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Living in their vehicle and in desperate need of assistance, Sam and her 14-year-old child found Interfaith Community Services. They were immediately assisted with basic needs such as food and hygiene, then connected with one of our case managers, who brought them into our Family Shelter. Together with their case manager, they created a plan to save money and look for housing. Within just three months, Sam was able to secure housing which also allowed her child to remain within their current school district. To further ease their transition, Interfaith’s Make-It-A-Home program furnished their home upon moving in December 2021.

**Rapid Re-Housing**

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Interfaith is excited to announce a new family shelter this year! While we await renovations, the program has already launched and is operating out of a temporary location. Within the first four months, we have already helped more than 28 families, including 51 children – ranging in age from 2 months to 18 years old.

In an interview with The San Diego Union Tribune (November 2021), CEO Greg Anglea shared, “We are both troubled by the need for a family shelter and honored to be able to do the work.”

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Interfaith Homeless Outreach Teams (HOT) in Escondido, Oceanside, and Carlsbad, work daily to foster trusting relationships with our neighbor’s experiencing homelessness. Our teams work to identify and reduce each person’s particular barriers to housing stabilization. People like Tracy:

“Tracy,” a 48-year-old woman, was identified living unsheltered in the community by our outreach team. Although Tracy was initially reluctant to engage in services, she ultimately accepted resources that met her needs. Due to a background of trauma including domestic violence, Tracy found it impossible to feel safe while sheltering in shared living situations. The outreach team was able to recognize her unique needs and worked to support her in accessing transitional housing for women.

Each individual living unsheltered in our communities has their own unique needs and goals that will ultimately support their wellness. More housing and sheltering services throughout the community are desperately needed to ensure that people experiencing homelessness can find a fit that will help them overcome their personal circumstances.

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New Escondido Homeless Outreach Report Line

Anyone can call to report homeless activity concerns, request homeless outreach assistance, and request support linking individuals to needed social services. The report line is unable to respond to illegal activities or law enforcement concerns. Contact the Outreach team at 760-215-1584 or by email: escondidooutreach@interfaithservices.org

Below: Our Escondido HOT team is in partnership with the City of Escondido, the County of San Diego and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH).
We do more together than any of us can do apart. Through your support, Interfaith Community Services evolves to meet the needs of our community. Please make a Gift today: interfaithservices.org/donate/

A Family’s Dilemma

The Oceanside HOT Team encountered a family with four young children living out of their car. The family had been trying to connect with community resources, including permanent housing, but due to a lack of available resources, they were at a standstill. The Oceanside and Escondido HOT teams worked together to transition the family into our Family Shelter and connected them with an Interfaith case manager. Today, they have a safe place to stay, one parent is working part-time, and they continue to work towards permanent housing.
An Exciting Project Comes to Life in 2022!

Updates on the Abraham and Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center

Last year, we had the distinct honor of announcing our plans for the creation of a unique place of healing and transformation. A place that will provide hope and opportunity for our most vulnerable, at-risk, and disadvantaged neighbors. Now entering the final phase of renovations, the Abraham and Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center, is scheduled for completion by end of Summer 2022. It will act as the new site for our Post-Hospitalization Recuperative Care program (RCP), designed to provide emergency housing and supportive services to individuals exiting hospitals and in need of mental health and/or medical recovery. RCP has already had an incredible record of success. An added benefit of Interfaith’s acquisition and repurposing of the former dilapidated motel has been the significant decrease (85%) in police calls to the property. We’re not just Helping People Help Themselves, we’re also helping improve entire communities with each exciting project! We are grateful to the City of Escondido, San Diego County, and community members, who have recognized the need and urgency for this project. Thank you for your support!

The Future is Bright with Graduate and Permanent Housing

The acquisition of the Turk Center has been instrumental in our efforts to provide Graduate Lodging support for our neighbors in need throughout the pandemic. With 87% of
79% SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED INTO STABLE HOUSING

the resident's transitioning from life on the street, 61% living with a disability, and 46% suffering from a mental health disorder, the individuals you are helping through our Graduate Lodging program are working hard to overcome some of life's most challenging obstacles. Since its inception in October 2020, 68 individuals have come through the program. Together, we have transformed their lives and provided opportunities for a brighter future. Thank you!

Homeless in San Diego Podcast
Real People, Real Stories

Listen to personal stories and professionals in the field by visiting homelessinsandiego.org or your preferred streaming platform.

Tune in and listen! homelessinsandiego.org
You Make our Work Possible!

Interfaith Community Services is a place where people in need of a second chance are able to receive critical support. It is because of you that Interfaith is able to make those second chances a reality.

