Your Support Delivers Needed School Items to Hundreds of Students in Need

IFCS’ school supply program is vital in helping many families in need prepare for this one-time expense. The goal is simple - send every child to school fully prepared.

Through your support of the 2013 Ready, Set, School! program and school supply drive, you were able to help 1,101 children be prepared for school. This vital program makes sure that our students in need have all the supplies they need to be successful. This simple truth is that without your support this won’t happen. Your generous donations make sure they succeed.

During the distribution of supplies, our lobby was filled with beaming young faces as they opened their backpacks and saw all the things that were in them provided by the generous people in this community.

This year, the Ready, Set, School! program was able to help 1,101 children in need thanks to the support of 80 sponsors.

Here are just a few quotes from them:

- My kids think you Rock! - Melissa, Mother
- We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and caring.
- So grateful for your generosity.
- Your gift to our family is truly a blessing. Thank you again.
- This act of love affects each and every one of the families who need them once again.
- Our appreciation reins very deep for your thoughtfulness
- You have done a great service for our family during our need.
- We have never experienced such hardship as we have now; we are thankful for your help.
- Thank you for going out of your way for me! Thank you so much for the school supplies, it will help a lot throughout the year. - Nyro, 13yrs

If you would like information on how to participate in Ready, Set, School! next year or to make a designated gift to underwrite the program, please contact IFCS at 303-789-0501.

Thank You again for Your Support!

INTER-FAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS — MARCH 2013 TO AUGUST 2013

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This year our donors for our Ready, Set, School! program did another amazing job of giving students in need the supplies to be successful. Each year, it seems that the challenge grows and I am always humbled by the outpouring of support. Thank YOU for making this year another successful event.

As I look forward to the fall, I see our holiday programs coming up. These events are critical to keeping our neighbors in need from spiraling deeper into poverty. I know with my family, this time of the year can be stressful and taxing on our budget. I can’t imagine not having the financial resources to make it a special holiday season and what that additional stress must feel like. Please consider being our partner during this important family time of the year.

With your support, we can put a turkey on every table and keep the sense of wonder alive in every child.

I would like to take a moment to make sure you read the story in the next column. Mr. Hart is an amazing donor and his story is part of the reason why IFCS is successful! I thank him for all he does.

Can you believe what started as a civic call to action is celebrating 50 years!! That’s right, Inter-Faith Community Services turn 50 over the next year. Incredibly, 50 years ago Madia Navis started this organization by pulling together many of the same community resources we rely on today. I can’t even begin to imagine the impact IFCS has had on the community and our neighbors in need.

As we celebrate our 50th year, please take a moment to share our story and mission with your friends, family and co-workers. It is only through the community’s support that we have been so successful in putting smiles on families’ faces while providing food, clothing and other assistance.

Looking into the future, I feel strongly that IFCS will continue to grow and help those in need through your support.

From the Desk of:
Sandra Blythe-Perry
Executive Director
Inter-Faith Community Services

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Can you believe that Inter-Faith Community Services is turning 50?! Started as a civic call to action back in 1964, the organization has grown into the largest social services agency in South Metro Denver serving an area spanning from Englewood to Bennett. We have helped countless families and improved the lives for thousands who have come to our door. As a community resource driven non-profit, we would not be here without your support. Not only are we celebrating our 50th year helping our neighbors in need, but we are celebrating your support that has made it happen. Through YOUR support IFCS is a beacon of hope.

Our History
In 1964 in response to growing community needs relating to serving the working-poor, indigent and home bound elderly in South Metro Denver, leaders from all segments of the community – led by Inter-Faith founder Maida Navis – came together in what was and is truly a community-based effort to form Inter-Faith Task Force for Community Services (now Inter-Faith Community Services.)

Starting with simple programming designed to meet the basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter, Inter-Faith has grown into the largest emergency and continual support systems in South Metro Denver for low-income families, children, seniors and the homeless. Inter-Faith is dedicated to providing services that bridge the gaps between crisis, survival and independence. In 1968 Inter-Faith was designated the “official poverty agency” in its service area and together, with the board, staff, volunteers and community support, the agency has served a multitude of low-income persons since its inception.

