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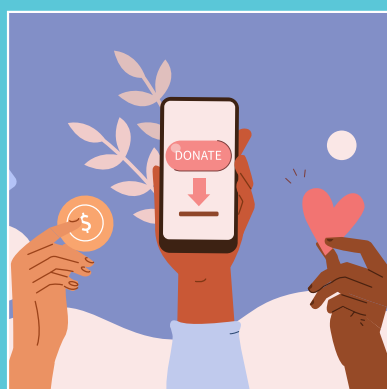
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CONGRADUATIONS!

Message from the CEO



*Greg Anglea
Chief Executive Officer
Cohn Family CEO Chair
Interfaith Community Services*

Dear Interfaith Supporters,

Thinking about our core values, and your generosity in support of our mission, I'm reminded of one of our most impactful longtime donors, Mel Cohn. Mel passed away recently at the amazing age of 102 years old. He loved being with people and bringing people together.

When Mel and his wife Betty retired to San Diego in the 1980s, they became enamored with a plucky little group of do-gooders (then called "North County Interfaith Council"), who seemed to share their knack for creativity, compassion, and perseverance. As a board member, when one of our morning meal clients was attacked on the streets of

Escondido, he answered the call to do more, and donated the money that would be used as a down payment on Interfaith's first emergency shelter, the Tikkun Home.

This last year, Interfaith teams reconfigured and repurposed the Tikkun Home to provide critically needed Sober Living. It's an example of the type of adaptability, smarts, and compassion Mel lived and taught so many. Mel and Betty genuinely lived their lives by this creed: "To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived... this is to have succeeded."

In honor and in memory of Mel I want to simply thank all of you for helping others, and for trusting Interfaith to be part of carrying out this critical work.

Greg Anglea

The mission of Interfaith Community Services is to empower people in need to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs, in partnership with diverse faith communities and people of compassion.

Building on more than 40 years of empowering homeless and low-income community members, Interfaith has become the most comprehensive social services agency in North County, providing both immediate safety net services and long-term, life-changing services for the most poor and vulnerable residents.



*Mel and Betty Cohn at the
2004 dedication of Interfaith's
Escondido headquarters.*

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CONGRADUATIONS!



With more than 100 students from grades 9-12 enrolling in TYA for the upcoming school year, we need your help to provide items that are out of reach of the budget of most students, including PE clothes, school supplies, yearbooks, and exam fees.

For more information or to support a scholar, email Janet Reeves at jreeves@interfaithservices.org.

THEY DID IT!! Students enrolled in the Transitional Youth Academy (TYA), an Interfaith program that supports high school students at risk of not graduating due to low income, homelessness, and other factors, have completed another successful school year.

Each of the 36 seniors in the TYA class of 2023 graduated – that's a 100% success rate!

What's next for these hardworking scholars?

- 3 will enter the military
- 1 will attend Cosmetology school

- 7 are undecided but will be working full-time over the summer
- 1 has joined the family roofing company
- 1 has joined Job Corps

The remaining students will be going on to higher education at schools including:

- CSUSM
- UC Riverside
- UCLA
- MiraCosta College
- Palomar College
- San Joaquin Valley College Trade and Industrial Program



INTERFAITH IN ACTION



“FORE” A GOOD CAUSE

More than 100 golfers teed up at the 3rd Annual Andrew Salazar Memorial Golf Tournament, benefiting mental health programs at Interfaith.



Left: David Easton and Pam Campbell. Above: Brenda Mitchell (right) and Laryssa Freeman. Below: Golfers prepare to tee off.



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Taste of Interfaith

Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Interfaith chefs and hear a short presentation by Interfaith CEO Greg Anglea, followed by a Q&A session and an opportunity to provide feedback. Lunch is followed by a tour of our Escondido headquarters.

Contact getinvolved@interfaithservices.org to participate in the next Taste of Interfaith.

Events and partnerships are vital to the success of any nonprofit, and Interfaith is grateful to all of the people in our community who support us in countless ways.

General Membership Meeting Highlights



Representatives from 22 faith communities came together and shared stories of their support of Interfaith through service projects, donation drives, and other outreach events.

Want to learn more or attend the next meeting? Contact Mitchell Snow at msnow@interfaithservices.org.



Above: Interfaith Board Member Robert Costantino addresses attendees. Top right: Members of Interfaith's supporting faith communities. Bottom right: Members display their support for Interfaith.