Please support our vital work to continue Helping People Help Themselves by making a gift today. There is no doubt, we are changing lives together, and even though it is seldom easy, we never forget, it is always worthwhile. Thank You!

Joan came to Interfaith in need of support and is now thriving. Watch this short video and see our work in action!
Our most vulnerable community members have been disproportionately impacted by job loss throughout the pandemic. Interfaith is working to help change this, and we need your help! Our Coastal Service Center, located in Oceanside, and our Carlsbad Service Center provide job training, re-training for those working in heavily COVID-19-impacted fields, tools and resources, licensing fees, transportation, and so much more.

For the people we are helping, securing employment can often be a matter as simple as the ability to pay for work boots or other necessities the job may require. This is just one example of how a little support can make a BIG difference.

Help us get people on the coast back in the workforce by making a gift today. Select “Employment & Economic Development Fund” designation on our donation page, interfaithservices.org/donate

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A & F) Case managers like Christine and Abby helping people help themselves.
B & C) Staff and volunteers stock our food pantry and gather work clothes to help our neighbors in need.
D) Tim Martin has been volunteering with Interfaith every Tuesday for the past 3 years. He supports the people we serve by writing resumes and searching for employment.
E) Carlsbad Service Center computer Lab is integral for individuals, like Peter, exploring employment and economic development opportunities.
Recovery & Wellness

A County audit awarded Interfaith’s Recovery and Wellness Center (RWC) outpatient program a score of 98%. This is quite an achievement, kudos to the outpatient program staff!

Our Residential treatment program has been operating near capacity with male beds full, and we are increasing outreach efforts to support more women. If you know anyone who is currently battling addiction, please use our referral line which ensures callers in crisis are helped immediately.

All participants who successfully complete residential or outpatient treatment are awarded a “Challenge Coin” to commemorate their achievement! The inspirational coin features the mural that is painted on the property of the Abraham and Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center and represents freedom from addiction. These and other improvements to our Recovery and Wellness programs would not be possible without your support. Thank you!

INTERFAITH AWARDED PILLARS OF FREEDOM GRANT

In 2021, Interfaith supported 867 Veterans throughout San Diego County, helping them to improve their housing stability and overall wellness.

We are grateful to the USS Midway Museum for their 2022 Pillars of Freedom Grant and Partnership which allows us to continue to provide critical services to Veterans in need of support.

Introducing our New Veterans Program Manager, Curtis Winfree

“As a Marine Corps Veteran, I consider it an honor and privilege to serve our Coastal Veteran community with Interfaith’s amazing team! With over 22 years of active-duty military service and 15 years partnering with Veteran service organizations throughout San Diego County, I look forward to helping our Veterans and their families thrive. Together at Interfaith, we continue to make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve, and in our communities!”

Holiday Adopt-A-Family 2021 was a Heartwarming Success

More than 140 donors visited Interfaith’s “Winterfaith Wonderland” and dropped off holiday gifts for more than 650 people in need! Thank you for bringing joy to our clients during the holiday season.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANT

Tax season at Interfaith begins in late January when we kick off our Volunteer income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, and we need your help! Please contact Janet Reeves, Volunteer Coordinator, jreeves@interfaithservices.org to learn more or volunteer for this rewarding opportunity.

3,251 2021 Tax Returns Filed

$3,878,755

Refunds returned to low-income households through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program
Interfaith Community Services’ employee-led Racial Justice Working Group has recently altered its name to more accurately reflect its mission, internal goals, and aspirations for broader community impact. Going forward, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism (DEIA) Working Group will continue to focus its efforts on combatting systemic racism and all forms of oppression and marginalization.

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WORK WITH US!
Join our team and make a difference through your work. Learn more about career opportunities today by visiting interfaithservices.org/careers/

“Interfaith treats employees like family, and values our input and feedback. Most importantly, we know we are helping people in need every day, and that makes us feel great about where we work and what we do.”
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Questions? Call Dara Tavolada, Human Resources Recruiter, 760-270-1462

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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF INTERFAITH
Last year, over 2,830 volunteers donated 31,559 hours in support of our programs and services. There are many ways to get involved and feel great about your impact.

interfaithservices.org/volunteer/

Contact Janet Reeves, Volunteer Coordinator: jreeves@interfaithservices.org or (760) 489-6380 ext. 207

Rev. Kadri Webb, Board Chair, Varinda Missett, Chief Development Officer, Debbie Lumpkin, DEIA Consultant, Reverend Meg Decker, Immediate Past Chair, and Dr. Nate Sessoms, DEIA Consultant, at Interfaith’s 2021 Annual Meeting.
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Our Family Shelter is already changing lives!

Thanks to You...

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