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Monthly Bulletin from Interfaith Works

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Giving Gifts

In this season of joy, our hearts were broken when Rosie, a long-time resident of our women's shelter, passed away. During her life, she was challenged by significant behavioral health issues that led to homelessness and caused pain within her family, especially to her children.

We were honored when her daughter drove from her home in Indiana to Rockville to take part in a remembrance ceremony where staff and residents shared favorite memories. Over the years, Rosie and her daughter had a strained relationship, but they managed to reconnect with our help.

Not long after our service, we received a very special gift that gave us great comfort. Rosie's daughter sent a note to IW Women's Center staff, thanking them for the care and community provided to her mom.

She said:

*"Never in a million years could I have given her what you did - a safe, caring and compassionate place to stay. I truly believe she passed **among friends and in a place she felt loved.** I will carry all of the stories I have heard in my heart as I try to make peace with this loss."*



These beautiful words let our staff know what IW meant to Rosie. They are a great gift to us. We hope that having the opportunity to hear IW staff and friends at the shelter share stories about her mom gave a lasting gift to Rosie's daughter as well.

We would not be able to provide that safe, caring and compassionate home without our dedicated staff and without your support. Thank you for all you do for Interfaith Works, Rosie and her fellow residents, and more than 16,000 men, women and children who count on IW programs that prevent, stabilize and empower.

As 2017 comes to a close and we share the joys of the season, we at Interfaith Works wish you and your family the gift of finding yourself among friends and in a place you feel loved -



Shane Rock
CEO



*Thank
you!*

Thank you to the many, many donors of special meals, toys, warm clothing, toiletries, gift cards, linens and more. Your generosity makes the season bright for our neighbors.

Thank you to all who have supported our year-end campaign. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please consider [making a donation now](#), before the new tax law goes into effect.

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WINTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**The Center (751 Twinbrook Pkwy.
in Rockville) will be closed:
Saturday, Dec. 23;
week of
Sunday, Dec. 31 – Monday, Jan. 8;
and
Saturday, Jan. 13**

Call 301.424.3796 for more information



**Interfaith Works' annual
Companies Caring Breakfast is
Thursday, April 26,
at the Bethesda North Marriott
Hotel. For more information,
contact Suzanne Lofhjelm,
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