



Co-ordinator's Corner

*Dear God,
 source of all our truth, and hope and compassion,
 we gather in order to serve your children...
 those whose worth and dignity is absolute...
 families who are in need of our help and encouragement.
 Allow us to see the privilege of our calling.*

*Allow us to know that this small effort of ours ultimately matters.
 Allow us to warmly and intentionally invite others to share in this
 labor, in order to make our community a more hospitable place.*

*May those who come to us seeking shelter, find much more.
 Here in our churches and synagogues may they find companionship
 and comfort, and strength for their journey.*

*May we also.
 In the name of all that is holy, Amen.*

Host Sites- December

- 12/4 - 12/11 Trinity Lutheran, Worc.
- 12/11 -12/18 Our Lady of Good Counsel, West Boylston
- 12/18 – 12/24 Temple Sinai, Worc.
- 12/24 – 12/31 Temple Emanuel, Worc.

Host Sites- January

- 1/1 – 1/8 Temple Emanuel, Worc.
- 1/8 - 1/22 First Congregational, Shrewsbury
- 1/22 – 2/5 First Congregational, West Boylston

Host Sites- February

- 2/5 – 2/12 Trinity Episcopal, Shrewsbury
- 2/12 – 2/19 First Unitarian, Worc.
- 2/19 – 2/26 All Saints, Worc.

Host Sites- March

- 2/26 – 3/12 Mount Olivet, Shrewsbury
- 3/12 – 3/19 UCC, Worc.
- 3/19 – 3/26 Trinity Lutheran, Worc.

Current Guests

Mom with 3 children – 14 year old boy, 2 girls, 5 and 9

Congratulations! Two families just moved into apartments:

Ron and son (moved on 12/2)

Jasmine, Shaun and son (moved on 12/6)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

RICH-IN-KIND *Phil Holman, Interim Co-Chair, Treasurer*

In the non-profit world there are two types of donations: Financial and In-Kind Services. Most of our focus has been in the financial area, but as we reflect on the IHN Program we realize that it is the In-Kind Donations that are at the core of our program.

Our typical annual operating budget runs around \$9000 per month. This includes all the costs associated with the program, including the day center, staffing, transportation and administrative costs. What are not included in this number are all the hundreds of volunteer hours and

contributions of food and supplies at the host sites.

When this contribution is analyzed in financial terms it far exceeds the monetary cost to run the program. Given that we have a full one-year calendar of host sites willing to bring our guests into their church or synagogue and supply all their needs, we are truly blessed to be such a RICH PROGRAM.

Take a look at the following summary of the In-Kind donations for a typical month and year – and thank you!

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A WORD FROM THE IHN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

WHO'S IN OUR CORNER, making it happen for our families?

The holidays seem to bring upon a sense of reflection of where we've been and what the future holds for us. The board of IHN Worcester as well as the staff wish to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed to IHN in any way whether by volunteering, contributions, monetarily or prayers.

It takes a lot to make a program like IHN work. It takes the spirit of the people, their willingness to contribute time, money and supplies. The following is a list of many of the supporters that make IHN Worcester the program that it is. These are the faith communities and people who are helping families along the way to brighter tomorrow! Thank you. *The families, the board and staff of IHN are blessed to have you all in our corner!*

Our Host Sites

AUBURN

- Bethel Lutheran
- First Congregational
- Pakachoag
- St. Joseph's

GRAFTON

- Evangelical Congregational
- St. James
- St. Mary's

HOLDEN

- First Congregational
- Immanuel Lutheran

HOPEDALE

- Union Evangelical

PRINCETON

- First Congregational

SHREWSBURY

- First Congregational
- Mount Olivet Lutheran
- Trinity Episcopal

STERLING

- First Church

UPTON

- United Parish

WESTBOROUGH

- St. Stephen

WEST BOYLSTON

- First Congregational
- Our Lady of Good Counsel

WORCESTER

- All Saints Episcopal
- Blessed Sacrament
- Christ the King
- First Baptist
- First Unitarian
- St Bernard's
- St. John's Episcopal
- St. Peter's
- Temple Emanuel
- Temple Sinai
- Trinity Lutheran
- United Congregational
- Wesley United Methodist

Faith Communities Funds and Fundraising

- All Saints Episcopal, Worcester
- Bethel Lutheran, Auburn
- Bethany Christian United Parish
- Blessed Sacrament, Worcester
- Christ the King, Worcester
- Congregation B'Nai Shalom, Westboro
- Evangelical Congregational, Grafton
- First Church, Sterling
- First Congregational Auburn
- First Congregational, Holden
- First Congregational Princeton
- First Congregational, Shrewsbury
- First Congregational Spencer
- First Congregational West Boylston
- First Unitarian, Worcester

- Immanuel Lutheran, Holden
- Mt. Olivet Lutheran, Shrewsbury
- Pakachoag, Auburn
- St. Francis, Holden
- St. Mary's, Grafton
- St. Joseph's, Auburn
- St. Luke's, Worcester
- Temple Sinai, Worcester
- Trinity Episcopal, Shrewsbury
- Union Evangelical, Hopedale
- United Congregational, Worcester
- United Parish, Upton
- Wesley Methodist, Worcester

