



Honoring the Spirit of Giving and Volunteerism

January 2018



Adopt-A-Family – A Holiday Tradition

Interfaith thanks all of our supporters that participated in this year's Holiday Adopt-A-Family program! Year after year, this program gives hundreds of individuals and families the opportunity to celebrate the holidays.

The 2017 Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program featured:

- 624 “adoptees,” including 131 families
- Hundreds of participating “adopters,” including 67 individuals and 53 community groups



Housing 1000: January Update

Our Housing 1000 campaign's goal is to house or prevent imminent homelessness for 1,000 men, women, and children by June 30, 2018. As of December 31, 2017, we are proud to announce that 394 of our formerly homeless neighbors (including 93 veterans) have been placed into housing.

Since 2016, 90% of Interfaith clients placed into housing have successfully remained in their own homes.



A Matching Gift Opportunity – Housing 1000

A matching gift challenge of \$50,000 has been established by Jack & Caroline Raymond to benefit the Housing 1000 campaign. For every dollar donated, Jack & Caroline will match it; doubling the impact of your contribution. Gifts can be made online by visiting www.interfaithservices.org or by mailing your check to 550 W. Washington Ave., Escondido, CA 92025.

Pictured to the left: Local philanthropists Caroline and Jack Raymond

Veterans Still a Large Part of Interfaith Programs

In Oceanside, active duty military and veterans have long been a large part of the local community. Interfaith Community Services has been there to support these coastal veterans for many years. Because of the shifting of available veteran program funding by the federal government, Interfaith recently made a strategic move to consolidate our veteran housing programs to strictly our Oceanside facilities. While veteran housing programs have been consolidated, the rest of our wrap-around services continue to be available to veterans throughout North San Diego County,

This shift enables each veteran in Interfaith's housing programs to take advantage of the many additional programs and services available to our nation's heroes. Consolidating the veteran programs offered by Interfaith to the coastal region also offers close proximity to military bases, commissaries and other veteran-serving organizations.



Pictured above: Vincent, a veteran Recuperative Care Program graduate

Veterans Programs in Action: Sidney "Big Sid" Matlock Finds Housing with Interfaith

Sidney "Big Sid" Matlock, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, had informally connected veterans to housing and employment resources at Interfaith for years. However, "Big Sid" never imagined that one day he would be turning to Interfaith to seek help for himself.

After losing his apartment and living out of a storage unit, Big Sid moved into Interfaith's veteran transitional housing program. He lived in an Interfaith apartment for two years while putting his life back together - attending classes, working at Palomar College, coaching football, mentoring students, and volunteering at Interfaith. Today, Big Sid has graduated from Interfaith's transitional housing program and is working while living in his own apartment in Oceanside.

USS Midway Sails Again for Interfaith Veterans

The USS Midway Foundation generously granted \$25,000 to Interfaith Community Services veterans programs this month! This gift will be used to provide support services and housing resources for our local veteran community.



Pictured above: Today, "Big Sid" lives in his own home and enjoys giving back to his community



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