Family Shelter Sneak Peek!



Family Shelter donors got a behind-the-scenes peek at the soon-to-open largest Family Shelter in North County, as workers put the finishing touches on this much-needed support of local families in need.

Left: Staffers Arianna and Jeremiah create a welcoming environment for children.

Top left: A brand-new kitchen, led by staff chef Darrell Menda, will provide residents three meals a day.

Bottom right: Jill Henderson, Fiona King, and Suzanne Pohlman celebrate the occasion.

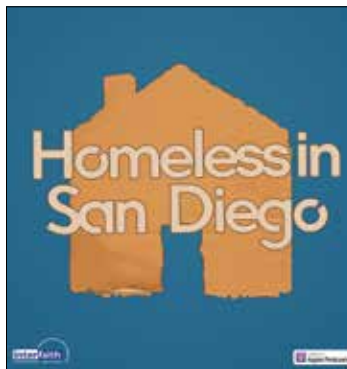




Asylum Seekers

This past winter, Interfaith led the formation of a Rapid Response Team comprised of multiple agencies in San Diego County, to assist legal asylum seekers as they travel to sponsoring family members in the United States.

Thanks to your generosity, team members (including Interfaith's own Tommie Morrow, shown) traveled to the U.S./Mexico border to pass out food, water, clothing and phone chargers to asylum seekers desperate for these basic necessities. We have been informed that no imminent drop-offs are expected, but our team is ready to assist should the need arise. We are grateful to compassionate members of our community for responding in times of urgent need.



Homeless in San Diego Podcast

Real People, Real Stories

NOW HEAR THIS! Each episode of Homeless in San Diego: Real People, Real Stories shares the experience of an individual or family who has experienced homelessness in San Diego County and is hosted by Interfaith CEO Greg Anglea. Tune in at www.homelessinsandiego.org.



Hugh Hughes (left) is the president of Residency Apparel, a social enterprise using custom, branded apparel to support women transitioning into permanent housing in Los Angeles. Their programs provide supportive employment and trauma therapy for women in need.

LISTEN

www.homelessinsandiego.org/listen/hughes



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After battling homelessness and addiction, Scott (right), an Air Force Veteran, made a conscious decision to turn his life around. Through hard work and the support of Interfaith's Abraham & Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center, he's once again on the path to self-sufficiency.

LISTEN

<https://www.homelessinsandiego.org/listen/scott>





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Unwind and Un-wine!

The Rotary Club of Carlsbad will host its 6th Annual "Wine and Vine Uncorked" event on August 19 from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy tastings from nine local vineyards, along with appetizers provided by sponsor Viasat.



Proceeds benefit Interfaith, so grab your tickets today!

GET TICKETS HERE!

The Holidays Are Coming!

It may be the middle of summer, but we're already looking forward to the holidays – specifically Interfaith's popular Sponsor-a-Family event and, new for 2023, the Winterfaith Wonderland kid-centered craft and art fair.



Stay tuned for more information or be added to the interest list by emailing getinvolved@interfaithservices.org.

Interfaith Annual Meeting

October 25, 2023
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Escondido Seventh Day
Adventist Church



Join us this October to celebrate a year of accomplishments and hear CEO Greg Anglea speak about our big plans for the year ahead.

Contact Mitchell Snow at msnow@interfaithservices.org for more information as it becomes available.

VOLUNTEER AT INTERFAITH

Interfaith's continued growth and expansion means there are more ways than ever to get involved!



Visit interfaithservices.org/volunteer for current opportunities.



Students and staff from Classical Academy celebrate hundreds of lunches made at the school's Annual Day of Service.

In the summer, demand for sack lunches grows and we pass out nearly 400 per day. Put the kids to work (and get them off their phones) at your location or ours. This is a great activity for youth groups or neighbors, and can be used for community service hours, too!

For more information or to schedule your group, contact Sarah Cho, scho@interfaithservices.org.



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Escondido, CA 92025
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IRA CONTRIBUTION

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DONATE STOCK GIFTS

Interfaith accepts stock as donations! Help us help people in need while also making smart financial decisions. If you directly transfer your appreciated stock to Interfaith instead of selling it yourself first, you will not have to pay any capital gains tax and you may be entitled to a significant deduction.*

WILL INCLUSION

Work with your financial advisor to designate in your will or living trust a gift of a specific amount, percentage of your estate, and/or specific asset.*

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