



People of Faith Uniting to Meet Human Needs

FAITHLINES E-NEWS

December 2013

► From the Executive Director

The People God Forgot

Dear John,

Some of our clients have told me that they feel God has forgotten them. Otherwise, why would they be suffering so much with issues that seem to swallow them up entirely?



Recently I met a woman who had spent a couple of months sleeping in a park because she had nowhere else to go. A man who gets a little money in his pocket and spends it on alcohol. A mother with four children who would like to work but has limited skills. A father who has been homeless for three years and now has a terminal heart condition. A young adult with no family who had been living on the streets and was attacked. These are snapshots of real people who have come to our doors asking for help. In each situation we assess what they need right now, and what we can do to help them in the coming days, weeks, and even months.

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Upcoming...



Mark your calendars for the Catholic Charities

coming days, weeks, and even months.

I don't have a ready-made answer when someone asks me why people have to suffer. I don't believe that God wills suffering or any other bad things to come into our lives. What I do believe is that those of us who are in a position to help are God's eyes, hands, feet, and heart working in the world. I believe God is counting on all of us to make a difference.

We don't judge people for the circumstances and decisions that have led to their current situation. But we do hold them accountable for the decisions they make while we are working with them. We encourage, cajole, scold, reward, withhold privileges, and cheer on our clients. Through our actions, we try to show them that no, God has not forgotten them.

You, too, are God's eyes, hands, feet, and heart working in the world. There are many ways you can help people here at Inter-Faith Ministries. Just contact us and we'll put you to work, doing God's work to remind people in need that He has not forgotten them.

Sincerely,



Anne Corriston
Executive Director

► Volunteer Opportunities

- **Operation Holiday Young Adult Mingle:** Join us Dec. 3rd from 5:30 - 7:00 at the Operation Holiday distribution center as we prepare holiday donations for those in need! Free dinner by Knolla's Pizza provided. RSVP to our [Facebook event!](#)
- **Operation Holiday Parking Lot Attendant:** Help direct traffic for OH program recipients and volunteers on Dec. 19, 20, or 21.
- **Operation Holiday Data Entry Volunteer:** Enter OH applications into our database. Must be 18+ and be comfortable computer data entry. Nov. 18 - Dec. 3, flexible hours.
- **Shelter Chef:** Cook lunch from 10:00 - 12:00 once a week for 10 - 15 individuals staying in an IFM shelter. Some food

**Operation Holiday
Young Adult Mingle**
event on Dec. 3 from
5:30 - 7:00! The Young
Adult Mingle benefits
Operation Holiday.

Anyone between the
ages of 21 - 39 is
welcome to join for an
evening of volunteering
and mingling with new
and old friends. Check
out the [Facebook event](#)
for more info.

Free dinner by Knolla's
Pizza will be provided!



Please RSVP
to [Michael Donovan](#) or
[Kat Franchino](#) by
Dec. 2.

You Can Help

**Donate
Now!**

In Remembrance

Letah Jo Wilcox

More IFM News

provided, food handler card required, must be 18+

► Final Friday at IFM

There will be NO December Final Friday reception. We will resume the Final Friday event in January!



► 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.

Operation Holiday distribution will be Dec. 19 - 21 at 6225 E. Kellogg Dr. S. in the old Davis Moore Nissan dealership.

To learn more, contact [Kat](#) or call 264-9303

Thank you Denim & Diamonds for donating turkeys to IFM homeless shelters!



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Interfaith Calendar

DECEMBER

06 St. Nicholas Day (Christian)

*08 Rohatsu -Bodhi Day
(Buddhist)*

25 Christmas (Christian)

JANUARY

*01 Feast of St. Basil (Orthodox
Christian)*

01 Gantan-sai (Shinto)

*07 Nativity of Christ (Orthodox
Christian)*

[Explanation/Description
of Holidays](#)

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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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