



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

MAKING TOMORROW BETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

Dear Friend,

In March we celebrate lots of remarkable things: it is Women's History Month and Social Work Month! As a social worker, I am grateful for the chance to reflect on this work and that of my colleagues. Every day I witness our team using care and compassion to create stability for our neighbors. This is not just the role of social workers, but the communal work of the entire IW community. While some days are more challenging than others, there is inspiration too.

Last month, our emergency shelter program helped dozens of clients move out of IW shelters and into individual housing. This incredible, complex feat was accomplished through the dedication of many IW staff members, collaborating with our partners within the county and local landlords who support the progress of our clients. It is an amazing thing to see so many moving pieces come together to ensure our clients have a chance to advance along their personal journeys towards stability. This is just one example of the inspirational change happening daily in this county.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Moving Forward Together

IW VSP Launches New Program

IW FCP Hosts 1st Annual Awards Event

Impact By the Numbers

Upcoming Events!



IMPACT

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

In recent weeks, the IW Women's Centers (IWWC) have experienced a remarkable trend. Dozens of clients have successfully moved out of IW shelters and into permanent housing. The staff at both IWWC at Taft and Crabbs Branch shelters have been working tirelessly to ensure clients are equipped and supported in their moves.



Over two days, 11 clients moved out of Crabbs Branch, with several more in the following weeks. IW staff at both shelter locations collaborated with members of Montgomery County's Services to End and Prevent Homelessness (SEPH) to form a relationship with a local landlord who was eager to assist our clients and provide them with a safe and stable place to call home.

Supriya Pandit, Program Director at IWWC at Crabbs Branch stated, "Despite the limitations of funding, my staff worked to find creative solutions that in the end made this happen for our clients."

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IW VOCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM Launches "Hire MoCo"

The IW Vocational Services Program is excited to launch a new program called Hire MoCo! Hire MoCo is a new concept in IW VSP that seeks to connect companies and business owners to qualified, work-ready candidates while at the same time contributing solutions to the employment gaps in our community.

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BY THE NUMBERS

568

Female-Led Households

FY23 data



In FY23 the IW Connections provided 568 female-led households with emergency financial assistance.

GRATITUDE

1ST ANNUAL IW FAITH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS BRUNCH

Last month, the IW Faith and Community Partnerships program held the 1st Annual Faith and Community Partnerships Awards and Faith and Philanthropy Forum! We were thrilled to host so many faith leaders, community advocates and fellow partners and organizations.

We celebrated, collaborated, and ignited important questions and conversations to ensure we can continue our work. Our partners at the Greater Washington Community Foundation led an amazing and thoughtful forum on Economic Justice which we hope to continue in future conversations and forums.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated!



DONOR ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

We love all our donors at Interfaith Works, and we want to hear from you! Please complete this survey to tell us more about you, why you donate to Interfaith Works, and what kind of content you are looking for from us. This short survey will help us understand what we are doing right, and what we can improve on. Please respond by the end of April.

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CANDID PLATINUM SEAL!

We recently earned a Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency! Click the link to see our full profile. Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency is the highest rating available, indicating that the organization shares clear and important information with the public about its goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements, and progress indicator. Keep this link handy - we want to make sure you always have the information you need to support our work with trust and confidence.

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EVENTS

Join us for the IW Community Appreciation Event!

Saturday April 20, 2024
9am-12pm

IW Essential Needs Center
Join us for breakfast and a tour!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



IW
INTERFAITH WORKS

Interfaith Works Community Appreciation Event

Please join us for breakfast and a tour of our Clothing Center and Food Pantry! Meet with the ENC team, other IW programs, and enter for a chance to win a raffle prize!

April 20, 2024
9am-12pm
IW Essential Needs Center
751 Twinbrook Pkwy Rockville, MD

Join us for the IW Volunteer Resource Fair!

Learn about volunteer opportunities around the county and get involved!

LEARN MORE HERE!

Saturday May 18, 2024
10:00am-2:00pm
7600 Takoma Avenue,
Takoma Park, MD 20912

IW
INTERFAITH WORKS

**Volunteer
Resource
Fair 2024**

Join us for IW May Community Conversation: Mental Health, with premiere screening and discussion of documentary "Have You Seen Teri?" by filmmaker Dene Chinn.

LEARN MORE HERE!



**Wednesday
May 29, 2024
6:00pm-9:00pm**

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EVENTS CALENDAR