Honoring the Spirit of Giving & Volunteerism: November 2017

Escondido Cub Scouts Pack
Donate Food Experience
Interfaith's Food Pantry

Thank you to the Escondido Cub Scouts who collected and donated over 300 pounds of food for Julia’s Pantry at Interfaith in mid-October, and did so with a smile. Their youth and positive spirits brought some wonderful energy to Interfaith!

Volunteer Coordinator Micki Hickox and Development Associate Kiana Quarles worked with the scouts and their den leaders to organize the food, and also participate in an activity where the scouts pretended they were emergency pantry volunteers selecting specific foods for different client situations.

3E Hosts 2nd Annual “Volunteer Week” with Interfaith

The local Verisk Analytics business, 3E, partnered with Interfaith for their 2nd Annual Volunteer Week in mid-October. Volunteering at multiple Interfaith locations throughout the week, over 50 3E employees participated in a variety of ways, all in the spirit of helping their North County neighbors. The 3E volunteers served in the following ways:

- **Food Distribution Friends**: Providing food at the Oceanside Crown Heights Community Resource Center.
- **Gardeners on Aster Street**: Trimming, weeding, and landscape maintenance.
- **Garage Organizers**: Helping to organize the Interfaith storage area, turning it into a retail space.
- **Hygiene and Winter Weather Kit Makers**: Donating and assembling hygiene supply kits along with warm socks, gloves, scarves, hats, lip balm, and lotion.

Two groups of the 3E Volunteers pose while working in the Aster Street Gardens and at the community food distribution event.

Members of the Escondido Cub Scout Pack striking a pose after organizing their 300 pound donation collected from their communities.
Local School’s National Honor Society Donates New and Used Backpacks

Isaac from the National Honor Society Chapter at the Escondido Adventist Academy stopped by Interfaith on October 24. With him, he brought 20 new and used backpacks filled with school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, and paper. This chapter of the National Honor Society had been collecting supplies since September. Thank you for the wonderful donation!

Interfaith is committed to ending the struggle of homelessness for 1,000 veteran and non-veteran men, women, and children by June 30, 2018! Already a wonderful collaboration of generous donors, volunteers, faith centers, organizations, and corporate sponsors who are all supporting the cause to raise $1 million along with the donations of essential household items.

It works! Over 90% of the men, women, and children who we have been placed have maintained long-term housing stability since 2016.

Two programs drive Interfaith’s Housing 1000 campaign: Make It A Home provides for the cash or in-kind donations for new beds, Household Move-In Kits, and new or lightly used furniture. Hope In Housing provides rental assistance for move-in expenses. To provide temporary housing, the Haven House Year-Round Shelter provides the short term bridge to housing of their own.

Help Interfaith Community Services end homelessness for 1,000 people this year!
If you would like to contribute to this goal, please contact Bob Adams, Chief Development Officer, at (760) 489-6390 ext. 206 or via email at radams@interfaithservices.org.