Helping People Help Themselves

40 YEARS OF BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
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Our Story

40 years ago, a group of faith leaders came together for their neighbors as the needs of the community grew. This group of individuals was not only from different congregations, but from different faiths entirely. Despite their diverse backgrounds, they all believed in a singular idea: if they joined together, the sum of their parts could make something entirely more meaningful. So with that inspiration in their hearts, their pact became Interfaith.

As Interfaith grew over the years, the organization’s efforts were met with widespread support. Community partnerships were made and our span of help extended to everyone from those experiencing homelessness to low-income and under-served men, women, and children throughout North San Diego County. Today, with over 300-member faith congregations, more than 3,000 volunteers, 150 dedicated staff, and approximately 17,000 unique clients, the Interfaith community is more meaningful than ever.

Interfaith stands as something completely unique. With our broad continuum of programs and wide array of services, the resources we provide stabilize and rebuild the lives of people in crisis. Our methods continuously evolve to meet the needs of our community, but our motto stays the same. We are Helping People Help Themselves.

We are Interfaith Community Services.

Our Cause

As we reflect on our past and look forward to our future, it becomes clear that our cause is at the root of all we do:

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS HIGHLIGHTS

Neighborhood Healthcare
In an effort to address the physical health and wellness of the people we serve, Interfaith partnered with Neighborhood Healthcare to create something wholly unique in our community: an onsite medical center at our Escondido Headquarters. This partnership establishes a wraparound service system that allows for the full integration of healthcare and social services. Together, we are closer to fulfilling our vision that all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay, should have the opportunity to pursue physical wellness, mental health, and an improved quality of life.

Escondido Community Sobering Services
Interfaith celebrated the grand re-opening of our Escondido Community Sobering Services, a program of the Joan & Lee James Recovery and Wellness Center. The 38-bed residential treatment facility addresses substance use disorders by offering individual and group counseling, case management, education and treatment. The Recovery and Wellness Center also provides comprehensive discharge planning, medically monitored withdrawal management and outpatient drug and alcohol recovery services. Our goal is to emphasize the role of each participant in managing their own health, engaging in positive coping strategies, and maintaining resources for a healthy recovery.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
provides access to comprehensive programs and vital resources that meet the basic needs of community members, and empower them to achieve independent and thriving lives. Dedicated to Helping People Help Themselves, Interfaith works to engage with each individual and family to address their unique needs.

CLINICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
works to improve the mental health and wellness of individuals and families. Licensed Clinicians provide a variety of services including crisis intervention, anger management, counseling, and homeless outreach.

RECOVERY & WELLNESS
provides a complete continuum of care for low-income persons struggling to overcome addiction, including those experiencing homelessness, and those dealing with physical and mental health conditions.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
provides support to empower individuals to achieve financial independence and stability. By providing a “hand up” and not a “hand out,” Interfaith is able to help individuals get back on their feet and become self-sufficient by obtaining and retaining employment.

HOUSING
works to prevent and end homelessness for individuals and families. Working with each individual situation, Interfaith offers a wide range of services with the ultimate goal of accomplishing long-term housing success for our community.
Interfaith’s comprehensive wrap-around services, designed to provide “A Pathway Forward”, all intertwine to fulfill the need of holistic care for people in a time of crisis. All of Interfaith’s programs are accessible through the Supportive Services entry point, providing our community with a wide array of resources and a true continuum of care that is ready and available for anyone regardless of their situation.

**CLINICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
- Mental Health Assessment and Treatment
- Clinical Case Management
- Homeless Outreach
- Trauma-Informed Care

**CLINICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
- Substance Use Disorder Services
- Withdrawal Management
- Residential Treatment
- Outpatient Treatment
- Recovery Services
- Recovery Residences
- Recuperative Care Program

**EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- Job Search Assistance
- Computer Lab
- Career Assessment & Job Training
- Interview and Resume Preparation
- Transitional Youth Academy
- Day Labor Connection Center

**HOUSING**
- Rapid Rehousing & Homeless Prevention Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Affordable Housing
- Move-in Assistance
- Furniture & Household Goods Assistance

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This pathway synchronizes the efforts of staff, volunteers, donors, community partners, and clients, to ultimately Help People Help Themselves, ensuring the commitment of each individual to be a part of the positive change in their own lives.
THIS IS SHAWN. Shawn was living on the streets of Oceanside having to choose between paying for medical expenses or having a roof over her head. Already overwhelmed by the harsh realities of homelessness, Shawn’s physical health and overall wellness were worsening each day. Her struggles were so daunting, it seemed as though an intervention was the only way of finding her the help she so desperately needed.

