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January 2014

From the Executive Director

Happy New Year!

Dear John,

Happy New Year! I want to share with you that your support, care, and prayers for Inter-Faith Ministries really do work!

Last Thursday I learned that the Ti'Wiconi Safe Haven Homeless Shelter had moved down in priorities and was in danger of not being funded in

the 2014 round of funding. The change was initiated by people at HUD, not local folks. I was stunned and realized that we could be facing shutting down the Safe Haven.

Later, as I prepared to leave the office for the day, I received a call that we were dangerously low on food and toys for Operation Holiday.

And then my transmission broke.

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Upcoming...



I was feeling about as low as I could possibly feel. I wondered who would help clients if we had to close Safe Haven's doors. I wondered how we could possibly restock what we needed for Operation Holiday, and where that money would come from. I wondered, too, if I was the right person to head Inter-Faith Ministries. I lay awake for quite awhile last Thursday night begging God and all His angels for help. Not for me, but for the people we take care of at Inter-Faith Ministries.

Miracles happen, though. The next day several donations came in. Our friends at the Kansas Foodbank Warehouse mobilized, processed, and delivered an emergency order for about \$10,000 of food to be distributed immediately.

And then, in a stunningly swift reversal, I learned on Monday that the Safe Haven had moved to a much higher priority. In other words, its funding is safe for the next year

Last, I went to Davis-Moore last Friday afternoon. They have been so generous to Operation Holiday, not only donating space for this year's distribution center, but coming in and making sure we have what we need. So I bought a new car from people who had been good to Inter-Faith Ministries. No more transmission woes. Free oil changes for a year. 0% financing. Great service. I wonder why I didn't do it sooner.

I believe our work is important here at IFM. We don't judge, we nudge, and help men and women with some very challenging issues move forward. I believe last week's crises were a reminder that God is in charge. We have to work hard and smart, but if we do so and take our needs to Him, He will deliver.

My holiday wish for you is that God will deliver whatever you truly need when you need it. May 2014 be a year of joy and blessings for you and those you love.

Sincerely,

Anne Corriston
Executive Director

Mark your calendars for our annual **Souper Bowl** event on January 31st at First Presbyterian Church!

Join us for lunch and raise money for hungry men, women, and children in the Wichita area. Soup and bread provided by local restaurants.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact <u>Kathleen</u>

<u>Webb</u> or call 316-264-9303

You Can Help

Donate Now!

In Remembrance

Charles T. Brewer (Jack)
L. Wayne Carlisle
Luke Carter
Barb and John Fuller
Patricia Hartley
Ed and Laure Krieger
George Rethorst
Borden Todd Scott
Carol Skaggs
Roy Lee Wilson
Dale N. Gast
Pat Weyman
Charles Young

Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for volunteering for Operation Holiday 2013! This year 1,700 volunteers made the holidays brighter for more than 11,000 men, women, and children.

December 27 is my last day at Inter-Faith Ministries. It has been a pleasure working with each of you these past two years. Paula Branizor will take my place. Please join me in welcoming Paula to the Inter-Faith Ministries team!

Sincerely,

Kat Franchino

Volunteer Opportunities

- Operation Holiday: Help pack up the Operation Holiday distribution center. Monday - Fricay, 10:00 - 4:00. Please call in advance: 941-8373
- 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, enter data, assist with mailings at the main office. Days and times vary. Must have basic computer skills (Microsoft Office knowledge) and be 18+

Final Friday at IFM

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



Events and Highlights

Operation Holiday
Thank you for making the holidays brighter!

Jeff Johns Kevin Peschka Dortha Quembly Violet Hurlock Barb and John Fuller

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Interfaith Calendar

JANUARY

01 Feast of St. Basil (Orthodox Christian)

01 Gantan-sai (Shinto)

07 Nativity of Christ (Orthodox Christian)

31 Chinese New

Year(Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)

FEBRUARY

03 Setsubun-sai (Shinto) 14 St. Valentine's Day (Christian)

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

Thank you to the thousands of individuals who shared their time, love, and gifts with Operation Holiday 2013. More than 11,000 individuals were served!

Warming Souls Winter Shelter

The 2013 - 2014 Warming Souls Winter Shelter season is November 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014. Donations of XL/2XL/3XL adult coats and hats, gloves, and scarves are needed.

Souper Bowl

Souper Bowl will be held January 31st at the First Presbyterian Church at Central and Broadway. Lunch will be provided by local restaurants and proceeds will benefit Wichita's hungry men, women, and children. To purchase tickets or learn more, contact Kathleen or call 264-9303.

To learn more, contact Paula or call 264-9303



The Wichita Chapter AGO presents



Saturday, February 15, 10:00 am to Noon Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1958 N. Webb Rd., Wichita

Service Playing Tips for Piano or Organ; Hymn Accompaniments at Piano or Organ; Basic Organ Technique for Pianists; Music Theory & the "Threads of Improvisation"

Free of charge for all church keyboard players

IFM Donor Appreciation Wall Jan - Dec 2012 Jan - Mar 2013







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?