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Emergency Winter Shelter

A new kitchen, HVAC system, guttering and sleeping mats will make the Emergency Winter Shelter more comfortable for both volunteers and clients. The Winter Shelter opened for the season Tuesday, November 1. More than 700 individuals will sleep at the Winter Shelter over the next five months.

"Inter-Faith Ministries serves those most in need," said Interim Director Garland Egerton. "When there are more homeless people than there are beds in Wichita we need to do what's necessary to keep them warm, safe and dry. That's the purpose of the Winter Shelter."

Inter-Faith Ministries provides beds for the homeless, affordable housing for the low-income and support for those most in need without regard to race, religion or ethnicity.

Volunteers provide dinner and breakfast at the shelter. If you have a church group, business or organization interested in serving a meal please contact the IFM office, 264-9303.

Memorial and Honor Gifts

In memory of

Brenda Mikulait
Elaine Lynch
Dale Powell
Georgianna Baker
Ray Wyatt
Zoe Ann Harris
James Pavlik
George Rethorst
Robert Billinger
Dr. Robert Byrne
Melvin and Myra Kipp
Bob and June Nunn

In honor of

Drs. Sharon and
Evies Cranford
David and Sally Dewey
Rev. Sally Fahrenthold
Anne Corrison
Bonnie Thompson

FEATURED - Art Exhibition

A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture



Did you know monthly gifts are the easiest way to support an organization? By joining the InnKeepers Club you can help us ensure that people continue to get the support they need to rebuild their lives. Just \$10 or \$20 a month can make a big difference. Network for Good is our online donation partner. You can [make your secure](#)

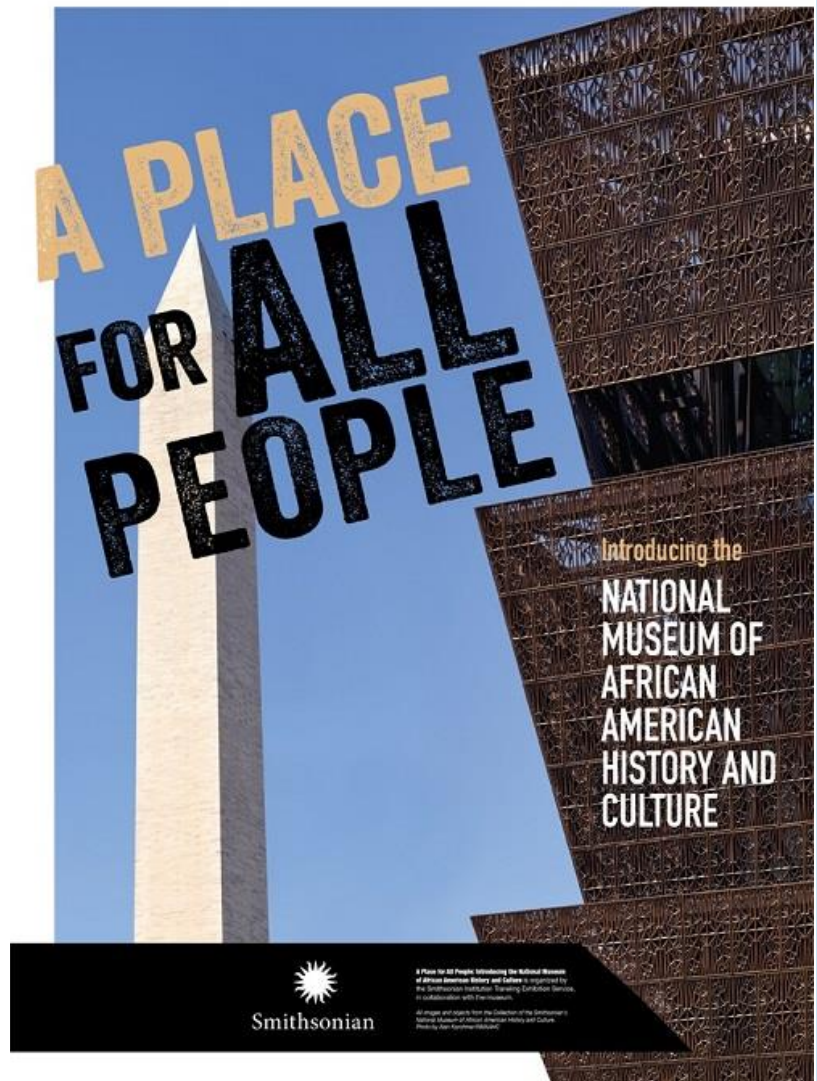
[pledge here](#), or contact our office for more information.

