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Monthly Bulletin from Interfaith Works

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## Joining in Service to Our Neighbors

Growing up in the Adirondack Mountains region of New York State, I loved this time of year with the vibrant fall foliage, the gentle warmth of sunny days, and the crisp cool evenings hinting at the snowy winter to come. Then, as it is now, the fall season was also a time to gather for family celebrations and unite in service to our less fortunate neighbors.

On behalf of the more than 100 professional staff and Interfaith Works' volunteer Board of Directors, I thank you, and others who have joined with you for the help you've given freely to our less fortunate neighbors in the past year. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure enable Interfaith Works to serve our neighbors in need, and for that, we are truly grateful.

We are a community with many too many of our neighbors struggling to escape homelessness and poverty, and thankfully we are also a community with great empathy, compassion, and resources to help people lift themselves up. Thank you for your gifts to help those struggling among us to survive and thrive.

Thank You,

Shane Rock  
CEO



**Donate Today!**

## **VisArts Empty Bowls Event**

# **Come Join Interfaith Works at the VisArts Empty Bowls Event**

**All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to  
Interfaith Works and Nourish Now**

**Thursday, November 21st**

**Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**


**Early Bird Bowl Selection: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**155 Gibbs St, Rockville, MD 20850**

*[Click Here To Register](#)*

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators, and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. VisArts' ceramic instructors and students are busy creating hundreds of handcrafted bowls for this event. Clay, glazes, studio time and kiln costs to support the work are being donated by VisArts.

Attendees are invited to a simple meal of soup, bread, and dessert. In exchange for a cash donation, guests keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.



# visarts

## Fighting Hunger with Empty Bowls

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Early Bird Bowl Selection**  
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Buchanan Event Room, 2nd Floor

Did you know that 63,000 Montgomery County residents do not know where their next meal is coming from?

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All event proceeds will support Nourish Now and Interfaith Works, two area non-profit organizations working to eliminate hunger and meet the needs of the poor in Montgomery County.

**Early Bird Ticket \$35.00**  
**Online Ticket \$25.00**  
**At the Door Ticket \$30.00**

Register at:  
[www.visartscenter.org/visarts-in-the-community/empty-bowls](http://www.visartscenter.org/visarts-in-the-community/empty-bowls)



## Success Story

Laurie was referred to **Vocational Services** from the Interfaith Works Empowerment Center (IWECC) Day Program. Laurie was working as a part-time associate at Giant Foods and soon after joining the Interfaith Works Vocational Services Program, she secured additional part-time employment at a Macy's department store.

When working together to revise Laurie's resume, Laurie's Vocational Counselor realized that Laurie had extensive experience as a healthcare credentialing specialist. Though Laurie faced disappointments and setbacks, she remained positive and optimistic. She was eventually able to secure several interviews in the healthcare credentialing field.



Several months later, Laurie was offered and accepted a full-time position with benefits as a Credentialing Specialist at a healthcare provider that serves military veterans. During a follow-up conversation with her Vocational Counselor, Laurie announced that her job was going well and that she had recently closed on a house!

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**Donate to Help Clients Like Laurie**

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## Gratitude Corner

**We are grateful to so many of you who support Interfaith Works financially and through volunteering:**

- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Potomac Ward:** For the help they provided us at the Interfaith Works Clothing Center this month. They did an amazing job sorting clothing and linens, doing yard work in our garden, and repairing a concrete threshold to make our ramp wheelchair accessible again.





- **Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Underwriting Team:** For volunteering at the clothing center and providing us with some much-needed help sorting clothes and coats.



- **The Peoples Community Baptist Church:** For inviting us to the Jessie Soul Line Dancers and Generettes 8th Fall Domestic Violence Event, and for your wonderful donations to the Interfaith Works Women's Center.



- **Samsung US Maryland Field Operations Team:** For coming to the Interfaith Works Clothing Center to sort clothing and provide technical support for our computer lab.



- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Students:** For visiting the Interfaith Works Women's Center and doing a fantastic job of reorganizing and labeling items in all of our storage closets.



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[Click Here to Help Our Neighbors in Need](#)

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## Join Our Team

**Join an incredible team at Interfaith Works where you will make an impact by helping our neighbors who are working hard to lift themselves out of poverty and homelessness.**

**We have several open positions. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.**

*Interfaith Works endeavors to reflect the diversity of our community on our staff. Members of traditionally marginalized groups are strongly encouraged to apply.*

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