

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Interfaith Community Council, Inc.

1964

- Organized November 5, 1964 as the Downtown Neighborhood Council. Charter churches: St. Mark's UCC, St. John Presbyterian, and Centenary UMC. The DNC was organized to provide youth programs including: study hall, club groups and a softball league.

1965

- Activities include: a camping trip for inner city youth, a Teen Center and a Fun Nite.

1966

- The DNC offers free Kindergarten, which was the predecessor to the Child Development Center.
- The agency recommends Floyd County offer a Head Start program.

1967

- Central Christian joins as a participating church.
- Free swim time is offered at Oasis for disadvantaged youth.

1968

- Robinson Nugent sponsors an agency basketball league.
- DePauw Memorial United Methodist joins as a participating church.

1969

- Trinity United Methodist joins as a participating church.
- The Hunger Walk, with 130 teens participating, raises \$3,500 for local/world hunger.
- The Operation Santa Claus Program begins.

1970

- The Black Studies Program is offered to local youth.
- The Black Council is formed to assess community needs.

1971

- Job & housing information is offered.
- GED classes are offered.
- The Clothe-A-Teen Program begins.

1972

- Various programs are begun; Neighbor's Fund, Contact-Kentuckiana teleministry; Community Garden, Adult Literacy & Nutrition classes, free legal council.
- St. Paul's Episcopal, Holy Trinity Catholic, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic, & Mt. St. Francis Community join as participating churches.

1973

- Bi-county convalescent sitter training and placement program begins

1974

- The Child Development Center is started.
- The DNC becomes a member agency of Metro United Way.
- The agency becomes a Dare to Care emergency food distribution center for Floyd County.

1975

- The bi-county Dial-A-Care program for shut-ins begins.
- Emergency dental care is offered for disadvantaged school age children.

1976

- The Nation's bi-centennial is observed by Pilgrimage of Heritage & Hope.
- First Associate churches join.
- St. Mary's becomes custodian of the Holy Trinity property.

1977

- Contact Kentuckiana phone counseling offered to 8,579 people. This program receives endorsement of Archbishop Thomas J. McDonough of Louisville.
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Albany, becomes a member church.
- June - Mount Tabor Presbyterian becomes an associate member.

1978

- The name is changed to Interfaith Community Council in order to reflect Protestant and Catholic composition and a countywide service area.
- ICC became the tenants of the Holy Trinity Social Ministries Building.

1979

- ICC helped co-found Hospice of Southern Indiana.
- Deaf Relay begins for Jefferson County, KY and southern Indiana.

1980

- The Mother's Aide Program serves 101 unduplicated clients.

1981

- Food assistance is up \$4,000 and served an additional 2,466 persons from the previous year.

1982

- Hedden House is deeded to the agency.

1983

- Silver Street United Methodist and Wesley Chapel United Methodist become participating churches.

1984

- ICC assumes sponsorship of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. RSVP serves Clark, Harrison, Floyd and Scott Counties.
- An affiliate group plans a fall opening of Hedden House as a temporary residence for women recovering from alcoholism.
- Interfaith celebrates its 20th anniversary with over 500 attending a service featuring an address by Archbishop O'Meara of Indianapolis. This was held at St. Mark's UCC.

1985

- Senior Day College holds its first semester with 31 students.
- Grace Lutheran (Missouri Synod) joins as a participating church.

1986

- Senior Day College ends the year with 262 students participating.

1987

- Hospice becomes an independent agency.
- This was a banner year for receiving one-time-only grants from St. Mary's, three Episcopal Foundations and Hands Across America.
- Parent's Anonymous becomes an affiliate member ICC.

1988

- The services at Hedden House officially become a part of Interfaith Community Council.

1989

- ICC celebrates the longest history of service of any Kentuckiana Community Ministry: 1964–1989.
- A Latch Key program began for school age children through the Child Development Center.

1990

- Homeless Prevention services started in a joint venture by ICC and HVEOC for Floyd and Harrison Counties through a grant awarded by Metro United Way.

1991

- The Mentor Mother program started for single parents.

1992

- ICC and the Redevelopment Commission begin "Lease a Home" program for homeless families.

1993

- (Nothing recorded.)

1994

- Funding is obtained for the Rosalee Family Support Center in Georgetown.

- First Church of God joins as a sponsor church.

1995

- Funding is obtained for a new Child Development Center and multi-service building at Bono Road and Graybrook Lane in New Albany. This is a partnership with the New Albany Redevelopment Commission, the New Albany/Floyd County School Corporation, Rauch, Inc. and the Floyd County Youth Services Coalition.
- RSVP helped found Southern Indiana Repair Affair.

1996

- Holy Family Catholic, Culbertson Baptist and Floyds Knobs Christian become sponsor churches.
- The Rosalee Family Support Center opens as a new site for CDC in Georgetown. The Red Cross and Head Start share building space.
- RSVP started Home Helpers, small repairs to homes & appliances of low-income seniors.