Operation Holiday News



Applications accepted starting November 7 at various locations in Wichita. If you or someone you know can use a little extra help this holiday season be sure to visit our website for more information about application locations and times.

Buy a paw print - buy food! With the help of Skaer Veterinary Clinic we're proud to be providing pet food for the second year. This year you can make your donation at Skaer Veterinary Clinic, Indian Hills Animal Clinic, all three All Paws locations, and all Meritrust Credit Union locations. Put your paw print on the wall



Commemorative posters from the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's newest museum combined with the work of several local artists will showcase both the struggle and triumph of the African American experience.

Exhibit opening is 5:30-8:30 Tuesday, December 6 in the Art of Faith Gallery at Inter-Faith Ministries.

Mary Dean is with Black Women Empowered in Wichita, Inc., which is helping Inter-Faith Ministries organize the show.

"The African American story is one characterized by pain and glory, power and civility, enslavement and freedom," she said.

to show your support! If you would like to donate directly through IFM just be sure to designate your donation for pet food.

The search for a warehouse is near an end. We expect to make an announcement soon. Thanks to all who called with suggestions, and thanks to all the realtors, bankers, and others who helped find space.

Even though we are running out of storage space, we still want you to keep those collection drives going. Be creative, be competitive, be successful. Here's our favorite collection drive photo so far. This one is from Zernco, which started their drive on October 31.



Post your collection drive photos on Facebook and be sure

"The posters chronicle our struggles, achievements, creativity, and contributions to American society."

Admission is free. Please join us for this very special evening. Thanks to the Smithsonian Institution and the Kauffman Museum at Bethel College for allowing us to participate in this exhibition.



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Wichita Crime Commission

Police Chief Gordon Ramsay and Sheriff Jeff Easter are in an Operation Holiday kind of mood this year! They're joining forces to help raise money and collect donations. They're each sure their respective department can out-collect the other. Watch for more - this is going to be fun!

Food Recovery Program benefits Safe Haven, fights waste

to tag Inter-Faith Ministries.

Jason Chelf has joined the Operation Holiday team as Volunteer Coordinator. Contact him at our office 264-9303, to reserve your work days.

[Visit our website](#) for more information about Operation Holiday dates and events.



November is a great month! There are so many events from which to choose. Start the weekend at the Islamic Society's **3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament**, stop by the **Alternative Gifts Market**, then end the weekend with a knish or rugelach at Congregation Emanu-

The Food Recovery Network chapter at Wichita State University hates waste. Sodexo, the food service company at WSU, is working with the Food Recovery Network to recover food from the campus dining halls. Food is then delivered to local agencies, including TiWiconi Safe Haven.

Micah Fry-Vaz and Amjad Alshihab recently delivered more than 44 pounds of food to Safe Haven, including mac and cheese, baked beans three-bean salad and turkey chili.

"To date, this semester we've recovered 789.65 pounds of food," said Micah. "That's a whole elk!"

Food Recovery Network unites students on college campuses to fight food waste and hunger by recovering perishable food that would otherwise go to waste from their campuses and communities and donating it to people in need. The movement started in 2011 at the University of Maryland and has spread to college campuses, including WSU, across the country.

Safe Haven receives a food delivery from Micah and her team three times a month.



Feeling Energized

From Garland Egerton,
Interim Executive Director

Although I've only been with Inter-Faith Ministries a couple months I'm getting to know the rhythm of the IFM year. With the Winter Emergency Shelter opening and Operation Holiday getting into full gear, we're entering our busiest time. The energy in the office reflects that as people's calendars are full and this incredibly dedicated team of staff and volunteers work to get everything completed.

This energy is also reflected in some of the faces we're seeing. I'm getting to know a lot of the volunteers, people who have worked on Operation Holiday or organizing meals for the Winter Shelter for years. They're excited to be back because these volunteer activities are a vital part of their annual giving, their desire to give back to the community. They are also a vital part of our ability to help our community address the critical needs of the homeless.