With the philosophy of a hand up, not a hand out the agency strives to support its clients in every phase of their climb to self-sufficiency and success.

Find out how you can make a difference in the next 50 years by contacting IFCS today. Through word of mouth, direct donation and volunteering, you can help us, help others through ways you may not have thought of.

Thank You for 50 Great Years!
Local Baker Feeds the Need

Adorned in shorts, tee shirt and a flashy apron, Jesse Cowan bakes bread in a very unlikely location, Caroba Plastics. Caroba Plastics was founded in 1983, beginning as a small, family owned and operated manufacturing business. Today the company employs more than 100 people 24 hours per day, seven days per week in the industrial area of Englewood. Jesse came to Caroba when she found herself without work after nearly 40 years as a nurse. After a couple of weeks on the job, it was determined that she was “too slow on the line,” and she was let go. Barry Hart, Caroba Plastics CEO, considers his business to be “about the people” and knew that Jesse was an especially caring woman. He knew that there had to be a place for her at Caroba and asked “Can she bake bread?”

Why bread, you may ask. Barry Hart is a faithful man and believes that, “Bread is the staff of life.” Jesse shares this view revealing that “With just a few loaves, Jesus fed the multitudes. With the bread I bake, I feed the hunger in the stomach and follow God’s plan for my life.” Jesse has been following this plan for nearly four years in her fully-equipped kitchen at Caroba. She bakes 32 loaves of bread weekly, half of which are given to the employees at Caroba Plastics. The other 16 loaves are provided to two local charities, His Hands Christian Ministries and Inter-Faith Community Services.

Sandra Blythe-Perry, Executive Director of Inter-Faith Community Services states, “We are so very lucky to have a local corporate affiliate like Caroba Plastics. Freshly-baked bread is a true luxury for our clients and we feel privileged by this unique collaboration.” Inter-Faith Community Services provides over 120,000 meals annually to clients in Centennial, Englewood, Glendale, Highlands Ranch, Littleton, Lone Tree, Sheridan and unincorporated Arapahoe County. “We could not meet this need without community partners like Caroba Plastics,” affirms Sandra Blythe-Perry, “It is the community that helps us feed the hungry.”

In today’s economy, partnerships between non-profits and local businesses are critical in meeting the increased demand created by financial hardship. The contribution that Caroba Plastics makes to Inter-Faith Community Services is admirable and works well to augment the collaborations with community churches, service clubs and other caring organizations. If you, your organization or business have ideas of ways to get involved with Inter-Faith Community Services, please contact us at 303-789-0501. To learn more about IFCS’s services visit www.ifcs.org.

Doctors Orders! Be a Senior Medical Appointment Driver

IFCS is seeking caring and compassionate volunteers to transport low-income senior citizens to and from medical appointments. Because these senior citizens are ailing and unable to drive themselves, companionship before and after their appointments eases anxiety and increases their overall health. The number of hours per month contributed by medical appointment drivers is at volunteer’s discretion and there is a potential tax benefit. The cost for driving incurred by a volunteer driving his or her own vehicle in connection with volunteer services for IFCS is a tax-deductible expense. Currently, deductible expenses are figured at $1.14 per mile, or you may use the actual cost of gas and oil. Detailed records must be kept, including mileage and purpose of each trip. Get started TODAY by contacting Jean Flynn Ray, jeann@ifcs.org or 303-789-0501, X224.
Holiday Programs Starting Up

IFCS' annual holiday programs are in the planning stages. With your support, we can create lasting memories in the minds and hearts of our neighbors in need.

Each year, we provide two different holiday programs to help our neighbors in need. The two programs are:

• Thanksgiving baskets program, a complete Thanksgiving meal with all the extras.
• Adopt-A-Family/Senior program, holiday gifts/clothing and food.

These programs are essential to helping them manage these annual one-time expenses.

You may be wondering, what is the big deal in missing a Thanksgiving dinner or a holiday gift? Going without these items is a huge emotional burden. It creates a further separation between those who have and those who have not. Simply skipping these events puts a real mental burden on these families in need and can lead to long-term depression issues. Through your generosity, we really do act as a beacon of hope during the stressful holiday season.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Items we traditionally need include: juice, coffee, French fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, cookies or candy, marshmallows, etc. Money, or “Turkey Bucks,” or gift cards are always needed. “Turkey Bucks” are used to purchase turkeys, fresh produce and items that are greatly needed.

