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“A GROUNDBREAKING NEW PROJECT”
Jennifer, Interfaith graduate, was diagnosed with breast cancer six years ago. With physical and financial struggles taking a toll on her health, she lost her home and job. After living on the streets for years, Jennifer came to Interfaith and enrolled and graduated from our recovery programs.

When asked what her new home means to her she said, “It’s amazing they have these programs, and the fact that they’re for people coming out of the hospitals and they can recuperate, I think that’s fantastic.”

Full story now streaming on the Homeless in San Diego Podcast: www.homelessinsandiego.org
Interfaith is proud to announce our new Abraham and Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center, projected to be completed in fall 2021. With construction currently underway, we are transforming a former 77-room motel into a place of healing and restoration for our local neighbors working to overcome homelessness and rebuild their lives. The new Abraham and Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center, located across the street from our Escondido headquarters, will become the home of the Interfaith Post-Hospitalization Recuperative Care program and the new Interfaith Graduate Temporary Housing program.

Join Us in Helping Provide a Pathway to Stable Housing for Our Most Vulnerable Neighbors

In 2019, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to award Interfaith a $6,000,000 capital grant to expand our proven-effective Recuperative Care program and create a Graduate Housing program. Interfaith leveraged these County funds with local community donations to purchase the former motel.

We need your support and partnership to fund the completion of renovations and bring this new center to reality. Interfaith cherishes gifts of all sizes and naming opportunities are available towards the project.

Learn more: www.interfaithservices.org/turkcenter

YOU’RE INVITED: JOIN US “ON THE FRONTLINES”

Join Greg Anglea, Interfaith CEO, for a special segment of “On the Frontlines” as we debut the Abraham and Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center!

On this virtual tour you will get a first-hand, behind-the-scenes look at our new, transformational project and have the opportunity to ask questions.

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Thursday, March 25th
11AM-Noon
Presented Via Zoom

RSVP online: www.interfaithservices.org/events
COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

Throughout the pandemic, Interfaith has remained open, providing critical, uninterrupted services for our neighbors in need. Our COVID-19 response efforts are still in full force, and our adapted drive-through and walk-up services continue to operate safely and effectively.

8,068
People who have never received assistance from Interfaith were provided critical services

67,600
Prepared meals given in addition to Interfaith’s Super Pantry Grocery Assistance

45,581
Supportive Services provided such as Daily Meals, Laundry, Case Management, etc.

Interfaith remains committed to health and safety. Our on-site staff and residents are required to take covid tests weekly. Our frontline staff are now trained to facilitate covid tests for our residents.

In January, our partners at Neighborhood Healthcare vaccinated 139 Interfaith employees, residential clients, and frontline volunteers.

MAKING OUR FAITH PLACES SAFE PLACES

In 2020, Dr. Kadri J. Webb, Vice Chair of Interfaith, formed the “Multi-City Racial Reconciliation Coalition.” Their first action item? Making Our Faith Places Safe Places: An Anti-Racism training for faith communities designed to address racial inequities.

Are you a faith leader who would like to have a positive impact on your congregation?

Learn more: www.interfaithservices.org/faith
Our Community Making an Impact

BUCKLE UP, INTERFAITH HAS NEW WHEELS!

Interfaith has acquired a new cargo van, which will be used to help newly-housed residents move, assist in rescue pickups, and transport generous donations from community and corporate partners.

Made possible by a generous private donor and Encinitas Ford.

OUR 2020 ADOPT-A-FAMILY WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS!

Interfaith transformed our parking lot into a beautiful winter wonderland and hundreds received walk-up donations. Here’s what you made possible:

600 Families, children, and individuals adopted by our 131 generous Adopt-A-Family donors

+10% Increase in donations for basic needs, toys, etc.

MEET MARILYN GALLOWAY: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

In 2020, Marilyn Galloway was awarded Interfaith’s North County Philanthropy Council Volunteer of the Year Award. With years of experience volunteering at Interfaith, she exemplifies the everyday impact of volunteers here to “Help People Help Themselves.”

Interested in volunteering and making a difference? Remote and on-site opportunities are available.

Learn more: www.interfaithservices.org/volunteer
When Duane and Danielle came to Interfaith in 2018, their family of six was living out of a tent. Duane had experienced an unexpected medical emergency; he had nerve damage in his spine and could no longer walk. Soon after, he lost his job and savings went quickly. “We lost everything,” Duane shared. At the time, they had also learned Danielle was pregnant. The family didn’t know where to turn.

The day Duane and Danielle came to Interfaith, hope was restored for their family. Interfaith helped them find an apartment close to their children’s school, provided security deposit support, rental assistance, and food while Duane and Danielle began to rebuild their lives.

“Interfaith made it so I wasn’t stressed out and could just focus on my health and getting better,” said Duane. “It made it so much easier to know we had someone in our corner, cheering us on and helping us put a roof over our kid’s heads again.”

Now, in January 2021, Duane and Danielle reached out to Interfaith to share some good news. Duane’s recovery had continued, he was excelling at work and recently promoted. The family had just purchased their own home as Duane shared, “Interfaith played a huge part in where we are today, so we wanted to update you.”
WAYS TO GIVE

Donate by Mail or Online: Mail your donation to 550 W. Washington Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025 or visit www.interfaithservices.org/donate

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

In-Kind Donation: Food, new home items, and lightly used furniture. Email: getinvolved@interfaithservices.org

IRA: If you are 70 ½ or older, an IRA gift can be made up to $100,000 avoiding federal taxes.*

Stock: A stock gift often enables you to deduct the full fair market value of the appreciated stock without paying capital gains tax.*

Will: 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.*

* Please consult with your personal financial advisor about all potential financial benefits of investment and charitable giving strategies.

$40,000 MATCHING GIFT

Double Your Impact: Thanks to our friends at the David T. and Dorris E. Staples Foundation, all gifts to Interfaith Community Services will be matched dollar for dollar up to $40,000. This doubles the impact you can make in our community today!

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