El's Deli Day: A Taste of New York.

WSU's Office of International Education is celebrating **International Education Week** with a full line up of events, including a talk by Zohra Sarwari November 15.

For most of us December is a busy month, and it's no different for Inter-Faith Ministries. We start the twelfth month with **B-98's Stuff the Bus**, followed by **Dillon's Day of Giving** for Operation Holiday, move right into the **KSN Operation Holiday Telethon** and to **A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture**. And that's just the first week!



Final Fridays
5:30-8:30 pm,
Art of Faith Gallery at
Inter-Faith Ministries
Final Friday at Inter-
Faith Ministries is on

New faces are also cropping up, specifically with our shelter staff. This has been an exciting and gratifying part of being here. We have two new staff people. One will be working at Safe Haven and the other at the Winter Shelter. Both have been residents at Inter-Faith Inn and have shown themselves to be enthusiastic and responsible. We try whenever possible to hire clients, and I'm thrilled that Jason and Kenneth have joined the staff as their energy and commitment helps us to continue with our mission. At IFM we absolutely believe that people who want to work should work, and we literally back that belief with a paycheck.

We follow the same precept with odd jobs around our apartments and other facilities. Each of our apartments has a resident who works 10-12 hours a week doing some light housekeeping, trash pickup, etc. The exterior of our facilities need some major sprucing up, and it's our hope that residents will be hired to complete that.

One of the hardest things about rebounding from a period of homelessness is trusting yourself again. Let's face it - being homeless means that on some level you begin to believe that you have failed yourself and too often you begin to believe you've failed everyone who loves and trusts you. I'm pleased that we extend trust to residents, that we see their worth, that we not only provide shelter but provide the means for them to start over.

To each of you who have supported IFM with your time, your talents and your treasure I extend my personal gratitude. As I meet the individuals and families we support at the Inn and Safe Haven where we provide both shelter and support; as I visit with the men and women who turn to IFM for a place to stay during the winter nights; I give thanks for the support that each of you provides so that we can be of service to those in our community who are most in need.

Thank you,

Garland Egerton
Interim Executive Director

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 12, 11 am to 6 pm

hiatus until January, but we have an un-Final un-Friday art show you won't want to miss.

Tuesday, December 6

An un-Final un-Friday! "A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture." A commemorative poster exhibition celebrating the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Presented in conjunction with Black Women Empowered in Wichita, Inc (BWEIW, Inc). Additional artwork by local artists and food from Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation. presented by Inter-Faith Ministries in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution, Kauffman Museum and Black Women Empowered in Wichita.



Smithsonian

 **Kauffman Museum**
at Bethel College

 **BLACK WOMEN EMPOWERED IN WICHITA, INC.**
2018-2019-2020-2021-2022

Dillons Community Rewards

ISW 3 vs 3 Basketball Community Tournament

Islamic Society of Wichita
6655 E. 34th St. North, Wichita
The entire community is invited for a day of basketball, family, friends, food and FUN. Come play or just cheer on your favorite team. Sign-up deadline is Friday, November 4. [Register here](#) or call the Islamic Society for more information, 682-5479



Saturday, November 12, 10 am to 4 pm Alternative Gifts Market East Heights United Methodist Church 4407 E. Douglas, Wichita

Give gifts that have a positive impact on the world - gifts that sustain the earth, promote peace and justice, and address the needs of our local and global neighbors. [More information here.](#)

Sunday, November 13, 11 am - 6 pm 50th Anniversary Deli Day -

A Taste of New York Congregation Emanu-El

7011 E. Central, Wichita

Now's the chance to indulge your taste buds with knish, kugel, macaroon, hamantaschen, rugelach, macaroons, chopped liver and more! Don't miss the 50th Anniversary coffee cake! Pre-order now and pick up items on the 13th. Call 684-5148 for more information.



