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September 2013

From the Executive Director

Warming Souls Winter Shelter

Dear John,

"I'm looking forward to having a home for the next five months."

That's what a homeless man said recently when talking about Inter-Faith's Warming Souls Winter Shelter. It's hard to believe but November 1 will be here in just a few short weeks. That means we'll

open our temporary shelter that provides refuge from winter's chill to homeless men and women from November through March.

An interfaith and community partnership, the Winter Shelter began in 1990. Several area pastors, civic leaders, volunteers, friends, and donors worked together to provide a safe place for men and women to sleep during the coldest months of the year. Over the years the shelter began offering a hot meal nightly and breakfast in the morning. Physically, it's a space with cots or mats, blankets, and a dining area. But spiritually, it's a place

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Save the Date



where men and women receive a warm smile, a listening ear, and a caring heart.

Our intention is to provide a place that brings about healing, reconciliation, and a more permanent home than a cot in a church space. We have found that a single act of kindness, of acknowledging the person before us, can inspire positive change. Next month I will tell you about one of the people who came to the shelter last year and has now been sober for six months.

This year we will host the men's Winter Shelter at our Spiritual Center, 841 N. Market, and the women's shelter at 841 N. Broadway. If you or your church group would like to help us this season by providing meals and extending hospitality to our homeless friends, please call our office at 316-264-9303.

Sincerely,

Anne

Anne Corriston
Executive Director

Volunteer Updates

Hi wonderful volunteers!



Is your group, business, or congregation looking for a volunteer opportunity this winter season? Look no further! The Warming Souls Winter Shelter and Operation Holiday need your help. Have a fantastic recipe? Share it with the men at the Winter Shelter! Not a cook? Collect food, gifts and winter wear for Operation Holiday recipients! Want to do both? I won't stop you:)

For more details, contact me at kfranchino@interfaithwichita.org or 264-9303.

Sincerely,

Kat Franchino Volunteer Coordinator

Kickoff Lunch

Operation Holiday is right around the corner! Help make the holidays brighter for 13,000+ people.

Join us

August 22, 2013

IFM's main office 829 N. Market to learn how you can get involved.

Please RSVP to Kathleen Webb by September 18.

316-264-9303 kw ebb@interfaithw ichita.org

You Can Help



In Remembrance

John E. Reimer

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer Driver: Pick food donations up from local restaurants to bring to IFM shelters. Must be 18+ with a valid driver's license. Minimum of one pick up per month. One pick up per week is preferred.
- Shelter Chef: Cook lunch from 10:00 12:00 once a week for 10 - 15 individuals staying in an IFM shelter. Some food provided, food handler card required, must be 18+
- Volunteer Receptionist: Answer and direct calls, assist with mailings, greet visitors, and do data entry. Hours vary. Must commit to a minimum of three hours per week.

► Final Friday at IFM

Final Friday at IFM - Sept. 27 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Join us at 829 N. Market for free food, music and art hosted by University Congregational Church artists. September's gallery will feature photography, cross stitch, paintings and more.



Events and Highlights

Warming Souls Winter Shelter & Operation Holiday

Mark your calendars!

The 2013 - 2014 Warming Souls Winter Shelter season is November 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014.

Distribution days for the 53rd Operation Holiday will be Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

To learn more, contact Kat or call 264-9303

Two August Final Friday Shows!

Humanitarian Awards Dinner

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SEPTEMBER

09 Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

14 Yom Kippur (Jewish)

27 Michael & All Angels (Christian)

OCTOBER

04 St. Francis Day (Christian)

05 - 13 Navaratri (Hindu)

15 - 18 Eid al Adha (Islam)

<u>Explanation/Description</u> of Holidays



This year, 300 people who joined Inter-Faith Ministries in honoring this year's Humanitarian Award recipients. Photos of the event can be viewed here.

A big thank you to the Muslim community for sharing art and food during the August Final Friday! Didn't get a chance to see the art? Stop by the IFM main office to take a peek.

IFM was invited to participate in the Bomb Shelter art show at Final Friday. Eight artists staying at the Inter-Faith Inn showed art at the show. A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Inter-Faith Suitcase Project by sharing the 5 things they'd take with them if they became homeless.

Inter-Faith Summer Program

For a third year, Inter-Faith Ministries served as a summer feeding site for neighborhood children.

180 children and their families turned to the Inter-Faith Summer Program for free lunches and activities. 21 incredible volunteer Activity Leaders assisted with the program.

Thank you to the Summer Food Service Program, Partners for Wichita, and area donors for providing meals and snacks.

IFM Donor Appreciation Wall

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Reader Comments

Tell us what's on your mind. IFM is forming a multi-faith prayer group to pray for anyone who is experiencing a particularly difficult time. Do you know someone who is in need?

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