Cars full of Thanksgiving meals are either driven to Seniors in need or filled on site for families in need. We also have needs for volunteers to help sort the food, deliver it or help load cars. These events will take place on November 20 (packing) and November 23 (distribution). Contact Jean Ray for more information jeanr@ifcs.org or 303.789.0501 for more information.

Adopt-A-Family/Senior

Share the warmth of the Holiday Season with those who otherwise would not have anything. You get information on who’s in their family, their names, ages, gift request and clothing size. We ask for a new article of clothing for each child, a new toy or gift, a little something for the parent(s) and a gift certificate for the holiday meal. That is our minimum requirement for our sponsors, but many sponsors go above and beyond that and our families are thrilled!

For our seniors we ask for a box of food for them since many of them cannot make it to the grocery store. Also, we ask for a simple gift for them to enjoy. Contact Ashley Babiniec ashleyb@ifcs.org or 303.789.0501 for more information.

Give More to IFCS, Help Cut Costs

Help reduce IFCS’ costs by electing for digital delivery of items and scheduling your donations.

In an effort to be both green and cost-efficient, IFCS strives to communicate in an effective and friendly manner. Currently, we can only reach many of our valuable supporters by mailing materials to them, at an expense to IFCS. If we have e-mailed communications to you in the past, we appreciate the cost-savings that you have invested back into our organization.

If you would like to receive electronic communications from us and pass the cost-savings on to our program clients, please sign-up to receive newsletters and electronic communication through the IFCS website or e-mail us at ifcs@ifcs.org. Some benefits of receiving electronic communications are:

• Get communications quickly and be able to rapidly respond to action items
• Enjoy links that easily direct you to the right resources
• Donate regularly via ColoradoGives.org without any fees withdrawn from your contribution (for more information, contact Todd McPherson, Development Director at toddm@ifcs.org or (303)789-0501)
Thank You to Our Wonderful Donors!

IFCS would like to thank all of our donors from March 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013.

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Moving/Contact Changes?
Don't miss out on receiving information from Inter-Faith Community Services. Please let us know your new address, e-mail or phone number by sending us either a letter or email with your new address and old address.

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Whole Foods

We sincerely apologize to anyone who we have missed on this list. If you believe that you were left off, please contact us immediately at 303–789-0501.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You can make a difference in the lives of those living right in your own neighborhood by volunteering at Inter-Faith Community Services. Inter-Faith has volunteer opportunities that utilize many different talents and can fit into many different schedules. Some opportunities are year round including drivers for medical appointments, donation pick-ups, senior citizen grocery shopping and senior citizen lunch excursions. The busy Inter-Faith food and clothing bank is seeking volunteers to assist with the sorting items so that they are ready for acquisition by the over 250 individuals that need these services every month. If the office environment is more your style, Inter-Faith staff members can employ volunteer help with light office duties such filing, copying, phone calls and preparing materials for enrichment programs.

Inter-Faith’s enrichment programs benefit from seasonal volunteers who assist families and individuals with program registration. Volunteers can also be involved with sponsoring families and individuals for school backpacks, Thanksgiving baskets and holiday gifts. When donated items are returned, volunteers are needed to complete a quality check to ensure that all the appropriate items have been procured. Other seasonal opportunities include participation in the two major fundraising committees, Nibbles and Sips gala event and Puttin’ on the Green mini-golf tournament. If you are not the committee type, your assistance is welcome as a one-time special event volunteer at these, and other, significant Inter-Faith events.

Start making a difference today by contacting Jean Ray, jeanr@ifcs.org or 303–789-0501. Orientation and training are available for most positions.
**Upcoming Events**

**OCT-NOV** - Thanksgiving Program Item Collection
**OCT-DEC** - Adopt-A-Family/Adopt-A-Senior Holiday Program
**DEC** - Adopt-A-Family Distribution
**FEB 22, 2014** - Nibbles and Sips Annual Event

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**Remember!**

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As a recipient of EOC funds, Inter-Faith encourages our friends (or supporters) to support Energy Outreach Colorado when paying your utility bill.