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INTERFAITH NEWS





Tax Season (Now!)

Tax season has begun! Did you know that Interfaith offers free tax refund preparation to low-income residents? Volunteer to help process refunds (we'll train you!) or consider donating your tax refund to help struggling neighbors.



February 19 General Membership Meeting

This bi-monthly meeting provides an opportunity to gather with members of our supporting Faith Communities. All are welcome to learn more about Interfaith's work at these morning meetings. The next General Membership Meeting will be held on February 19 from 9:30 am - 10:45 am at First United Methodist Church in Escondido.



February Homeless in San Diego Podcast

Tune in to the latest episode of Interfaith's podcast, hosted by CEO Greg Anglea, where we explore the issue of homelessness and hear inspirational stories of those who have overcome it and those who work to end it. www.homelessinsandiego.org/



March 13, 1:00 - 2:30 pm Taste of Interfaith

Whether you're a longtime donor or brand new to Interfaith, we invite you to enjoy a simple lunch prepared by our staff chefs at our Escondido headquarters. Interfaith CEO Greg Anglea will present an overview of Interfaith and answer your questions. A short tour concludes this two-hour event, held monthly.

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Consider Hosting a Salon!

A salon is a small gathering of like-minded individuals in an intimate setting. Join us at the next informal and informational event, learn more about Interfaith, and meet others who share your passion for bettering our community. We are looking for hosts! Please reach out if you are willing to open your home to about 25 compassionate neighbors.



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation month and our team is already planning the celebration! Become an honored guest by visiting our website and signing up to get involved.



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Family Shelter Update

After the loss of their young son, this family of 5 was paralyzed with grief, compounded by an injury to their father which left him unable to work and eventually led to the loss of their home.

For two years, they lived out of their vehicle. They then connected with Interfaith, moved into our Family Shelter, and began the hard work of regaining their independence.

Through Interfaith, the family has received:

- Therapy for the entire family to help work through their traumatic past
- Identifying and applying for housing
- Deposit and first month's rent
- Helping them understand budgets and credit, raising their credit score significantly
- Furniture for their new home

After being on a waitlist for several months, this family was approved and has moved into a 3-bedroom, 2-bath low-income apartment that provides a safe, stable environment for their two teenage daughters and their 8-year-old son who has epilepsy.

Despite their difficult situation, mom has been attending college and is on track to earn her bachelor's degree next year. In addition to her classes, she works part-time, and Dad recently recovered from his injury and is once again working full-time.

Your support of our One Campaign to end homelessness in North County, one family at a time, was crucial in this family's journey back to self-sufficiency, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

Learn more about the One Campaign at interfaithservices.org/one-campaign.



Ending Homelessness
One Family at a Time

Message from the CEO

Dear Interfaith Supporters,

As we begin our 46th year of serving the local North County community, I'd like to first and foremost express our gratitude for the essential role your generosity has played in bettering the lives of thousands of people in need.

Through partnerships with city leaders, faith centers, civic groups, corporate partners, youth groups, scout troops, and countless other organizations and individuals, more than 20,000 individuals received assistance last year alone.

If you've dropped off a can of soup or spearheaded a week-long donation drive, we are grateful to you. If you've spent an hour or a decade volunteering, we are grateful to you.

We are excited to expand both our services and the number of people we assist in the upcoming year. Our dream is to end family homelessness in North County, one family at a time, and we know that with your partnership, it can become reality.

Sincerely,



*Greg Anglen
Chief Executive Officer
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Interfaith Community Services*

MAKE AN IMPACT!

*Interfaith helps people help themselves through long-term supportive services, with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency. Your contribution provides transformative support and crucial access to services. **Please make a gift today!***

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DONATE BY MAIL OR ONLINE

Mail your donation to:
550 W. Washington Ave.
Escondido, CA 92025
or visit interfaithservices.org/donate/



Join the club! Create a recurring monthly automatic donation from your credit card or debit card. You may cancel at any time.

FUNDRAISE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Enact social change on social media by creating a fundraiser on Facebook.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Help fill our pantry, donate new clothing, or pass on small household items through our Make-It-A-Home program.

Email donations@interfaithservices.org to learn more.

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.*

DONATE THROUGH A DONOR-ADVISED FUND (DAF)

Work with your financial advisor to learn the tax benefits of designating Interfaith as the recipient of your distribution.

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.*

IRA CONTRIBUTION

If you are 70 1/2 or older, an IRA gift can be made up to \$100,000 without incurring federal taxes.*

**Please contact your tax advisor to determine your estimated personal tax benefits of this action. Interfaith Community Services is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit tax-exempt organization. Federal Tax ID #95-3837714*





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.



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