



Interfaith Community Council, Inc.

Goal of \$450,000

Balance Needed \$96,000



\$354,000 Pledges & Gifts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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November 2011

Monthly Newsletter

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to the Annual Meeting

Please join us for the Interfaith Community Council, Inc. and Board of Directors' Annual Meeting.

We will be at Brown-Starks, 1200 Bono here in New Albany, at 6:30. We will present the latest on the Brown-Starks building and the Capital Campaign as well as information about all that has happened over the past fiscal year. Light refreshments will be provided.

Our special guest, Rev. Dr. George Beury, former Executive Director of Interfaith Community (a 20 year span), will lead our opening prayer and devotion. Come and see old friends and make some new ones.

Bring your spare lawn chairs, if you have room in your car. We have not yet purchased chairs and tables, so the seating we can provide is limited, but we really want you to come and join us.

HENRY GETS A NEW SKIN

Henry the Hand received a new skin when his costume got a well-deserved and badly needed makeover this past summer. It's now much more manageable and leaves both hands free for Henry to clown around. Thanks to Todd Brandon, RSVP Council member, for facilitating Henry's trip to the hospital and thanks to Henry's special surgeon!

Henry needs help from a Bubbles' volunteer. See page 5 for more information and how to schedule a visit for your young group of germ fighters from Henry the Hand and friends.



INTERFAITH MINUTE

See Page 3 for Holiday Program Info

SAVE THE DATE

ICC Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 20, 4 pm
Typically meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Purdue Technology Ctr.

ICC Foundation Board Meeting

Meets e/o month
Tues., Nov. 22, 11:30-12:45
Brown Bag Lunch
Interfaith Upper Conference Room

ICC Representative's Council Meeting

Meets quarterly
2nd Tuesday
Jan. 10
6:30-8 pm.
All are welcome.
Mt. Tabor Presbyterian

Ministers' Munch

Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month.
Locations vary.
Wed., Nov. 16, 11:30-1:00
La Boca on Market Street.

Community Prayer

Every Thursday @9 am
Salvation Army

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MINISTERS' MUNCH

*Ministers' Coffee is now the Ministers' Munch
We will now (typically) meet on the fourth
Wednesday of each month for lunch at a local restaurant.
Each attendee pays for his/her own lunch.
Join us for a time of relaxation and fellowship.*

*Wednesday, November 16, 2011
11:30am to 1:00 pm
La Boca on Market (next to the Grand)
Open to all area Ministers/Clergy*

*Christine Harbeson ~ Executive Director
charbeson@interfaithinc.org
812.948.9248X1800*



LOCAL OUTREACH

Heartland Church of the Nazarene

Heartland Church of the Nazarene will be launching a new food box ministry, Helping Hearts, on Saturday, November 5. The church is located at 6901 Old Vincennes Road in Floyds Knobs, near the Floyd Central soccer fields. Helping Hearts will be distributing FREE food boxes every Saturday from 9am-11am on a first come, first serve basis. One box will contain basic necessities such as pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits, vegetables, meats, etc. that could feed a family of 4 for 3 to 4 days. Families can receive one box per month. If you or a family member is in need of assistance, please stop by during our open hours or call 923-1416 to speak with one of our volunteers.

Northside Christian Oak Street Ministry

Northside Christian @ 1423 E. Oak St. hosted a Health Fair on Monday, November 7 at 4:30. A hot meal followed at 6pm. They serve a hot meal for local individuals every Monday evening.

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2011 HOLIDAY PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS



Interfaith Community Council just completed the enrollment process for the 2011 Holiday Season. We have 380 families enrolled in the Operation Santa Claus program, and 270 families for the Adopt-A-Family program.

One of the things that stood out during our enrollments this year is the increasing number of Grandparents who are now raising their grandchildren. Most who applied have legal custody of their grandchildren; others have them because Mom & Dad are temporarily unable to care for them. These Grandparents are on a fixed income and having to provide for children again makes it hard on them financially.

Interfaith is able to provide for these families through donations from churches, organizations, individuals and families. The enrollees are given food, clothes and gifts for Christmas. As many as possible are given food for Thanksgiving.

If you can help in any way, with food, gifts, or a monetary donation, it will make a difference for these families. Even if it seems an insignificant amount to you, it **will** make a difference. We will put your donation with the donation of others, and with God's blessing, we will have enough to provide for all the needs. And, as always, the funds donated to Special Programs will be used exclusively for those programs.

If you want to participate in any way, please contact Carol at 948-9248, x 1804, or at ckannapel@interfaithinc.org

Thank you for making the Holiday Programs possible.

