is [here](#).

## Gratitude Corner



**INSPIRATION:** Our volunteers do extraordinary things to take care of others. Our Lady of Mercy Parish volunteer Aida Campuzano (*second from right*) has been pitching in on the Mercy meals team to feed Interfaith Works Women's Center residents for many years. Team leader Mary Ann Sestili (*center*) arrived at the Center a few weeks ago to help serve the meal that Ms. Campuzano had prepared entirely by herself, from main course to salad to homemade Bundt

cakes. To her astonishment, Mary Ann realized that Ms. Campuzano had accomplished everything -- shopping for, preparing and setting out the multi-course meal for 35 residents - while relying on the use of a walker. And that is not all. Ms. Campuzano also hand-knitted scarves for each of the residents she was feeding.

Thank you for giving so much of yourself to ensure the residents are well cared for. They appreciate it! If you would like to provide a meal at our Women's Center this summer, please contact Mary Jo Bean, [mbean@iworksmc.org](mailto:mbean@iworksmc.org), 301.315.1096.

## **We are grateful to so many of you who provide those we serve with volunteer support and other help, including:**

- **Exterior Medics** for collecting and donating professional clothing for **Vocational Services Program** clients;
- **Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints Potomac Ward** and **Fulbright Scholars** for devoting a day of service at the **Interfaith Works Clothing Center**
- **Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints Rockville Ward** for including **Interfaith Works** in its **International Night** to promote understanding of issues affecting people from other countries living in the **Washington, DC, area**
- **Washington Spanish SDA Church, Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington** and the **National Council of Negro Women** for many donations to the **Interfaith Works Women's Center**, including cleaning supplies, personal essentials, toiletries and two desktop computers.

**CAN YOU HELP?** *One of our programs needs a new or gently used conference table that can accommodate 6 to 8 people. If you have one to donate, please contact Yvonne Esipila, [yesipila@iworksmc.org](mailto:yesipila@iworksmc.org). Check out our [wishlist](#) for other donation opportunities.*

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## Mark Your Calendar: Do More 24 is June 8!

It's a day focused on building a stronger community by giving where you live. Challenge 24 of your friends to give \$24 each to support Interfaith Works' programs to help neighbors lift themselves out of poverty.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Bean, [mbean@iworksmc.org](mailto:mbean@iworksmc.org), 301.315.1096.

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