

THIS COMMUNITY CARES

THE CHAIR'S CORNER

Frank White

Dear Friend:

This month, I'm happy to bring greetings as the Chair of the IW Board while Courtney Hall is on a well-deserved break.

I recall growing up as a young boy in Brooklyn NY, along with my siblings in a single parent household, how special it felt to receive and wear something new each year before school. Whether it was new shoes, clothes, or a backpack, I, as I'm sure you all did, relished that feeling.

I'm pretty sure that feeling isn't any different today, except that some of the circumstances and conditions of going to school have changed to some extent. Students today must deal with food insecurity and healthy nutrition challenges, school security issues, teacher shortages, peer pressure and bullying, what to include or not to include in the school curriculum or libraries, and so many other issues.

On top of all of these are inflationary market conditions which has made it increasingly difficult to purchase those basic items which make them feel good, refreshed, encouraged, like they fit in, all in the hopes of learning and succeeding in the classroom.

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HIGHLIGHTS

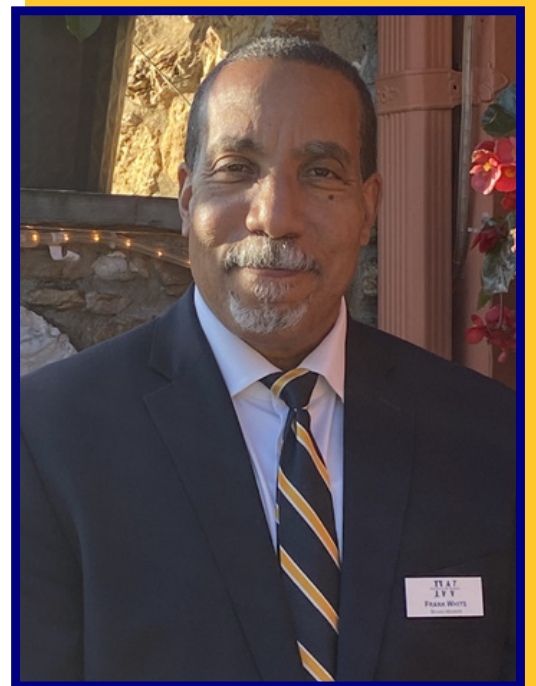
The "Lemonade Fairy"

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GRATITUDE

Interfaith Works supporter six-year-old Raeden knows that even the smallest among us can make a difference. On a hot summer day, Raeden asked her family to help set up a lemonade stand in her neighborhood. Her mom and grandmother were happy to pitch in!

The Lemonade Fairy



Raeden really wanted to help her community. She shared, "I wanted to help people who were less fortunate and give them some money to help!" The "Lemonade Fairy" -- what Raeden dubbed herself -- was joined by her younger brother, selling lemonade for \$2 a cup. Neighbors could not only feel refreshed on a hot summer day, but also help make a difference.

[Read More Here!](#)



Art and Community



We are so grateful to our friends at local nonprofit Arts on the Block for creating amazing pieces to beautify our new IW office space on Rollins Avenue in Rockville! Arts on the Block provides opportunities for creative youth and emerging artists to make public art and contribute to their communities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their talent and hard work to create these pieces that so beautifully reflect the mission and vision of Interfaith Works!

[Learn More about Arts on the Block](#)

Making A World of Difference: Celebrating 15 Years of Scooping for Charity!

For the past 15 years, the Park Potomac community and a committee of dedicated volunteers helmed by Bruce and Margo Fonoroff have planned, coordinated, and executed the Ice Cream Social for Charity. This completely volunteer-run event helps prepare Montgomery County students to go back to school by equipping them with brand-new donated backpacks from the community to be distributed to families at the Interfaith Works Essential Needs Center.



Over the course of 15 years, the Ice Cream Social has contributed more than 23,000 backpacks to the IW campaign!

[Read More Here!](#)

We've Got Their Back (Pack)!

Let's get our students new backpacks and help families get ready for the school year!



Help Interfaith Works show families that we've got their back!

With the school year quickly approaching, we are so grateful to all of our donors and partners for making such an impact. Because of you and the dedication of this community we have raised 90% of our monetary goal! So far 922 families have received supplies for the school year, and we have given out 1,903 new backpacks to students!

"My family and I thank the clothing center that has benefited us a lot in the most difficult times. I have saved money on purchases of clothes for my family and school supplies for my children when my work hours have decreased. ... The food program has been essential to put a plate of food in my home for all my family..." - IW Client Dan

Because of you all, families like Dan's can head into this new season with less worry and the opportunity to feel prepared and confident to start the new year. Thank you to everyone who has supported our families and we look forward to continuing to help families on their pathway to stability!

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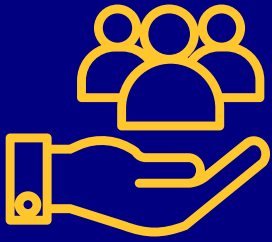
BY THE NUMBERS

IW Connections
Served **1,844**
Clients
FY23 data



In FY 23 Connections helped over 30% more clients than in FY22. They help Montgomery County residents get connected to essential resources and assist clients with emergency financial assistance.

EVENTS



JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION ON:
AVAILABLE RESOURCES



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
7 - 8 PM VIA ZOOM

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/SeptCommConvo2023>

The IW Food Pantry is Reopening!

We are excited to announce that the IW Food Pantry will be fully re-opened to clients beginning **Friday, September 1st!** We will also begin accepting donations at that time. Thank you for your support!

[Learn More Here](#)



Montgomery Goes Purple Event



Come show your support. We are grateful to participate in the resource fair.
August 31, 2023 5pm - 8:30pm

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Join Us for the Montgomery County Interfaith 5K

We are pleased to be a sponsor for the Montgomery County Interfaith 5K!
September 4, 2023 8:30am-10am



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Admin and our Vocational Services Program
are now located at:
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