PLEASE COORDINATE YOUR PROGRAM WITH US



If you provide food or gifts to families during the Holidays, please share the names of your clients with us. Interfaith acts as a "clearing house" for local sponsors, cross-checking names of families enrolled in other programs. This helps avoid duplication and ensures that the most families possible receive services.

Thank you.

BLESSINGS!!!



The Board, Staff & Volunteers of Interfaith wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

May you enjoy God's blessing in spirit, soul and body.

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Here are items that are needed in our Food Pantry this month.

Right now we especially need items for our 1-Day Supply of Food that goes to the homeless. All these items need to be single-servings in pop-top cans.

We need: protein items like canned Vienna Sausages, Hot Dogs, Tuna & Peanut Butter. Fruit & Pudding Cups, as well as Juice Drinks. Peanut Butter and/or Cheese Crackers

Thank you for helping us help others.



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| Single-Serving Items for the Homeless | Crackers |
| Spaghetti | Peanut Butter |
| Cereal (other than corn flakes) | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Mackerel | Canned Salmon |
| Canned Fruit | Chili |
| Paper Products | Canned Tuna |

PROGRAMS

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SERVICE?



Interfaith needs a few Volunteers to work a regular weekly or bi-weekly shift and Subs for all in-building positions.
Training is provided.

Pantry Distribution:

- A Volunteer to work from 12:30-3:30 on the Second & Fourth Fridays of the month.

Receptionist:

- Volunteers to help in the front office from 10am-2pm. This is usually the busiest part of our day. This person will answer & distribute calls, direct clients to the proper station for help, distribute TARC tickets and help with other general office duties when necessary.

Pantry Intake:

- Volunteers to interview clients for pantry service. This person will pull hard-copy pantry files, check client IDs, make notations of eligibility and send clients to the food pantry.

Emergency Services Intake:

- Volunteers to perform the preliminary interview for Emergency Services. This person works with new & returning clients confirming that they have all the documents necessary to receive services. They also copy & scan documents and help with other general office duties.

Subs' names are placed on a "call" list with days/times of availability. Service is always at the Volunteer's convenience, and "not today" is always an option.

If anyone is interested, please contact Carol @ 812-948-9248 x 1804 or ckaapel@interfaithinc.org

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RSVP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE



Dial A Care: A free service that was established decades ago to serve homebound adults in our community. Some clients need to be checked on during the day to make sure they are safe; and some just need someone to talk to. Either way, they can receive a daily call.



Poison Safety Presentations: Poison Information for Seniors or any group looking for a program. The Power Point presentation takes an hour, but can be shortened if necessary. It concentrates on how to identify toxic substances, keeping them marked and separated from look-alikes and how to identify the situations when you should call the Poison Control Center, or the pharmacist, or 911.

RSVP PROGRAMS

HENRY THE HAND—ON TOUR AGAIN

RSVP volunteers Bette Lay (aka Nurse Nancy) and Todd Brandon (aka Henry) and several others (aka Bubbles) have taken their show on the road for yet another school year, their 6th. They use a 20 minute interactive skit to teach the importance of proper and frequent hand-washing to kindergarten and first grade students in Clark, Floyd and some Harrison County schools. The thank-you expressions that these volunteers receive are many and varied. Sometimes they even get handprints from the whole class. In schools that vote on such things, Henry has been selected as the favorite program several times.



Bubbles visiting ICC Staff

The Henry costume got a well-deserved and badly needed makeover this past summer. It's now much more manageable and leaves both hands free for Henry to clown around. Thanks to Todd Brandon for facilitating Henry's trip to the hospital!

The Bubbles costume is going strong, but, alas, we no longer have enough people to play that non-speaking part, so sometimes Henry and Nurse Nancy have to go it alone. Bubbles gets to shoot the brand new bubble gun which is used to demonstrate how far germs can shoot out when kids sneeze. It's probably the easiest and most fun part. If you have an hour or two once or twice a week and would like to have a bunch of fun, please consider donning our sandwich board and shooting bubbles at a room full of kids.

They have other props, most notably a dozen stuffed germs, which allow the kids to see that germs, like people, come in different sizes, shapes and colors. Nurse Nancy gets lots of mileage out of her germs!

Henry educated over 2000 children last school year. If calls so far are any indication, this year will be just as busy! Call Ceil or Janet if you are interested in being a part of this ministry: 948-1815.

