Interfaith Community Services empowers people in need to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs in partnership with diverse faith communities and people of compassion.
Dear Friends,

Your support of Interfaith over the past year has been nothing short of astounding. Together, we empowered over 16,000 individuals to begin a path towards self-sufficiency.

In this new era for the organization, Interfaith’s programs have been growing stronger and more effective than ever in helping our neighbors achieve stability and independence. As Interfaith moves forward in operating a continuum of comprehensive services to meet the diverse needs of the North County community, we continue to actively seek community input and leadership to guide our efforts.

Over the past year, the North County San Diego community selected five strategic priorities to guide the current programs, as well as the future work of the organization. These priorities include:

- Fulfill Basic Needs for All People
- Promote Self-Sufficiency and Empowered Living
- Strengthen Service-Enriched Housing for People in Crisis
- Expand Recovery and Addiction Services
- Create and Sustain Value-Based Partnerships

We are proud to report that interdisciplinary task forces have been working to turn these goals into reality by developing sensible and effective implementation plans. We continue to be deeply humbled by the dedication of these task forces as well as our diverse partners including community members, volunteers, families, faith centers, service organizations, foundations, corporations and employees who continue to lead Interfaith’s work into the future. The results of their work is shared in this report. With all of our partners working stronger together, Interfaith is able to successfully achieve its goal of Helping People Help Themselves.

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Embodying our strategic priority of value-based partnerships, within the past year new programs have been developed to meet the changing needs of North County communities.

- **TRANSITIONAL YOUTH ACADEMY EXPANDS TO EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL AND DITMAR SCHOOL**
- **New community-based food distributions launched throughout Oceanside**
- **NORTH COUNTY LABOR CONNECTION OPENS A NEW HIRING HALL LOCATION IN CARLSBAD TO PROVIDE JOB PLACEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**
- **The Haven House Winter Shelter Program prepares to expand to provide year-round emergency housing**
- **The new Hawthorne Veteran and Family Resource Center begins renovation to expand the Recuperative Care Program**
- **In partnership with the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation and Dreams for Change, the Senior Connections Program utilizes the Thyme Together Food Truck to improve senior nutrition and stability**
- **Faith Center partnerships expand Interfaith’s reach into the community, with Mount Olive Lutheran Church offering to host Interfaith’s social services team**
- **Mobile tax preparation services offered throughout community based locations**

**Libby Lake location provides social services and employment development**
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PARTNERSHIPS WITH VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC AND ALPHA PROJECT ENSURE THE COORDINATED ASSESSMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAM (CAHP) SYSTEM BREAKS THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS

THE HAVEN HOUSE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM PREPARES TO EXPAND TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND EMERGENCY HOUSING

Senior services and outreach assistance

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“Interfaith kept me off the street. Without them, I don’t know what I would’ve done.”
Interfaith meets the basic needs of vulnerable and low-income households by connecting them with nutritional assistance and comprehensive social services to achieve healthy and thriving lives. Open 365 days a year, the Margaret R. Freund Family Nutrition Center provides hot meals and sack lunches to improve the nutritional security of North County individuals and families. Thousands of emergency food supplies are also distributed through Julia’s Pantry and the Coastal Service Center to fight hunger throughout the region.

This year, Interfaith launched the innovative Senior Connections program, which utilizes a mobile food truck to provide seniors with affordable, nutritious lunches, as well as socialization and wellness activities in San Marcos and Vista.
Employment is a key part of Helping People Help Themselves, as a steady income can provide the foundation for a stable future. Our employment services provide vocational development and case management to a wide variety of individuals, including veterans seeking to successfully transition their military experiences to civilian career paths.

Specialized programs include North County Labor Connection, which operates hiring halls in Escondido and Carlsbad to connect day laborers to safe employment opportunities. Clearly Clean Janitorial, a work training program that employs individuals with barriers to employment, provides high quality janitorial services to Interfaith partners and customers.

77% of veterans gained or retained employment.
“I never thought I would be asking for all this help, but life goes up and down. I’m just very lucky I found a place like Interfaith.”
“I feel like I can accomplish things now. I know that I can set goals and achieve them on my own.”
Interfaith’s Self-Sufficiency and Support Services provide comprehensive services to empower vulnerable youth, families, adults, seniors and veterans to lead independent and thriving lives. Through assessments, individualized case management and supportive services, Interfaith’s compassionate staff ensures community members stay on track to successfully reach self-sufficiency. Services include housing connections, employment development, nutritional support, transportation assistance, rental and utility programs, financial literacy and tax preparation, as well as homeless court and legal aid.

Through the Transitional Youth Academy (TYA), over 300 Oceanside students engage in mentoring, leadership development, workforce training and intensive case management to ensure they not only graduate high school, but also enroll in college. Last year alone, 100% of TYA students graduated high school, 95% enrolled in college and 85% improved their GPA.
Interfaith’s Housing programs work to reverse the cycle of homelessness by connecting individuals with a wide range of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing resources. Last year, 726 individuals slept under an Interfaith roof. Interfaith also works to proactively prevent homelessness in North County by providing rental assistance, housing navigation, and landlord connections for individuals and families in crisis.

Housing services include specialized resources for homeless men and women, as well as families, veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. All housing programs include case management and supportive services to ensure individuals achieve not only housing stability, but also self-sufficiency.
“We had lost pretty much everything – and then we found Interfaith. We are so thankful for what we have and so grateful for everything we’ve been given.”
“Interfaith saved my life, no doubt about it. I wouldn’t have lasted on the streets; they gave me a home and my sobriety.”
The Behavioral Health & Recovery program at Interfaith works to improve the mental health and wellness of North County community members. Interfaith provides a variety of services including individual, group, couples and family counseling to community members enrolled in the organization’s housing and social service programs. Interfaith also provides sobering services and housing to help individuals successfully break the cycle of addiction.

Escondido Community Sobering Services program participants who successfully secured affordable and stable housing upon program completion

67%
In February 2015, Interfaith kicked off its initiative to address veteran homelessness by beginning construction on its new Hawthorne Veteran and Family Resource Center at 250 N. Ash Street in Escondido. Upon completion, this 10,000 square feet facility will house a 20-bed veteran and 12-bed non-veteran Recuperative Care Program for homeless individuals recovering from hospital stays, in addition to access to social services for veterans and their families. This new building will open in October 2015.
This year, Interfaith led the creation of a new and more effective model of addressing homelessness: the 25 Cities North San Diego County project. This effort united more than 20 charitable community organizations throughout North County to design and implement a Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement system. With “no wrong door,” specialized Housing Navigators assessed and connected homeless families and individuals to housing resources using this collaborative system.
Charitable donations to Interfaith have an immediate impact on the people we serve. Last year we were supported by $3,813,683 in private charitable gifts by 1,817 individuals, families, foundations, corporations, faith communities, and organizations. Additionally, 1,015 donors provided food and other in-kind supplies and equipment valued at $942,947 to benefit our programs.

Interfaith also greatly benefited from the service of hundreds of dedicated volunteers over the past year. Volunteers are deeply integrated and engaged into the operations of the organization, expanding service capacity and empowering Interfaith to transform more lives. Thanks to our committed and compassionate volunteers, Interfaith is able to offer clients a significantly higher level of service than we could ever accomplish alone.
“It gives me great joy to be of service to someone in need of help and support with an organization as wonderful as Interfaith!”
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