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Humanitarian Awards recognize service  
and volunteerism; awards dinner is Thursday

Honorees at this year's Humanitarian Awards Dinner run the gamut of experiences: an organization that has been around for 65 years, a couple who met in Wichita, left, then returned 45 years later, an immigrant from Pakistan, a lifelong Wichitan and a couple who have been involved in Wichita education and volunteerism for more than 30 years.

Humanitarian Awards are given annually. This year's dinner is Thursday, August 18 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Ballroom. If you would like to attend please contact Linda Wren in the Inter-Faith Ministries office (264-9303) as soon as possible.



*Left to right: Pat Jones, Wichita Crime Commission; Dr. Sharon Cranford; Dr. Evies Cranford; Maira Salim; Anne Corrison; Angie Marlett; Paul Dohm, His Helping Hands; Deborah Bardo; Dr. John Bardo.*

## Sherry's story: "I got my life back"



When Sherry arrived at Inter-Faith Inn she was at a low point in her life. She was nearing 60, had lost her job during the recession, was battling depression and felt completely hopeless.

"I was admitted to the Inn, but I was so depressed I went into the hospital for 10 days," she said. "I really thought my life was over - I just knew I was unemployable and I was never going to be happy or feel worthwhile again."

On June 1, after ten months as a resident at the Inn, Sherry moved into her own apartment. She works at Inter-Faith through the Senior Community Service Employment Program, she has the world's greatest cat for companionship, and she's looking for full time work - even though we would much

prefer she stay here.

"It's been a long road," she said. "I don't want to say it was all easy, but I am so very happy with my life."

Sherry is quick to credit other people and organizations with helping her. She doesn't give herself nearly enough credit. At our shelters people receive case management and support, but the residents are the ones who have to do all the hard work to rebuild their lives.

"Inter-Faith Ministries is the only place I could go," she said. "There isn't another shelter that takes single women. If you hadn't had room for me I would have given up completely."

"I got my life back" is a phrase that you often hear from Sherry. It's said with a smile, which is how she greets every day now.



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# DINE OUT HELP OUT

*An event to shelter the homeless*



Thanks to our great media sponsors for Dine Out Help Out! KSN-TV and iHeart Radio will be helping with the promotion of the event. Be sure to thank them for their support.

**Participating Restaurants  
are listed here:  
Dine Out Help Out**

### Memorial and Honor Gifts

In honor of Bernard and Rose Mary Mohr  
In honor of Sherry Roberts  
In honor of Lyle Albright  
In honor of Suzy Abdelfarag



**Final Friday August 26  
5:30 - 8:30 pm**

### "Mappings of Communication"

Envision art students use a variety of media to explore communication and what art means for the vision-impaired. Join Sarah Stewart and her students for this really wonderful exhibit.

### Ambassadors wanted...

### Dine Out Help Out: An Event to Shelter the Homeless

It is back and it is going to be big! Dine Out Help Out returns to Wichita Tuesday, September 20 at many fine restaurants.

More than 40 restaurants have already signed up to participate, with more joining every day. All people need to do is breakfast, lunch, and/or dine out at one of the restaurants that day and IFM will receive a portion of the proceeds for our homeless shelters.

In exchange, we do everything we can to drive traffic into participating restaurants that day. One way to do that is to assign one or more Ambassadors to each restaurant. Ambassadors engage in some friendly competition to see who can get the most people into their restaurant. All's fair: social media, arm twisting, begging are all acceptable means! Prizes will be awarded to those who do the best job - and all Ambassadors get a really great apron!

If you enjoy Facebook, Twitter, newsletter writing, texting, talking then being an Ambassador is right down your alley. Sign up now to help us shelter the homeless through Dine Out Help Out. Call or email Carolyn Kell at 264-9303, [ckell@interfaithwichita.org](mailto:ckell@interfaithwichita.org), for more information.



You can help us simply by shopping at Dillons! Dillons Community Rewards program is a great, easy way to donate to Inter-Faith Ministries every time you shop. [Register your Dillons card here](#) and help us share the rewards. IFM's program number is 83262.

## Inter-Faith Ministries welcomes new Board members

Seven people were elected to the Inter-Faith Ministries Board of Directors. The new Board met for the first time in August. IFM's Board of Directors was expanded from 12 to 17 members.

