Let’s Do It Again…Only Bigger!

This year, Interfaith pledges to do even more. Together, we will end and prevent homelessness for 2,019 men, women, and children.

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Duane & Danielle’s Story

Duane could have never imagined he would be in the predicament in which he found himself. A successful mortgage loan officer, he was providing for his wife Danielle, their four children and one on the way. Then, without warning, he suffered an unforeseen medical emergency which left him unable to work. Unemployed, without income, Duane quickly ran through their savings. The family was evicted from their home and was living on the streets, before they knew it.

Unsure of where to turn, Duane located Interfaith through a web search and in January 2018, Duane and Danielle connected with a housing specialist who assisted the family in the process of finding and securing a place to call “home”.

Today, Danielle is officially employed as Duane’s caregiver. Duane is light years ahead of what the doctors projected, and is started back at work. The kids are now all on the Honor Roll at their school, and the newest addition is a precious baby boy who has a home to grow into.

Interfaith Partners With Local Police Departments
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Riding along with the “HOT” team is now a daily occurrence for Interfaith social workers as they partner with the Oceanside Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). This specialized group of police officers works specifically to engage individuals experiencing homelessness.

Two Interfaith social workers are housed at the police station and work together with officers to build relationships within the community, provide referrals, and connect clients to appropriate resources, with the ultimate goal of connecting them to housing.

In addition to the Oceanside partnership, Interfaith is also partnering with the cities of Carlsbad and Escondido, working in collaboration with the Carlsbad and Escondido Police Departments to holistically address the issue of homelessness in each community.

Homelessness in San Diego is a Major Issue

It didn’t used to be this way. But few understand how we got to this point.

Lost in the confusion, typecast by many, and often misunderstood by those trying to help, are our neighbors at the center of this tragedy – the men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in San Diego.

‘Homeless in San Diego’ is a podcast that shares their stories, digs into the key issues, and each episode provides listeners with a clear, easy call to action.

Want to truly understand homelessness? Want to help? You’re in the right place. To listen, visit www.homelessnessinsandiego.org

Watch Duane and Danielle’s story at www.interfaithservices.org/share
Preventing Homelessness

Helping Those Facing Imminent Eviction

Preventing homelessness costs hundreds, compared to thousands for an individual or family already on the street. Offering Hope in Housing provides the funds needed to pay bills for those faced with imminent eviction.
• Just one payment – typically $250 to $500 – to provide emergency rental assistance, payment of a utility bill, car maintenance or other expense that puts the individual or family at risk of losing their home.

Ending Homelessness

Moving Those Who are Homeless into Independent Housing

Moving into an apartment typically requires a security deposit, first and last month’s rent, along with miscellaneous fees for applications, utilities and more. Often these fees are beyond the individual or family’s ability. Offering Hope in Housing provides needed funds to end homelessness for those living on the streets.
• Multiple costs – typically $250 to $5,000 – can be incurred to take the necessary steps to successful housing.

Living Skills

Equipping Families with the Tools Necessary to Remain Housed

Offering a continuum of support including case management, household management, financial education, life skills, education, and support provides families and individuals the necessary tools for housing success.

Make It A Home

Providing the Dignity of a Comfortable Home for Those We House

Individuals and families overcoming homelessness often do not have the resources to finance apartment living, nor the essentials to make a comfortable home. Make It A Home provides just the right necessities that could include new beds, new or lightly used furniture, and new household move-in kits.

Interfaith’s Programs Work!

Since 2016, Interfaith Community Services has more than a 90% success record of long-term housing stability for men, women, and children placed into or prevented from losing their own housing. Housing 2019 will solidify and expand this success.

National Recognition!

We believe strongly in our commitment to accountability and transparency to our community. For the fourth year in a row, Interfaith has earned Charity Navigator’s highest rating as a Four Star Charity.

• Four Star rating by Charity Navigator – 4th year in a row
• Only 14% of all charities in the U.S. have achieved this
• Interfaith is among the top charities in our country
Housing 2019 Needs

### Food Items
- Mac & Cheese (box or individual serving)
- Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Rice, Beans (dry)
- Pasta Meals, Spaghetti O’s (canned only)
- Canned Hearty Soups, Stew, Cup of Noodles
- Canned Meat, Tuna, Beans, Chili
- Canned Fruit or Vegetables
- Peanut Butter & Jelly or Jam
- Cereal (family-sized boxes)
- Nuts, Raisins, Cheese ‘n Crackers, Granola Bars
- Bottled Water

### Baby Items
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Shampoo, Wash and Lotion

### Furniture & Household Items
- Couch and/or Loveseat
- Coffee Table and/or End Tables
- Recliners/Chairs
- Lamps (bedroom, desk and floor)
- Chest of Drawers
- Nightstands
- Dining Room Table & Chairs
- Small Kitchen Appliances (toasters, coffee makers, microwave)
- Flatware/Dinnerware Sets
- Pots, Pans & Lids
- Drinking Glasses
- TV Tables

### Hygiene Items
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Shower Gel
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Small Packs of Hand Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Shaving Cream & Razors
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Deodorant, Combs & Brushes