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Last Chance this year: Letters from Santa



Imagine the delight on your child's face if he/she received a letter from Santa on beautiful colored stationery! Now, imagine how much more thrilled your little one would be if Santa called him by name and mentioned his friends and where he lives! This letter will be a treasured keepsake to add to your family scrapbook. Your child will truly feel special. Santa has asked us, his helpers at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), to help him write to all good little girls and boys. If you would like your child to receive a special letter from Santa, **just complete this form and return by December 3** with your check or money order for \$5.00 (See bonus offer below). Letters will be mailed in mid December. (Orders received after December 3 cannot be guaranteed delivery before Christmas.)

Here's How to Order! (Please print.)

First, fill out some customer information.

Person ordering letter for child: _____

Your address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Phone: _____

Tell Santa what to call your child and where to send the letter.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Child's mailing address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

The child is a: Boy _____ Girl _____

City or town of residence: _____

Tell Santa what city or town the child lives in. (Sometimes this is different from the city in the mailing address.)

Who told Santa about this child? (Please specify relationship to the child - e.g. Friend Paul, Grandma Ruth, Mommy or Aunt Sally.) _____

Tell Santa the first names of two of the child's favorite friends or family members.

Friend #1: _____ Friend #2 _____

Bonus offer: We can use the same personal info to send your child a Letter from the Easter Bunny too. It will cost just \$3 more. Please check your preference below and send the completed form and appropriate amount of money to:

RSVP
702 East Market St.
New Albany IN 47150
812-948-1815

_____ **\$5.00 Santa Letter only**

_____ **\$8.00 Both Santa and Easter Bunny Letters**

APPLICATION FORM

WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET?



What is a Developmental Asset?

On one level, a Developmental Asset represents everyday wisdom about positive experiences and characteristics for young people. In addition, these assets are powerful influences on adolescent behavior—both protecting young people from many different problem behaviors and promoting positive attitudes and behaviors. This power is evident across all cultural and socioeconomic groups of youth.

You can do it!

Everyone can build assets. It doesn't have to take a lot of money, but it can make a tremendous difference in producing confident, caring young people. Can you: Acknowledge the young people you see? Get to know a young person? Build or enhancing a relationship with a young person already in your life?

Guess what: You are building Assets!!!

For more about Assets: <http://www.interfaithinc.org/YouthDev.html>, or YouthCount.com

THE ART OF COMMUNICATION



The Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities

With over 53 million Americans living with disabilities, it is increasingly important to know proper etiquette when meeting and socializing with individuals with disabilities. Knowing mannerisms that are generally accepted by those with disabilities will make you more confident in your everyday contact with them. Here are some "do's and don'ts" for conversing and interacting with individuals with disabilities.

1. Speak directly to the person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter.
2. Offer to shake hands when introduced. People with limited hand use or an artificial limb can usually shake hands. Offering the left hand is an acceptable greeting.
3. Always identify yourself and others with you when meeting someone with a visual disability. When conversing in a group, remember to identify the person to whom you are speaking.
4. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted, then listen or ask for instructions.
5. Treat adults as adults. Address people with disabilities by their first names only when extending that same familiarity to others. Never patronize people in wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulder.
6. Do not lean against or hang on someone's wheelchair. Bear in mind that people with disabilities treat their chairs as extensions of their bodies. The same is true for people with guide and assistance dogs. Never distract a work animal from their job without the owner's permission.
7. Listen attentively when talking with people who have difficulty speaking and wait for them to finish. Never pretend to understand; instead repeat what you have understood and allow them to respond.
8. Place yourself at eye level when speaking with someone in a wheelchair or on crutches.
9. Tap a person who has a hearing disability on the shoulder or wave your hand to get his/her attention. Look directly at them and speak clearly, slowly, and expressively to establish if they can read your lips. If they are wearing a hearing aid, don't assume that they have the ability to discriminate your speaking voice. Never shout; just speak in a normal tone of voice.
10. Relax. Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use common expressions such as "See you later" or "Did you hear about this?" that seem to relate to a person's disability.



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"A Christ-focused ministry serving the whole community"

702 East Market Street
New Albany, IN 47150



Interfaith's future home

*We are all so thankful for the community's willingness to help one another
and we pray a special blessing over your lives.*

~ Working hand in hand with our churches for the growth of the Kingdom ~



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Legacy of Faith

Interfaith Community Council Foundation, Inc.

The Interfaith Community Council Foundation, Inc. is a separate and independent 501(C)(3) not-for-profit with the sole purpose of providing support for the various community programs and projects coordinated through Interfaith Community Council. Contributions are tax deductible. Contact Christine Harbeson at 812.206.1800 for more information.



GENERAL MILLS



United Way



Interfaith Community Council, Inc. is supported by Our Heavenly Father, Metro United Way and the generous gifts of our church family and community. Thank you!

