

SUMMER 2025

INTERFAITH NEWS



From the success of our Change Your Mind Festival to the upcoming Summer of Service: Kids Edition, exciting things are ahead – see what's next!

Keeping Up w



Interfaith's Summer of Service – Kids Edition

Summer's here! Our youth volunteer program has a variety of community service opportunities to choose from.

Complete three or more shifts this summer to earn an official Service-Hours Certificate that you can hang on your fridge, show your friends,

and boost your future college applications.

Join Us! Scan Here
to Get Involved.



A Basketful of Blessings and Smiles

Thanks to generosity of The Church of Rancho Bernardo, 200 Easter baskets were distributed to clients across our programs. This gift reached even more families at our first-ever Learning Pantry, where attendees participated in food education, gardening classes, and vital support services.

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To learn more about these events, RSVP, or to become a v

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Change Your Mind – Interfaith’s Annual Mental Health & Wellness Festival was a Massive Success!

More than 1,000 attendees joined us for a day of mental health and wellness education. With the local community's support and participation, we spread awareness and conducted outreach while raising funds to help our unsheltered neighbors. The event was filled with vintage shopping, exciting performances, and community connections.

Special thanks to the City of Oceanside and our sponsors Community Health Group, Frontwave Credit Union, Molina Healthcare, North Island Credit Union, Blue Shield of California, Kaiser Permanente, Tribal Seeds, and TrueCare.

A former client from our Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program happened to stop by the Change Your Mind festival. Now employed, housed, and 8 months sober, Donald shared his gratitude for the life-changing services he received. "It feels good to see somebody come from the slums and get help from a stranger. What they want is to see you do good." Stories like Donald's remind us that once you join the Interfaith family, you will always be a part of it.



Detox and Residential Receive Extra Love and Care

Today, clients in our Detox program were treated to a BBQ and the night filled with games, shared testimonies, and fellowship in partnership with Orchard Church. One of the participants expressed meaningful this event was: "Kicking back under the stars and watching a movie with everyone was something I didn't know I needed. For a while, I forgot all the stress ... just laughed and enjoyed the moment. It felt really good."

Love continued the following day as the Escondido Seventh Day Adventist Church revamped the detox center. They redecorated the facility with bright and uplifting scenery, including an ocean mural, to boost the residents' spirits so they can focus on their recovery.



volunteer contact getinvolved@interfaithservices.org today.

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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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.*

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

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

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) lets you donate directly from your IRA — without paying taxes on the distribution. If you're 70 1/2 or older, this is a smart way to give generously while supporting the work we do every day.



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Message from the CEO

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.



Dear Interfaith Supporters,

Over the past few months, nonprofits across the United States have faced unprecedented funding challenges and Interfaith Community Services is no exception. We experienced two significant funding losses, reducing the safety net services for vulnerable individuals and affecting how we address mental health and addiction treatment. Community support is more important than ever as we grow and evolve services to help people overcome poverty and financial hardship.

With the support of our community partners, we remain steadfast in this mission to assist North County individuals and families in need. Your monetary gifts, in-kind donations, and volunteer support are greatly appreciated, especially through these difficult times.

Looking ahead we continue to build innovative and collaborative solutions. We're proud to share that, through our collaboration with the City of Escondido, the County of San Diego, and donors like yourself, we have expanded our withdrawal management beds from 11 to 32 - nearly tripling our capacity to provide life-saving care. In April alone, this growth enabled us to bring 49 individuals off the streets and into recovery services.

For over 45 years, we've been committed to expanding access to care in the region we call home. With your partnership, we will keep making a meaningful difference in the lives of our North County neighbors in need.

Thank you for standing by us in these difficult times. Together, we are building a bigger and brighter future for our community.

Sincerely,



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

Thanks to your support,
here's some of what we
accomplished this spring:

- Answered over 6,124 calls from individuals in need.
- Moved 58 families into homes and out of homelessness.
- Collected 43,282 pounds of food to fight hunger in our community.
- Logged 8,218 volunteer hours supporting those we serve.





Have you streamed our 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. <https://www.homelessinsandiego.org/>



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