

WINTER 2026

INTERFAITH NEWS



Interfaith called. You answered.

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.

Message from the CEO

Dear Interfaith Supporters,

Interfaith would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported our mission throughout 2025. This past year brought significant challenges for the individuals and families we serve, as well as for nonprofits working to meet growing community needs. Federal funding cuts and rising uncertainty have placed a greater strain on those already facing hardships.

As we move into 2026, we know the months ahead will be difficult for our community. Cuts to federally funded food and healthcare are already taking effect, making it harder to access essential resources. While Interfaith's core programs remain strong, we have already experienced government funding losses and anticipate additional cuts that threaten essential safety-net services addressing hunger, housing, and healthcare.

To protect these services, we launched the People for People Fund. This initiative preserves and strengthens our core safety-net services, ensuring that Interfaith can continue providing life-changing support. People for People also expands our ability to empower clients through direct financial assistance, helping them overcome the challenges they face now and those that lie ahead.

We appreciate everyone who showed up, whether through monetary donations or volunteering at community-centered events such as food distributions and Holiday Sponsor a Family. You made a positive impact on our neighbors. In 2026, we hope you will continue to rise up and take action alongside us.

Thank you for standing with Interfaith and with the thousands of neighbors who count on us every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more compassionate community where everyone can thrive.

Sincerely,



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



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March 26, 2026
Empathy Building Experience

2026 is gearing up to be another exciting year! Keep an eye out for these upcoming events.

Visit our events page to learn more interfaithservices.org/get-involved/events



April 2026
Volunteer Appreciation Month



May 9, 2026
Amplified Impact Music Festival



June – August 2026
Kids Summer Volunteer Opportunities



April 2026 – Date TBA



UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 Year in Review

In 2025, new
change to th



Kind Threads Resale Apparel Shop Makes Its Debut

Interfaith has officially opened its very own thrift store, Kind Threads Resale Apparel, located at 251 North City Drive, Suite 121B, in San Marcos. Browse our curated selection of men's and women's clothing and accessories, with every purchase supporting Interfaith's comprehensive programs.

When you shop, donate, or volunteer at Kind Threads, you're helping make a positive impact on our community.

Scan to learn more
interfaithservices.org/kind-threads



Interfaith Expands Impact in Oceanside

In October 2025, Interfaith assumed operation of the City of Oceanside's Navigation Center, a 75-bed shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. Clients receive case management support to help secure permanent housing, employment, and other resources.

To learn more about Interfaith or to volunteer co

initiatives and beloved traditions brought meaningful
e community.



Stepping Into Our Neighbors' Shoes at the Interfaith Annual Meeting

At our 2025 Annual Meeting last October, we introduced a new format: an interactive Empathy Building experience. This hour-long activity invited attendees to step into the shoes of their neighbors, fostering understanding and compassion by simulating a “month” of navigating the daily challenges faced by low-income community members.



Change Your Mind

In May, Interfaith hosted Change Your Mind, a mental health festival focused on awareness and healing. This event featured cultural dance and musical performances, mental health and social service resources, and vintage shopping. This year, we introduced Flea by the Sea, a pop-up store, which sparked the idea for an Interfaith resale clothing shop: Kind Threads Resale Apparel was born, strengthening our commitment to community well-being and sustainability. Keep an eye out for our new event, Amplified Impact, on May 9, which brings a battle of the bands spin to this creative festival.

contact getinvolved@interfaithservices.org today.

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE



In October 2025, we launched the People for People fund, a community-led initiative designed to strengthen the safety net we provide for our neighbors. This fund expands access to basic needs, housing, healthcare, and flexible assistance, with a focus on immigrant communities and low-income individuals affected by federal benefit losses.

Thanks to your generosity, we successfully raised the funds needed to unlock Price Philanthropies' \$1 million match. While the match campaign has ended, the People for People fund will continue providing critical support for local families and individuals.

Your Support in Action

Maribel Caudillo is a single mother of two children. One of her children endured a trauma that required continuous healthcare appointments. Maribel's need to address this situation forced her to take time off work, decreasing her income. Maribel was unable to pay their SDG&E bill, and the family went without utilities for two weeks.

Maribel's landlord recommended she come to Interfaith for assistance. Together, she and her case manager worked to improve her finances by identifying unnecessary expenses and reactivating county benefits such as healthcare and food support.

With the People for People fund, Interfaith covered Maribel's SDG&E bill, reactivating her utilities and reducing her financial burden. Now that she is living with less financial pressure and her daughter's health has stabilized, she is able to return to full-time hours at work and regain self-sufficiency.

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. Consider using your tax refund to support Interfaith. Consult your tax advisor to learn the best way to make your contribution. Please make a gift today!

WAYS TO GIVE



DONATE BY MAIL OR ONLINE

Mail your donation to: 550 W. Washington Ave., Escondido, CA 92025.

Scan the QR code or visit www.interfaithservices.org/get-involved/donate-online to give via credit, debit, Venmo, PayPal, or Apple Pay.



365 CLUB

Join the club! As a member, your year-round support helps us continue our comprehensive programs.

Visit interfaithservices.org/get-involved/donate-online, click the recurring tab, select your frequency, choose your gift amount, and make the 365 commitment! Your recurring gift provides steady, lasting support for those in need. *You may cancel at any time.*

FUNDRAISE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

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

TAX RULES HAVE CHANGED FOR 2026

Starting this tax year (2026), those who itemize their taxes can now deduct up to \$1,000 in cash donations. Couples filing jointly can deduct up to \$2,000 in cash donations. Check with your tax advisor for details.

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.

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

LEGACY GIFT

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.*

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.

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.





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and individuals in need.



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