1997

- The Hedden House program undertakes major expansion including; a Three-Quarter House in facilities made available by St. John Presbyterian and a new outpatient counseling program.
- Hedden House becomes a full partner in the Addiction Resource Network of Indiana.
- CDC opens a new "wrap-around" all-day program at Pine View Elementary School.
- RSVP obtains Metro United Way funding for a Dial-A-Care services in Harrison County.

1998

- The Child Development Center (CDC) changes its name to Interfaith's Discovery Center (IDC).
- The New Albany IDC site moves to the new multi-service Brown-Starks Neighborhood Place.
- RSVP receives a grant to start an "America Reads" program in the childcare centers.
- RSVP received grant money to start a "Reconnecting with Family" program involving computer training for seniors.
- Hedden House expands the continuum of care for treatment of chemical and gambling addictions. The program becomes Hedden House Services.
- The Executive Director, David Bos, announces that he will retire by June of 1999. A search committee is formed to find a successor.

1999

- M. Christopher Boyer is named new Executive Director of Interfaith in May. Shortly after beginning work, Boyer discovers that Interfaith is in severe financial crisis.
- In June, Interfaith terminates its management contract with Hedden House and Hedden House's services are discontinued.
- In August, Interfaith discontinues day care services at Brown-Starks Neighborhood Place. Childcare is found for the children at other day care centers. Floyd County Head Start takes over the space at Brown-Starks for its pre-kindergarten programs. Interfaith maintains its investment in the building through the Neighborhood Public Service Center Development Corporation.

- In September, Blue River Services, Inc. purchases the Rosalee Family Center in Georgetown with approval from the Floyd County Board of Commissioners.
- In October, Interfaith has a booth at Harvest Homecoming for the first time.
- In November, M. Christopher Boyer announces that he will resign from Interfaith and leave at the end of December to take a position in Seattle with the Taproot Theatre Company.
- Interfaith leases Hedden House to LifeSpring Mental Health Services.
- In December, Interfaith announces that Family Services Bureau will merge with Interfaith in 2000.

2000

- In January, Lester Ringham, a retired minister with Central Christian Church, is named Interim Executive Director while a search committee is formed to find a permanent Executive Director.
- Family & Children's Counseling Center establishes an office at ICC for Homeless Prevention.
- In June, Houston Thompson begins work as Interfaith's new Executive Director.
- The Long Range and Strategic Planning Committee submits their report redefining Interfaith's mission, core values, goals and strategies.
- In July, the merger of Family Service Bureau with Interfaith is official. Emergency Services is now Family Services of Interfaith.
- RSVP adds Harrison and Clark County Coordinators to recruit volunteers and volunteer sites.
- On September 17, Interfaith holds a service of renewal and celebration. Houston Thompson is officially installed as the Executive Director.
- Interfaith assumes ownership of the Kids' Café Program at the Brown-Starks Neighborhood Place.
- Interfaith hosts the last Senior Day College with nearly 50 in attendance.
- In December, Bill Grover III becomes Interfaith's first Program Director for Youth Development Services (volunteer).
- Interfaith has a Progressive Dinner fundraiser. Churches hosting the events include, St. John Presbyterian, Culbertson Baptist, Trinity UMC and St. Mary's Catholic.

2001

- In February, a committee of community volunteers is formed to begin work on creating the Interfaith Community Council Foundation, Inc.
- The Interfaith Community Council Foundation is incorporated as a legal entity in the State of Indiana. The first Board of Directors is appointed.
- Interfaith hosts a huge Garage Sale as a fundraiser. The outcome was greatly diminished due to torrential rain.
- Christ's Community Church of the Nazarene becomes a member church.
- Following September 11th, private donations dropped by 90%. The agency had to make financial adjustments to accommodate the change in cash flow revenue.
- In October, the first Community Network Council meeting convenes. The CNC's purpose is to bring faith-based entities doing social outreach together to coordinate and share ideas.

- Billy Grover is nominated for and receives the Indiana Youth Investment Award from Indiana Youth Institute.
- RSVP starts Ramps to Freedom.

