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Monthly Bulletin from Interfaith Works

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A Season of Transition

Summer is a time of transition for most of us, bringing a more relaxed time to kick back a little bit. It is a time of transition in some of our programs too.

You probably are aware we open our doors to provide emergency shelter from the bitter cold in winter to people experiencing homelessness. You may not realize we serve that same important function in the heat of summer too. Although the summer season officially started just days ago, we have already provided several days of cool, safe refuge and expect to again later this week. We will continue to do so whenever the mercury climbs to unhealthy levels that put people at risk for hyperthermia.



And there are other transitions on the horizon:

- After more than 25 years with Interfaith Works, Priscilla Fox-Morrill, an expert on the issue of homelessness, will be embarking on other adventures. Priscilla will leave a lasting legacy. She created many of the innovative programs we now provide to serve people experiencing homelessness. We will miss her dearly and wish her well.
- We will be sunsetting our Carroll House men's shelter program due to a shift in Federal funding priorities. We have successfully connected all former guests in that program to the services they need as we wind down. We are enormously proud of the work done at Carroll House over the years to help men find a path out of homelessness and poverty, frequently in collaboration with the Interfaith Works Vocational Services program. Many former guests are now in more permanent housing situations and working in sustainable jobs.

Transitions are inevitable, bringing change. But there is one thing that doesn't change: our gratitude for your steadfast support of the work we do through donations and volunteering.

Thanks to you, Interfaith Works will be here to deliver life-saving, life-changing services to people in need.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you!



Shane Rock
CEO

2018 Backpack Campaign

Can you help young students
start the school year right?
Our top school supplies needs right now:



New Backpacks
For Grades K - 12



Binders



Lined Filler Paper



Rulers



Scissors



Last year, thanks to generous donors and community support, more than 2,100 school-aged kids received brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies at the IW Clothing Center in Rockville. This year **our goal is 3,000**. The program "helps a lot," one grateful mom told us. "It means that I don't have to spend too much money....I can spend on food and bills."

You can support the program by donating school supplies or by making a **financial**

contribution. Learn more [here](#).

Gratitude Corner

Thanks to all the volunteer groups who helped at the Interfaith Works Clothing Center (IWCC) in May, including two groups from [GlaxoSmithKline \(GSK\)](#) (*pictured at right*) and students/staff from [Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School](#). We even had volunteers all the way from Connecticut through the [Youth Services Opportunities Project](#) which sent eight students from Greenwich Academy.



We are also grateful to the 75 volunteers participating in [Marriott International](#) Spirit to Serve Day who helped by sorting and organizing donations, hanging clothes and keeping the IWCC stocked.

They processed a month's worth of donations in just three hours!

Much gratitude to the nursing staff from the [Adventist HealthCare Rehabilitation](#) unit who brought a very large donation for the Interfaith Works Welcome Baby Project filled with wipes, diapers, clothing, soap and other essentials. After donating, they stayed to volunteer at the IWCC!

A shout out of thanks to all the [Aetna offices across Montgomery County](#) for holding a professional clothing drive for the IWCC's Prepare to Impress Corner which provides clothing for job interviews and professional appointments for individuals working with IW's Vocational Services program.

Tony René and the members of Cabin John Tennis Club generously contributed more than \$1,400 which will allow us to install cable at the Interfaith Works Women's Center (IWWC) so our ladies will be able to watch TV. Each year, this group purchases big items that directly benefit the women such as a refrigerator, freezer, AED machine, Wi-Fi for clients, chairs, etc. We can't thank them enough for providing these comforts of home.

We would also like to thank Arlene Cuanias and students of Masters of Social Work Organization at [The Universities at Shady Grove \(USG\)](#) for collecting more than 50 pre-loaded Smart trip cards.

Thank you for your inspiration and commitment, Darla! For over five years, she has been providing and serving dinner for 35 women at the IWWC every 5th Wednesday all by



herself. (Darla is on the left and Rosa of IW staff on the right.)

You Are Invited!

OUR BIG NIGHT OUT IS THIS WEEK! Summer means outdoor seating and cool beverages. El Golfo has both and we can't wait! Hope you'll join us for great Latin food and karaoke at **El Golfo Restaurant** in Silver Spring on **Thursday, June 28, 6-9pm**. Dine in or carry out to benefit IW programs - 20 percent of the proceeds will go to Interfaith Works (let your server know you are there in support of Interfaith Works.) Plus, it's karaoke night so bring some friends and get your groove on! The restaurant is located at 8739 Flower Avenue. Parking is available in an adjacent lot.



SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, August 25 - Park Potomac Ice Cream Social to benefit the IW backpack and school supplies drive

Saturday, October 20 - Interfaith Works' Race to Empower MoCo 5K/1K at the IW Clothing Center/Rock Creek Trail in Rockville

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