Honoring the Spirit of Giving and Volunteerism

May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Announces Gift

Interfaith Community Services is a leader in veterans programs, providing supportive case management, social services, mental health and post-traumatic growth support, along with programs to end and prevent homelessness, such as housing assistance. Continuing their support of these programs, the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust announced a two-year pledge of $250,000. This gift will support Interfaith’s veterans programs and serve 300 vulnerable veterans, including those not eligible for Veterans Administration benefits.

Local Tennis Group Serves Monthly Haven House Meals

For over a year, this group of fifteen former tennis teammates have gathered to prepare and serve dinner to Interfaith’s Haven House residents on a monthly basis. On their day of service, the ladies meet at Katie’s home where they prepare her Aunt Char’s famous pasta recipe (including 18 lbs of meat, 5 lbs of pasta, and 268 oz of sauce), along with fresh fruit and spinach salad! According to Dolores, it’s the smiles on the residents’ faces that bring her joy, “The clients are so kind and appreciative. Since we serve regularly, we see some of the same people each month and are able to build a relationship with them.” Another teammate adds, “It makes me realize how fortunate we are to be able to give back. To not have to worry about where the next meal is coming from.” Thank you to this local tennis group for their service and commitment to bettering the North County community!

San Diego County Employees Help Interfaith

San Diego County Employees’ Charitable Organization is an organization consisting of employees and retirees of San Diego County who help to support and serve local communities. The President of this organization, Mavette Trinidad Sadile, recently announced two grants to Interfaith, including a $3,915.44 grant towards Interfaith’s Housing 1000 program, specifically towards the purchase of new twin and full-size beds, as well as a $1,000 grant to purchase much needed food for individuals facing homelessness. These gifts support our efforts to end and prevent homelessness by not only providing for the basic needs of our homeless neighbors, but also by providing approximately 40 beds to furnish their apartments.

San Diego County Employees’ Charitable Organization

Pictured to the left (L to R): Laurie, Jan, Jenny, Trudy, Dolores, Terrie, Katie, Val, Peggy, and Cindy gather at Katie’s home to prepare a meal for residents of Haven House.
Outreach Impacting Lives Donates Backpacks to Interfaith

In February, Tauna Rodarte from Outreach Impacting Lives arrived at Interfaith with 48 premier backpacks stuffed with an assortment of hygiene products, socks, rain ponchos, and water bottles. These backpacks were large and had many pockets, making them very functional and of great use to individuals facing homelessness. The backpacks were shared with Family Self-Sufficiency clients, Haven House Year-Round Shelter residents, and many others in need. This was not the first backpack donation from Outreach Impacting Lives, and they plan to return late summer with back-to-school backpacks for children!

*Pictured to the left (L to R): Sister Skinner, YCSM Volunteer; Kiana Quarles, Interfaith Development Associate; Tauna Rodarte, Outreach Impacting Lives; Nayelly Rios, CSUSM Intern; Edwin Camacho, CSUSM Intern.*

Gary & Mary West Foundation Gives and Gets Involved

In support of Interfaith Community Services’ Senior Services Program, the Gary and Mary West Foundation provided a $75,000 grant last August. Since then, representatives of the West Foundation, including Program Officer Vyan Nguyen, have been working closely with Interfaith’s Senior Program staff to implement coordinated client care and enhance quality outcomes. It is an honor to have a leading national organization collaborate with Interfaith to ensure their generosity and efforts truly impact the lives of our seniors in need.

Cable Fund – United Methodist Church of Vista

For the second year in a row, the Cable Fund has supported the important work of Interfaith Community Services. Focusing on Vista, the Cable Fund provided an overall grant of $20,000. Of this grant, $12,000 was given to benefit Interfaith’s Social Services programs, and $8,000 was given in support of Interfaith’s Offering Hope in Housing rental assistance program. This generous gift will directly prevent and end homelessness for many men, women, and children.

Housing 1000 Nine Month Update

By June 30, 2018, our goal is to house and prevent homelessness for 1,000 individuals. As of March 31, 2018, nine months into our Housing 1000 campaign, we are proud to announce that 705 formerly homeless men, women, and children (including 150 veterans) have been placed into housing of their own!

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