



Homeless For A Day Challenge: Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in taking the Challenge! Below you'll find answers to common questions about the event, but please feel free to reach out to our team if you have any other questions. You will find our contact information listed below. We hope to see you at the event!

When and where will the event take place?

The event will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at Inter-Faith Ministries's Men's Emergency Winter Shelter at 841 N. Market, Wichita, KS 67214. This IFM shelter is seasonal and will already be closed to clients for the spring.

What will happen at the event?

Participants will go through an outdoor activity, learn more about IFM's services and tour the campus. They will then line up like our clients to enter IFM's Winter Emergency Shelter for the evening. Participants will enjoy dinner, hear a client testimonial, watch a brief documentary, and sleep overnight on mats in the shelter. Breakfast and coffee will be provided in the morning. Here is a brief overview:

4:30pm	Registration begins
5-6pm	Outdoor activity & campus tour
6pm	Check-in at shelter, dinner begins
7:30pm	Guest speakers
8:30pm	Documentary on homelessness
10pm	Lights out
6am	Coffee & donuts
7am	Event concludes

How do I register to participate?

You can register online at www.interfaithwichita.org/CHALLENGE or in person at 829 N. Market. Registrants will each receive a commemorative event t-shirt and bracelet.

- The \$40 attending participant registration fee covers the costs associated with what we call two "bed-nights", which means one night's shelter plus dinner, breakfast and case management for one client at one of Inter-Faith Ministries's homeless shelters. Your registration fee will also cover your evening stay including dinner and breakfast.
- The \$20 discounted student registration fee covers one bed-night.
- The \$20 virtual participant registration fee covers one bed-night.
- Early bird pricing will end Sunday, April 21, 2019. Registration will increase to \$45.00 per participant and \$25.00 per student and virtual participation the following day.

We encourage families and groups to participate together! Please note that each participant will need to register separately.

Can anyone sign up?

Participants can be any age, however those under 18 years old must be accompanied by a chaperone. In-person event participants should have a sincere desire to experience what it might be like to be homeless. Virtual participants should be prepared to do challenges at home (an email with ideas will be sent out). Each participant commits to do their best to raise at least their fundraising goal to support homeless families by the date of the event.

Can I bring someone with me?

Of course! Friends, family and colleagues are encouraged to participate together.

What if I can't attend the event, but still want to get involved?

Become a virtual participant and take the Challenge from a location of your choosing! Take on one or more of our "living in poverty" challenges and show your support with your own fundraising campaign through our website. For example: camp out in the backyard with your family with only your bare necessities. More challenges and ideas coming your way after registration.

You can also participate by making a donation online at interfaithwichita.org/CHALLENGE, or by mail or in person at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N Market, Wichita, KS 67214. Donations are tax deductible.

How much am I expected to fundraise?

We ask that all participants put forth their best effort to raise their full fundraising goal (suggested fundraising goals vary with the starting level at \$500). All funds raised will support costs associated with providing housing, meals, transportation, workforce development and training, access to medical care, case management and more for homeless families.

What should I bring?*

- *Weather-appropriate clothing in layers (rain parka or jacket, etc.)*
- *Toiletries/medications*
- *Cellphone/battery pack – charging stations will not be available*
- *Sleeping bag*
- *One small backpack/bag per person will allowed*

For an authentic experience, we discourage luxury items such as pillows, tablets, laptops, makeup, and other unnecessary items. **Please note that IFM is unable to secure valuables on your behalf.*

How will my safety be ensured?

Our shelter will be fully secure and security guards will be onsite overnight to ensure a safe experience for all participants. IFM staff and volunteers will also be present throughout the event.

What about parking?

Parking during the event will be limited to whatever is available at the shelter, administration office and side streets. Because of this, we strongly encourage you to be dropped off/picked up or rideshare to and from the event.

What if there is inclement weather?

We are looking forward to a great event, however we understand that living in Kansas can mean unpredictable weather—particularly in April. We encourage you to come prepared if there are a few sprinkles. In the event there are severe thunderstorms, please check your email for a delayed check-in time or a cancellation notice.

What if I have special needs/accommodations?

*Unfortunately the shelter being used for this event, our no-barrier men's emergency winter shelter (already closed for the season), is not handicap accessible. Accordingly we cannot accommodate those with special needs. Please consult your physician if you foresee issues with walking outdoors on uneven surfaces or have special sleep requirements. Please contact Anittra at anittra@interfaithwichita.org or **316.264.9303** for special dietary restrictions for meals.*

What if I have any other questions?

*We are happy to answer any additional questions you may have! Just contact IFM Director of Volunteer Services & Special Events Anittra Kilgore at **316.264.9303** or anittra@interfaithwichita.org. Need help fundraising? Please contact IFM Director of Development & Community Engagement Angela Perez at **316.264.9303** or angela@interfaithwichita.org.*