2002

- The Interfaith Community Council Foundation, Inc. receives official status as a 501c3 not-for-profit.
- Interfaith Community Council, Inc. enters into a contractual partnership with the Floyd County Youth Services Coalition to provide executive and fiscal management. Consideration will be given to a full merger of the FCYSC into ICC in the future.
- Interfaith officially transfers the Home Care Referral Program to LifeSpan Resources.
- Interfaith's Youth Development Services, in partnership with other entities, host the "Kids Count...on You" kick-off luncheon for community leaders.
- Interfaith hosts its first Youth Development Training on Integrating Developmental Assets into Youth Programs and Activities.
- New carpet and vinyl flooring is installed in the main hall, conference room, kitchen and food pantry.
- A new Employee Handbook is developed and adopted.
- Interfaith hosts a "Faith in our Kids" Workshop for youth ministers.
- RSVP adds a Floyd County Coordinator to recruit volunteers and volunteer sites.
- The Sunnyside Kids Café Partnership is created in the summer. Members include the Housing Authority of New Albany, the New Albany-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Department, Dare to Care and Interfaith. Meals will be served at four sites in the Housing Authority complexes.
- The Floyd County Youth Services Coalition moves into the building with Interfaith Community Council.
- RSVP helped found the TRIAD in Floyd County. This focus is to promote senior safety. The group is composed of Law Enforcement, seniors and human service organizations.
- The Senior Partnership is created. Members include the Housing Authority of New Albany, the New Albany-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Department, Dare to Care and Interfaith. This initiative assists Parks and Recreation and the Housing Authority Resident Associations with snacks and food for senior activities and events.
- Northside Christian Church becomes a member church.
- A trust is left to Interfaith Community Council, Inc. that is used in part to begin investments for the Foundation.

2003

- Interfaith begins an employee retirement program for staff.
- Interfaith officially becomes an auxiliary member of the Association of Community Ministries in Jefferson County, Kentucky.
- A Strategic Planning and Resource Development Committee is formed to revise the Strategic Plan.
- Interfaith installs a better (used) telephone system with voice mail. Included in this, was all new telephone wiring and data cabling for networking. The building gets DSL service and workgroups all the staff for online access.

- Interfaith's Executive Director, Houston Thompson, is a finalist in the Floyd/Clark Counties Chamber of Commerce's "Professional of the Year Award".
- RSVP volunteer enrollment exceeds 900 for the first time.
- The Board of Directors takes an official stand on not accepting donations from funding streams that promote or sustain vices and addictions.
- In October, a new vision statement, mission statement and revised core values are adopted by the board.

2004

- The Board of Directors takes an official position on supporting legal opposition to pornographic businesses in New Albany.
- First Baptist Church of New Albany becomes a member church.
- Catholic Charities moves out of the building. SCORE and InfoLink move into the building.
- Interfaith adds Easter Baskets to the Adopt-A-Family Program.
- The Floyd County Youth Services Coalition, nominated by Interfaith, receives the Indiana Youth Investment Award from Indiana Youth Institute.
- RSVP adds Scott County Coordinator to recruit volunteers and volunteer sites.
- July 1st, The Floyd County Youth Services Coalition merges into Interfaith's Youth Development Services.
- Interfaith becomes the Floyd County Coordinator for Step Ahead.
- RSVP sponsors a state-wide VISTA project with ten VISTA workers stationed at RSVP sites around the state.
- Interfaith has a 40th Anniversary Celebration with a show at the Carnegie Center for Art and History. This show runs for 10 days in July and includes a historical timeline of the agency. A reception is held on opening day.
- September, Interfaith begins the Self-Sufficiency program and hires a case manager to implement the program...
- Interfaith sponsors a 1964 Chevrolet and anniversary banner in the Harvest Homecoming parade to further celebrate the 40th Anniversary.
- The Board elects not to have a booth at Harvest Homecoming.

2005

- January 28th - Youth Development co-sponsors the second "Kids Count...on You" Luncheon with the unveiling of the Attitudes and Behaviors survey results. Nearly 100 people attend.
- February 1st - Youth Development, in partnership with Indiana Youth Institute, rolls out two new web sites. One for middle school age youth to do career exploration and the other for parents to plan for college.
- RSVP enrolls 300th volunteer in Clark County during the last four years.
- February, New Beginnings Community Church becomes a member church.
- April 1st, Interfaith agrees to be the sponsor for Jefferson County, Indiana RSVP for six months while the Corporation for National and Community Service works out permanent sponsorship. October 1st, Interfaith becomes the permanent sponsor.
- April 9th, Interfaith hosts the first *Community Links Charity Golf Scramble* at Covered Bridge. Both the weather and the event are perfect.

- April 20th, Interfaith co-hosts, with Indiana Youth Institute, a workshop at IUS on Building Developmental Assets. The presenter was Derek Peterson from Alaska.
- May – Houston Thompson, Executive Director, is selected as the *Professional of the Year* by the Chamber of Commerce.
- July – a new VoIP telephone system is installed.
- August 5th, Interfaith hosts the first “Youth Jam” at the New Albany Riverfront Amphitheater. Five youth bands from local churches performed.
- November 18th, Interfaith holds its first *Seasons of Thanks Charity Auction* at the Culbertson West on Main Street.

2006

- March – Interfaith’s new interactive web site was launched.
- March 20th, Christine Harbeson becomes Interfaith’s Assistant Director. Christine comes to Interfaith from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana where she served as Program Officer.
- April 8th, the second annual *Community Links Charity Golf Scramble* was held at Covered Bridge. It was very successful and a fun day!