### Clothing
- Socks for Men & Women (adult-sized)
- Underwear for Men & Women
- Flip Flops for Men & Women
- Men’s Basketball Shorts (S, M, L, & XL)
- Men’s Cotton Shirts (S, M, L & XL)

### Supplemental Items
- Kitchen Supplies (plastic wrap, aluminum foil, trash bags, paper towels, etc.)
- Can Openers (much needed!)
- All-Purpose Cleaner, Glass Cleaner, Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener
It’s Easy to Contribute, Donate, or Volunteer at Interfaith

**Contribute** – Make a monetary gift to benefit Interfaith by visiting www.interfaithservices.org and clicking the yellow donate button on the top right of the home page; or mail your contribution to: 550 W. Washington Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025

**Donate** – Donate in-kind items such as food, new household items, and lightly used furniture. For questions or to schedule a pick-up or drop-off, call (760) 489-6380, ext. 273.

**Volunteer** – Learn about volunteer opportunities available to you or your group; visit www.interfaithservices.org/volunteer or email getinvolved@interfaithservices.org

**Contact** – Robert Adams, Chief Development Officer at 760-489-6380 ext. 206, or via email at radams@interfaithservices.org

**Giving Stock or IRA Instead of Cash** – Although gifts of cash are always welcome, a donation utilizing stock or your IRA may be more beneficial to your financial plan.*

- Stock Gifts- The same gift amount in stock provides the extra benefit of deducting the capital gains on annual taxes.
- IRA Gifts- If you are 70 ½ years or older, a qualified distribution from your IRA can be made up to $100,000 with no tax being charged.

*Potential benefits of investment and charitable giving strategies should be evaluated in consultation with your tax and/or financial advisor.

The Leichtag Foundation Match – A Great Success!

An overwhelming response was received from our supporters to the Leichtag Foundation match announced April 18, 2018. Each donor dollar was doubled thanks the generosity of the Leichtag Foundation for a total gift of $600,000. The funding will primarily benefit the areas of greatest need in coastal San Diego North County, but also allocated some much needed funds for Interfaith’s Carlsbad Service Center and immigration legal services.

Price Philanthropies Foundation

Commitment to the community was again displayed by the Price Philanthropies Foundation with their gift to Interfaith of $100,000. This wonderful contribution is to benefit where the need is greatest at Interfaith. As stated in the award letter, Price Philanthropies said, “we are excited about the work you do.”

Holiday Gifts? Cakes, Cookies, Candies, and Pies – NOT Needed!

We all love our sweets! But, if you really wish to help during the holiday season, consider a gift of food, new household items and new or lightly used furniture. But do not worry, there will be a number of people and groups that do not heed this call, so plenty of sweet things will still be available for those we serve.
2018 Annual Meeting: A Stupendous Success!

On October 17th, more than 300 supporters joined Interfaith to celebrate the success of the past year, honor our partners, and learn about future plans. Building on the success of Housing 1000, Interfaith CEO, Greg Anglea, announced the exciting news of Housing 2019! In the coming year, Interfaith pledges to end and prevent homelessness for 2,019 men, women, and children, including 250 veterans.
Melvin Cohn Honored with Prestigious Saemi Award

Joined by family and friends, Melvin Cohn was awarded the Saemi Award, which signifies distinguished service, volunteerism, leadership, and philanthropic dedication to Interfaith Community Services. CEO Greg Anglea stated, “If there were more Mel Cohn’s in this world, Interfaith wouldn’t need to be here.”

David T. and Dorris E. Staples Foundation Offers Match

For every dollar donated to Interfaith Community Services, The David T. and Dorris E. Staples Foundation, a locally based charitable organization, will match it up to $40,000 doubling the impact of your contribution. A “sustaining” gift by the continuously generous Staples Foundation, the funds will be used where the need is greatest.

Volunteers of the Year

The Hom/Mu Family (Martin, Geri, Cas, and Jennifer) were announced as Interfaith’s 2018 honorees at the annual North County Philanthropy Council Volunteer luncheon.

As stated by the parents, Martin and Geri, “We want our children to discover and understand who they are through the lens of community service. Volunteering has taken our family as far as Belize on a medical mission, but the heart of our volunteerism happens consistently at Interfaith Community Services.”

HomeBrew Event Benefits Interfaith

A huge thank you to Carlsbad-based company Viasat and the 400+ attendees of their recent HomeBrew event – the results were the best they have ever seen, with $13,000 raised for Interfaith! We are so grateful to Annie Garcia, who led the effort on behalf of Viasat, and all the enthusiastic employees who continue to make giving back to their communities a priority.
Housing 1000 – With Your Help, We Did It!

Interfaith Community Services exceeded its goal by housing 1,198 men, women, and children, including 167 veterans in the last 12 months.

See the front cover story for exciting news in the coming year!

We value your contribution and assure you that it is used effectively. Please contact us for a tour of Interfaith.

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For further information, please call Robert Adams, Chief Development Officer, at (760) 489-6380, ext. 206 or radams@interfaithservices.org