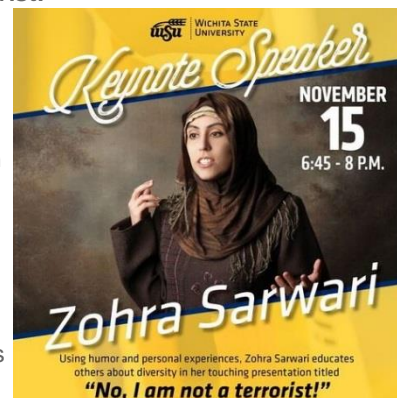
1966 **50TH ANNIVERSARY** 2016

Tuesday, November 15, 6:45 pm Zohra Sarwari - No I am not a terrorist! International Education Week Kenote Speaker

Hughes Metroplex, Wichita State University

Join the Office of International Education for International Education Week's keynote speaker, Zohra Sarwari. As an orthodox Muslim, Zohra has faced many challenges. Her passion is to educate others about diversity using humor and personal experiences. Tickets are available for \$3 to non-WSU students at the WSU Bookstore.

This is part of an entire week of activities in and around the WSU campus, including a photography show, Thanksgiving dinner, movie and education panel. [Click here](#) for more information.





You can help Inter-Faith Ministries simply by shopping for groceries, prescriptions and other items at your Dillon's store. [Register your Dillon's card here](#) (IFM's number is 83262). Remember, you need to renew your registration each year for the Community Rewards to count.

November 24 and 25

Inter-Faith Ministries offices are closed for Thanksgiving

November 30 through December 2

Stuff the Bus with B-98 Radio and Wichita Transit

Bring your Operation Holiday donations to various locations around Wichita and help Stuff the Bus with food, toys, coats and blankets. [Watch for locations here.](#)

Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 2 pm

Dillon's Day of Giving for Operation Holiday

Dillon's at 21st and Maine and Central and Rock

Feud of the Forces ramps up big time with the Day of Giving. Who will raise the most cash and food donations - the police or sheriff departments? Will the East or West side Dillon's collect the most donations? And, will the Marines come in to save the day?

Tuesday, December 6, 5:30-8:30 pm

A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Commemorative poster exhibition of the Smithsonian institution's newest museum. Additional artwork organized by Black Women Empowered in Wichita, Inc.

Monday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 7, 4-7 pm

Operation Holiday KSN Telethon

The Feud of the Forces continues on air Monday

and Wednesday! Chief Gordon Ramsay and Sheriff Jeff Easter will be on hand to help raise money for Operation Holiday. Matching funds from Wichita Crime Commission and Accident Recovery Team mean your dollars will be worth twice as much when you call in!



The View from the Inn

The view from the Inn is sadly non-existent for me these days. Because of the increasing demands of my full time job I've had to give up my Saturdays at Inter-Faith Inn. I knew I'd miss it; I didn't realize just how much I would miss it (although I confess to loving the luxury of a lazy cup of coffee at home).

Fortunately my daily life is still scattered with people I met because of the Inn. There's Sherry Roberts who works in our office now. There are Kenny and Jason, new house managers who Garland wrote about in his column. Another resident, Janet, dropped in to see me a couple days ago. It's good to be able to look around and see people we've helped over rough times. They amaze me, inspire me and always teach me about myself.

There are also the volunteers...the Heersche family, Sharon Schwarz and Liz Stark, Grishma Ajmera, Arti Gupta, Pathway Church, Marilen Morales, Tim Devine. They provide meals for the Inn residents, and they enrich my life.

Garland has a rule when writing about the work we do at Inter-Faith Ministries: "you gotta make 'em cry," he exhorts me. It's good to have that new perspective he brings, because for me it's a given that people cry when they think about the work we do at Inter-Faith. I tend to forget that

not everyone has the intimate knowledge, not everyone has had the opportunity to know the diversity of backgrounds, aspirations and abilities of the people we serve. Not everyone has seen a woman burst into tears because someone has given her a refurbished laptop for her child to use for schoolwork. Not everyone has had a man who had been discouraged about his job search come dashing into the office to announce he'd just been hired. Not everyone has seen a child come into the shelter tired, scared and confused only to open up, smile and laugh again.

If you have the opportunity I encourage you each to serve a meal - just once every month or two - at Inter-Faith Inn. I promise you'll cry, but you'll also laugh, have a great time and miss it when you're not there.

*Carolyn Kell is Marketing Coordinator
at Inter-Faith Ministries and still shows up
at the Inn some Saturdays just because she likes it.*



We're thrilled that in December local Subway restaurants will be donating a portion of cookie sales to Inter-Faith Ministries homeless shelters. When you're getting one of their great sandwiches, don't forget a cookie, too!
Thanks Subway.