As fate would have it, Officer Ferry from the Oceanside Police Department Homeless Outreach Team received a distress call one morning. In a desperate cry for help, Shawn had threatened to take her own life. Officer Ferry responded to the call and promptly took action. In that moment, the start of Shawn’s recovery began.

Through a partnership between Interfaith Community Services and local police departments, Officer Ferry was able to connect Shawn with Anna, a case manager at Interfaith. Despite the long road ahead, Anna was determined to help Shawn obtain housing of her own. Until then, she was able to secure a spot for Shawn on the waitlist for Interfaith’s Haven House Year-Round Emergency Shelter.

When a bed became available, Interfaith provided Shawn with transportation to Haven House, a simple task for most, but a major barrier for someone thirty miles away, without transportation, or any funds. Yet, when Shawn arrived, the smile of hope across her face told us her darkest days were behind her.

During her stay at Haven House, Shawn’s well-being improved significantly. She was finally able to receive a breathing machine for her asthma, protect her skin from daily sun exposure, and receive assistance with medical forms. Before long, Shawn was able to secure Rental Assistance for a deposit through Interfaith’s Offering Hope in Housing program.

Today, Shawn lives in stable, long-term housing, pays her own rent, and lives a happy and secure life, all while helping guide those who are currently experiencing the same struggles she overcame.

After overcoming 15 years of chronic homelessness, Shawn was finally able to say, “Now I’m healthier. I look healthier. I feel healthier… I paid my rent. I paid my electric bill. I finally did that all myself.”

Interfaith is incredibly grateful for Shawn’s success, and proud to be part of her story.
16,963 Unique Clients Served

4,261 Children Who Benefited from Services

782 Veterans Served by Interfaith

$1,425,181 Saved through Volunteering Efforts

3,197 Volunteers and 47,585 Hours Volunteered

132,413 Meals and Sack Lunches Distributed

561 Clients Who Received Behavioral Health Services

$371,772 Total Amount of Legal Fines Forgiven

21,386 Emergency Food Kits Distributed

100% Graduation and College Enrollment Rate for Transitional Youth Academy Students

1,307 Men, Women, and Children placed in Stable Housing

727 Home Repairs

779 Clients Who Secured Employment Through our Services

2,271 Tax Returns Filed

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This year, Interfaith Community Services pledged to end and prevent homelessness for 2,019 men, women, and children by the end of 2019. With the support of our community, Interfaith took on the growing crisis of homelessness by moving our homeless neighbors off of the streets and helping those facing imminent eviction, all while providing the practical housing assistance they need. Thank you to staff, volunteers, donors, partners, and clients, for working together to address this issue in our community. Together we can do more than we can ever do alone.

Ways to Give

Join our cause by contributing to Interfaith Community Services. Whether your contribution is monetary, goods, or service, your support ensures that Interfaith is here to meet the needs of our community.

CONTRIBUTE:

Donate by Mail or Online
Visit www.interfaithservices.org and click the donate button on the homepage. Mail your donation to 550 W. Washington Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025.

Sustaining Supporter
Create a monthly or quarterly automatic donation from your credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Can be cancelled at any time.

Donor Advised Fund
Recommend your gift benefit Interfaith Community Services now or within your estate.

Will or Trust
Name Interfaith Community Services and/or others charities as the beneficiary of your will and/or trust. You can set a specific amount or percentage of your estate after distributions.

IRA
Make a distribution from your IRA; if you are 70 1/2 or older, a gift can be made up to $100,000, avoiding federal taxes.

Stock
Make a gift of stock; it often enables you to deduct the full fair market value of the appreciated stock without paying capital gains taxes.

DONATE:

Food and hygiene supplies, new household items, and lightly used furniture Call (760) 489-6380 ext. 206 for additional information or to schedule a pick up.

VOLUNTEER:

Learn About Individual or Group Volunteer Opportunities Visit www.interfaithservices.org/volunteer or call (760) 489-6380 ext. 207
Our Mission

Interfaith Community Services empowers 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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