Community Foundations and Grant Awards

- Allmerica (Hanover)
- Allegro, Matching Contribution
- Colonial Craftsmen's Club
- Greater Worcester Community Foundation
- Intel Grant
- Lankton Family Foundation
- Laconia Rhode Scholar Fund, United Congregational
- Peter Wilga/Cutler Charitable Foundation
- Robert Treat Paine Association

Community Fundraising

- Family to Family Campaign
- Treasure's of the Community Auction, Sterling
- Walk for Homeless '05
- Worcester County Ecumenical Council

Individual Financial Supporters

- Friends of IHN
- Mark Beckwith



Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz
 Lisa and Rod Beittel in honor of
 Nathan Beittel's Bar Mitzvah
 Suzanne Billings
 Richard Brewster
 Linda Colomb
 Marc Digeronimo
 Patti Gould
 Phil Holman
 James Javaras
 Denise and Kenneth Johnson
 David and Celeste Lionett
 Janet Madison
 Joyce Marcelonis
 Deb McAloney
 Parker Family Christmas donation
 Steve Perkins - Designed a
 Christmas card, proceeds came to
 IHN
 May Person
 In honor of Steve Quarfordt's 70th
 birthday by Bertil and Sonja
 Quarfordt
 Ken and Kristin Reali
 St. Christopher's - 6th grade CCD
 class - Donated funds to be used
 for entertainment for the guests
 Robert Sauer
 Aldona Shumway

John and Susan Stager
 UCC Women's Fellowship - Funds for
 sheets, blankets, pillow, etc.

Volunteer and In-Kind

We can't even begin to acknowledge
 everyone who has contributed – many
 working behind the scenes,
 unassumingly and appreciated . . .
 food and cleaning supplies for the day
 center; towels, sheets, blankets,
 pillows, personal care supplies, toys,
 clothes and even a tire for the
 program guests; household goods
 and furniture to those families moving
 into new apartments; and movie
 passes for the guests to enjoy ... we
 thank you all!

Becker College - Provided use of
 truck for Sunday move
 Cornerstone Quilters - 50 handmade
 quilts
 Pam Guild, Secret Santa Coordinator
 Gustavson Family - Storage area
 Phil Holman - IHN van and
 registration; computer; newsletter
 printing
 Houghton School, Sterling
 Unum Provident - Clothing drive
 Celeste Lionett - Computer
 Janet Madison - IHN newsletter
 editor and production
 Cary Malkiewich – Eagle Scout

project, bookshelves & book drive
 Deb McAloney - Computer
 St. Gobain retirees - Socks, sheets,
 towels, bedspreads
 Carol woodman – website design
 YMCA Burroughs branch - Clothing
 drive

*Many thanks and blessings!
 Happy Holidays.*

IHN Staff & Advisory Board

Joanne Marhefka, Director
 Bob Spera, Associate Director
 Ron Guenette – Trisha McAllister
 Maria Colon

2005 Advisory Committee

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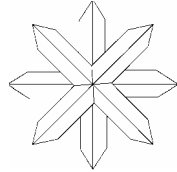
VOLUNTEER SERVICES	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS DETAIL	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
Host site volunteer staff	2 PERSONS X 14HRS/DAY X 31 DAYS X \$10 PER HR	\$8,680	\$104,160
Coordinators	2 HOURS X 31 DAYS X \$10 PER HR	\$620	\$7,440
Meals - Breakfast	14 GUESTS X \$5.00 PER MEAL X 31 DAYS	\$2,170	\$26,040
Meals - Lunch	14 GUESTS X \$6.00 PER MEAL X 31 DAYS	\$2,604	\$31,248
Meals - Dinner	14 GUESTS X \$7.00 PER MEAL X 31 DAYS	\$3,038	\$36,456
Accommodations	5 ROOMS X \$70 PER NIGHT X 31 DAYS	\$10,850	\$130,200
Supplies	14 GUESTS X \$2.00 PER DAY X 31 DAYS	\$868	\$10,416
	TOTALS	\$28,830	\$345,960

Thank you for all that you have given to the IHN Program over the past years and will be giving in the year to come. Please keep our guests in mind during the holiday season. Happy Holidays.



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Where people of faith work together to support homeless families throughout the greater Worcester area.

The Interfaith Hospitality Network is an organization that unites the religious community in an effort to serve and nurture homeless families regardless of income and family structure. Thirty-one congregations, many with assistance from additional congregations, provide meals, shelter and hospitality. Families receive individualized advocacy for housing, employment, and financial issues at the IHN day center. Massachusetts is the least affordable state in the country for housing and about 20,000 children live in emergency shelters each year. Greater Worcester's IHN has helped 189 families, a total of 575 individuals, since its formation in 1997. IHN makes a difference!



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