

## DOING RIGHT BY OUR NEIGHBORS MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Courtney Hall

Dear Friend:

Two events this month embodied the vital work that Interfaith Works does every day. In the end, that work is centered on doing right by our neighbors.

Together with Interfaith Works and other providers, Montgomery County held its annual service to honor the memory of those who had experienced homelessness and passed away in the previous year.

Members of our staff and other providers shared heartfelt remembrances of people who have been helped by our programs. One such person was Tony:

*"Tony always boasted that he was once known as the Mayor of Takoma Park, as he knew everyone when he walked down the street. He in many ways would later become the Mayor of Progress Place. Even after he was housed down the street and many days worked doing landscaping, he would come for his evening meal and be ready to banter with staff and other guests. Tony could both make great jokes and take them too, and even on his hard days, conversations almost always ended with his big smile."*

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**Leading with a  
Passion for Service**

**Lon's House  
Opening**

**Welcoming New  
Leaders**

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# GRATITUDE

Interfaith Works is saying a fond farewell to longtime volunteer Patricia Badolato, who at age 79 is stepping down as team leader of the group of volunteers from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Rockville. For the past 22 years, Patricia has led and organized the volunteer group that provides monthly dinners for IW's women's shelter. As our volunteers well know, the job of creating the menus, coordinating the meal donations of the church volunteers, being the delivery house for all the food, driving all the food to the shelter, unloading the car, setting up in the kitchen and serving while never missing a month -- is no small feat. Patricia has always done this with a smile on her face and love and compassion in her heart.

## Leading with a Passion for Service

From the entire IW community,



*thank you*

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## Pathways Out of Poverty Grant Recipient

Interfaith Works is honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Herb Block Foundation's "Pathways Out of Poverty" grant. This program will focus on helping needy young people and adults gain a quality education. Interfaith Works will use this grant to support our Vocational Services Program which supports and empowers those who are underemployed and unemployed to develop life and career skills for long-term self-sufficiency.



The Foundation is committed to defending basic freedoms, combating all forms of discrimination and prejudice and improving the condition of the underprivileged.

With the support of the Foundation, IW will be able to assist more individuals on their pathway to stability through employment and vocational training. Thank you!

# IMPACT

## Opening of Lon's House



On June 15, Interfaith Works proudly opened our third Shared Supportive Housing program location. Lon's House is a permanent supportive housing program serving senior men with disabilities.

At a celebration of the opening, Interfaith Works CEO Courtney Hall shared, "Lon's House is designed to meet the needs of our neighbors through permanent supportive housing and in this facility, we are going to provide a warm and welcoming environment to eight senior men." Like IW's Becky's House and Priscilla's House, Lon's House will provide a smaller home-like, neighborhood setting and deliver 24-hour care to residents who are vulnerable and aging. Many residents have experienced homelessness for extended periods.

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## Welcoming New Leaders to Homeless Services

The Interfaith Works Homeless Services program has restructured to add two new deputy director positions which will enable us to better serve our communities. We are excited to announce that current program managers Katie Guzzey and N'Jeri Henry have been named to these new positions. Katie will be the Deputy Director of Homeless Services for Supportive Housing, and N'Jeri will be the Deputy Director of Homeless Services for Emergency Shelters. We are so grateful for their leadership and experience to better serve all our clients.

Director of Homeless Services, Liz Krueger shares her sentiments for the two new Deputy Directors:

**Katie Guzzey**



"Katie's words are always followed by action as she cultivates safety and inspiration in her teams. She is exactly the leader our supportive housing programs need as they grow and adapt to serve an increasingly vulnerable population."

"N'Jeri builds relationships masterfully and neutralizes challenges with incredible creativity and humor. As homelessness regionally grows, she will have our shelters ready to effectively respond to the emergency and house community members quickly."

**N'Jeri Henry**



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## BY THE NUMBERS

# 15,889 Meals

*FY22 data*

Volunteers donated tens of thousands of meals to our clients in the Interfaith Works Shared Supportive Housing Program – including Becky's and Priscilla's Houses.



# EVENTS

**JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATION ON:  
PRIDE MONTH &  
LGBTQ+ RECOGNITION**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 29  
7 - 8 PM ON ZOOM**

**REGISTER HERE:  
[bit.ly/IWCommConvoJune23](https://bit.ly/IWCommConvoJune23)  
(registration required)**

## Pride Month Events

Interfaith Works is excited to be participating in two Pride celebrations this month!

### Rockville Pride Festival

Saturday, June 24, 1-4 p.m.  
Rockville Town Square  
131 Gibbs Street, Rockville,  
MD 20850.

Come see us and celebrate with us!



### Pride in the Plaza

Sunday, June 25, 12 p.m.  
Veterans Plaza  
1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring,  
MD 20910



## CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH



We celebrated Juneteenth at the Scotland Community Juneteenth Heritage Festival. Juneteenth celebrates the date of June 19, 1865, when enslaved people of African descent in Galveston, TX, finally learned of their freedom from slavery in the US, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

We took this day to celebrate, reflect and educate. We all must recognize how far we have come as a nation but remember how much further we still must go.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Park Potomac 15th Annual  
Ice Cream Social for Charity  
August 19, 2023  
More details to follow!



Support children in  
Montgomery County with  
new backpacks and  
school supplies!



Our Administrative Office has moved!  
Admin and our Vocational Services  
Program are now located at:  
**981 Rollins Ave., 2nd Floor**  
**Rockville, MD 20852**