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Monthly Bulletin from Interfaith Works

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IW's Congregations Meeting

Our dedicated congregations are the heart of Interfaith Works, and I am truly looking forward to a special gathering we convene each year: the annual IW Congregational Meeting.

Please join us for an update on our work in the community this past year and a discussion of more opportunities for collaboration. We will engage

on key issues challenging those we serve. The meeting will include the introduction of the Interfaith Network of Montgomery County (INMC), a unique public-private



partnership between IW and the Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council, which will assist faith communities in meeting residents' needs.

WHERE: Interfaith Works Clothing Center
751 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 13, 6 - 8pm
All are welcome!

A light dinner will be provided. RSVP by Nov. 10 to Paula Aulestia, 301.762.8682, paulestia@iworksmc.org.

Please spread the word in your faith community. I hope to see you there!

Shane Rock
CEO

PS: As we wrap up October, Interfaith Works is launching our holiday giving program to bring cheer to people in need. Find out more about ways to help [here](#).



The IW Make Your Mark Montgomery 5K/1K is tomorrow! Support the great work that Interfaith Works does by running or walking on Rock Creek Trail on Saturday, Oct. 28, in the 2nd annual IW Make Your Mark Montgomery 5K/1K (or don't even get out of bed -- register as a virtual runner/walker).

The 5K is a timing-chipped event. Pre-registered participants will receive a tech tee-shirt (see design above). Same-day registration will be available but registrants will not be guaranteed a shirt. Costumes are optional but encouraged!

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 28;
5K starts at 8:30AM and 1K immediately after

WHERE: **IW Clothing Center**
751 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville
Sign up
[here](#)

For information on sponsorship, contact IW Development Director Suzanne Lofhjelm, 301.315.1096, slofhjelm@iworksmc.org. Thanks to our sponsors:



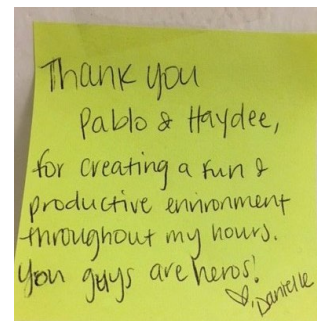
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The Feeling Is Mutual

A volunteer at the **Interfaith Works Clothing Center** left this sweet note on a bulletin board the other day. If you would like to roll up your sleeves and help out at the IW Clothing Center or another IW program, contact Rachel Sanborn, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator, 240.641.6305, rsanborn@iworksmc.org. You also can find out more about volunteer opportunities through Interfaith Works' **volunteer page**.



A Personal Connection

Interfaith Works is collaborating with the **Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer** to provide women in need with bras donated by breast cancer survivors. We kicked off the program, known as **Re-Bra**, this month for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with

amazing coverage from WUSA9 anchor Andrea Roane (watch her story on the campaign [here](#)). Each of the gently used, donated bras carries a tag in English and Spanish listing a women's breast health bill of rights. Information about donating bras to support this campaign is available from the Brem Foundation, www.bremfoundation.org.



In Memoriam



Interfaith Works lost a beloved friend with the passing of Monsignor Ralph Kuehner. He was a dedicated supporter of Interfaith Works and a board member for many years. Monsignor, who was affiliated with St. Francis of Assisi parish, was a warrior for social justice causes and staunch advocate for those struggling in Montgomery County. A mutual friend said, "Msgr. Ralph was the one who showed me what it was to live a life of service." He will be missed.

Interfaith Works By The Numbers



333

Men and Women

were sheltered overnight at the IW Empowerment Center last year to protect them from extreme cold



111

Men & Women

last year participated in IW Vocational Services program's Job Readiness Class series, which

during the winter months
(November - April)

includes sessions on
financial literacy

Gratitude Corner

We can't do it without you! Thanks to all of our volunteers, whose contributions help keep IW programs delivering crucial services to people in need.

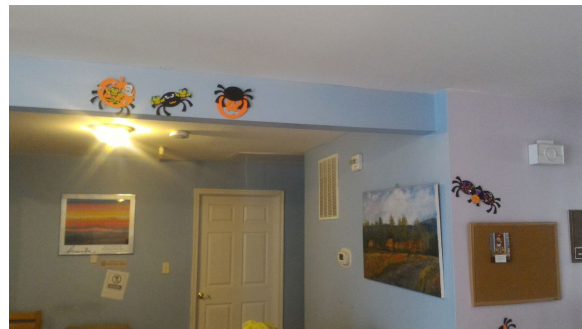
Thanks to all who responded to donation needs at **IW Clothing Center**. We continue to see a high volume of new families shopping at the Center for the first time. Special thanks to IW Board Member **Jeanne Wolfson**, who answered the call for donations by providing ONE HUNDRED pairs of NEW shoes! We are in need of volunteers to sort donations. Please contact Rachel Sanborn, rsanborn@iworksmc.org, 240.641.6305.



Other great contributions made recently at the IWCC include two days of service by **GlaxoSmithKline** employees (*see photo*), and a great collaboration between the **Potomac Ward of the Washington, DC, stake of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints** and the **Islamic Education Center of Maryland**. These two groups worked for hours

doing heavy-duty cleaning, repair and construction work and landscaping, preparing the courtyard area for a planned community garden, courtesy of **Home Depot**. They also donated two benches installed outside the center entrance, which will be welcomed by the Center's senior and disabled customers.

Big thanks to dedicated volunteer Wendy Weisbard and her group of **Shaare Torah** 5th graders and parents, who treated residents of our **Becky's House** and **Watkins Mill House** to a festive Halloween celebration, complete with brunch, decorations, craft activities and gift bags containing socks, gloves and nail polish. The residents loved the event!



Thank you to **Boyd's Presbyterian Church** and to **Adventist Health Care** for much-needed donations of travel-sized toiletries. Interfaith Works' winter overnight program to safely shelter men and women living on the streets opens Nov. 1, greatly increasing the need for unopened, travel-sized toiletries. If you can help, please bring donations to IW's

main office, 114 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, 301.762.8682.

Thanks to **Thrive Yoga** in Rockville, which is holding "Yoga for A Cause" to benefit Interfaith Works programs on Nov. 11. More info is [here](#). Hope to see you there!

Check It Out!

Take a look at the latest Interfaith Works Annual Report [here](#).



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