"These are very exciting times for Inter-Faith Ministries," said Executive Director Anne Corriston. "The Board will have a very important role as we move forward with our mission."

Elected to two-year terms are Ahmet Akgun, Geri Appel, Kathy Bowles, Patricia Gorham, Maryon Habtemariam, Cathy Holdeman and Susan Welsby.

Retiring Board members are Rev. Titus James and Rev. Cindy Watson.

Officers for the 2016-2017 year are Bonnie Toombs, president; Nile Dillmore, secretary; and Bruce Schriefer, treasurer.



Becoming a member of Inter-Faith Ministries InnKeepers Club is a great way to help people recover from disaster, addiction, homelessness and mental illness all year long. Your monthly gift is important to the more than 1,000 homeless people who stay in one of IFM's shelters each year. In addition, InnKeeper Club members receive discounts on special events throughout the year.

Visit our website to make your secure credit or debit card payment through our online partner, Network for Good, or contact Linda Wren, 264-9303, to set up an automatic bank draft.

# AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What's happening with IFM  
and our partners and friends

### Monthly events

First Wednesdays at 9 am, **Ecumenical Prayer at IFM**, Join with others in prayer the first Wednesday of each month at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market. Prayers for ourselves, others, our city, nation and world are all welcome, as are all faiths and all people.



**August 1 - August 26 Building Bridges Art Exhibit and Sale, Wichita State University and Bethel College.** 70 paintings by professional displaced Middle Eastern artists, mostly Iraqi, in four Wichita-area venues. The artwork from refugee artists will be sold by silent auction with proceeds benefiting the artists. By offering Kansans a unique opportunity to appreciate and purchase works by these artists, Building Bridges hopes to challenge stereotypes about Muslim and Arab worlds, convey a human experience and balance the negative portrayal of the Middle Eastern refugees.

**Thursday, August 4** 9:00 am-noon, **International Rescue Committee**, Help welcome new refugees to Wichita. Parklane Shopping Center, 1530 S. Oliver, Suite 270 (upper level). Needed are crock pots and people to help mow yards for newcomers.

**Saturday, August 6** 10:00 am, **Convoy of Hope**, Bethel Life Center, 3777 S. Meridian. Groceries, haircuts, family portraits, medical and dental screening and more. Volunteers are needed. Call 522-7148 for more information.

**Saturday, August 6** 10:00 am, **The Blessing of the Children**, Paradise Baptist Church, 4401 E. 17th. Blessing schoolchildren with supplies, prayers and encouragement for the upcoming school year. Call 684-8413 if you would like to help or donate school supplies.

**Sunday, August 7** 2:00 pm, **"Famous Nathan" Jewish Summer Film Festival**, Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W. Museum Blvd. Free, with a discussion following the film. Call 686-4741 for more information.

**Tuesday, August 9** 12:00-1:00 pm, **Dine Out Help Out Ambassador workshop**, Inter-Faith Ministries Art of Faith Gallery. [Make your reservation](#)

**Tuesday, August 9** 5:30-8:30 pm, **International Potluck Dinner**, Islamic Society of Wichita, 6655 E. 34th St. North. Bring a dish representative of your family heritage. Reservations requested. Call 682-5479 for more information.

**Thursday, August 11** 5:15-6 pm, **Wichita Crop Walk Recruiter Rally**, Inter-Faith Ministries Art of Faith Gallery, 829 N. Market

**Wednesday, August 17** 5:30-6:30 pm, **Dine Out Help Out Ambassador workshop**, Inter-Faith Ministries Art of Faith Gallery. [Make your reservation](#)

**Thursday, August 18** 6:00-9:00 pm, **Humanitarian Awards Dinner**, Hyatt Regency Hotel Ballroom. Call Linda Wren, 264-9303 for information or tickets.

**Friday, August 26** 5:30-8:30 pm, **"Mappings of Communication" Final Friday with Sarah Stewart and Envision art students**, Inter-Faith Ministries Art of Faith Gallery, 829 N. Market. Free and fun for all ages.

**Tuesday, August 30** 5:30-7:30 pm, **Wichita Area Circles Network**, East Heights UMC, 4407 E. Douglas. Learn about Circles Network and how it seeks to reduce poverty and increase community. Call Allison at 393-2590 to register.

Send your events to Carolyn Kell, [ckell@interfaithwichita.org](mailto:ckell@interfaithwichita.org) for inclusion in the calendar.



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