

## **Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati**

The Community's Interfaith Response to Family Homelessness



2017







# Annual Report

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The mission of Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati is to provide homeless families emergency shelter and hospitality through interfaith communities and to work with families to find and retain stable housing.

#### **Keeping Families Together**

Family Shelter meets families' basic needs while helping them plan for brighter futures. Each evening, families stay with one of IHNGC's interfaith partners, or host congregations, where they are provided with hot meals and safe shelter. During the day, families meet with IHNGC staff to plan for what the will need to do to get back into housing.

The Transportation program shuttles families between overnight host sites and the Day Center.

The Child Enrichment program gives chil-

dren in shelter access to educational and social activities that support healthy development, learning, and academic success.

#### The Pet Sup-

port program allows people across Cincinnati who become homeless to keep their dog and cat family members and be reunited once they find housing. Families sheltered at IHNGC keep their furry loved ones with them on-site at the Day Center.

#### **Helping Families Get Home**

The Aftercare program is a short-term safety net for graduates of IHNGC's Emergency Shelter and other programs when they encounter new obstacles such as a job loss, or illness of a family member. The Aftercare program provides short-term financial and case management assistance that keeps them in their homes and prevents returns to homelessness.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) provides families who have a member with a disability, and multiple experiences of homelessness, with on-going rental support and case management. This allows families

to break the cycle of homelessness and connect with the services needed to appropriately address the disability/health need.

The Shelter Diversion program connects families on the brink of homelessness with case-management services and short-term financial assistance to help them stay out of shelter and maintain stability.

The Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program provides case management and temporary rental support for families that have recently experienced homelessness and want to achieve stability through education, job training, or other work development.



#### Across all programs, IHNGC served 366 families in 2017

1,290	individuals
66%	were children
28%	of individuals had a disabling condition
90%	of families obtained or maintained stable housing
85%	of families served in shelter kept their homes and didn't re- turn to homelessness after 2 years

#### **Leadership Staff**

Stacey Burge • Executive Director MerryBeth McKee • Director of Operations Kelly Myers • Services Team Lead Crystal Steele • Services Team Lead

#### Support Staff

Jamie Green • Development Coordinator Peggy Scherer • Finance Assistant Wendy Weil • Day Center Volunteer

#### Weekend Staff

Alicia Cruz • Weekend Shelter Coordinator Shelby Dixon • Weekend SC Danielle Falls • Weekend SC

#### **Program Staff**

Ben Green • Aftercare Case Manager Kimberly Johnson • Shelter Diversion CM Darien McCoy • Intern Samantha Myers • Child Enrichment Coordinator Rebecca Neuberger • Housing CM Garrett Parsons • Pet Support Coordinator/Housing Specialist Jennifer Potter • RRH CM Suzanne Scott-Ludeman • PSH CM Meghan Snyder • Shelter Operations Coordinator Lisa Strode • Shelter CM

#### **Board of Trustees**

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## **Looking Ahead: Featured Partnerships**



Did you know that housing-related issues are the number one reason that people in Cincinnati have to surrender pets? This means that the very families with whom IHNGC works—at-risk of, experiencing homelessness, or struggling to find affordable housing—often face the tough decision of giving up a dog, cat, turtle, or other small friend that is part of the family and beloved by children and parents alike. That's why we started the Pet Support Program in 2014 and why we are now partnering with Ohio



Alleycat Resource and Spay/Neuter Clinic, UCAN Non-Profit Spay & Neuter Clinic, SPCA Cincinnati, and others through the SAFE initiative. By working with families to connect them with resources for keeping pets during homelessness, as well as with pet supplies, vet care, pet security deposits, and pet behavior training they are better able to secure and maintain affordable, pet-friendly housing. We are also educating landlords on the benefits of petfriendly properties to tenant and community wellness. We need pet fosters to support this work. If you would like to help, contact Garrett Parsons at: garrett@ihncincinnati.org

#### **Churches Active in Northside (CAIN)**

#### **Grace Place**

IHNGC partners with CAIN for use of their Grace Place facility in College Hill. This allows us to shelter four extra families at a time during the summer months, when family homelessness spikes. Grace Place also serves as a host site when others are not available throughout the year. As with traditional host sites, volunteers provide meals and overnight staffing at the house. It is an opportunity for faith communities who do not have available facilities to serve and host families, as well as for work and school groups, book clubs, or groups of friends to volunteer. If you would like to help, contact Meghan Snyder at: meghan@ihncincinnati.org



#### **2017 Financials**

Year-end net assets		\$915,604
Grants & Contributions	20%	\$443,163
United Way	3%	\$58,158
Government Grants	56%	\$1,237,349
Special Events & Other Income	1%	\$17,644
In-Kind Shelter & Meals		
(Congregations)	21%	\$456,405
Total Income	100%	\$2,212,719
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Shelter Programs	22%	\$501,627
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Shelter Programs Housing Programs	22% 51%	\$501,627 \$1,137,999
Shelter Programs Housing Programs Fundraising	22% 51%	\$501,627 \$1,137,999
Shelter Programs Housing Programs Fundraising In-Kind Shelter & Meals	22% 51% 4%	\$501,627 \$1,137,999 \$84,434

IHNGC undergoes a third-party audit annually. The figures above are audited. For more detailed statements and full audits, visit our website, www.ihncincinnati.org.

#### **2017 Volunteer Awards**

**Coordinators of the Year** Cindy & Dave Butz Karen & Steve Leugers

Day Center Volunteers of the Year Cathy Madewell Meghan Schroeder

Donna Corrington Lifetime Achievement Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene

Support Congregation of the Year Truth & Destiny Covenant Ministries

### We Can't Do It Without You

In 2017, volunteers prepared and served 29,520 meals and provided 9,840 nights of shelter to families in need at our host congregations. The value of this caring hospitality totals well over \$300,000 each year. This is not a contribution that we can do without, or simply replace.

Volunteers are the backbone of service delivery at IHNGC. At the Day Center, **132 volunteers** spent **2,277 hours** leading children's activities, caring for pets, and helping with special projects such as classes, maintenance, and mailings.

IHNGC volunteers made it possible for **366 families** in 2017 to receive assistance, make a plan to get and maintain housing, all while knowing people in the community cared enough to open their houses of worship and their hearts. We can continue to be there for families in need and to change lives, but we can't do it without you!



David Annett

**Board President** 

Stacey Burge Executive Director



#### Join Us

Want to be a part of the impact that IHNGC makes across the greater Cincinnati community? There are so many ways to help and to support families in need!

#### Volunteer

Visit our website at **www.ihncincinnati.org/take-action/ volunteer/** and complete a volunteer application today.

#### Donate

Your generosity has allowed IHNGC to provide services since 1991. Visit our website to give securely, or donate by check made payable to IHNGC and mailed to 990 Nassau Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206.

## **Kroger Plus Card & Amazon Smile**

Register IHNGC as your charity of choice through Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile!



#### A special thanks goes out to IHNGC's 2017 congregational partners:

#### 24 Host Congregations

Adath Israel • Anderson Hills UMC • Armstrong Chapel UMC • Church of the Advent/Walnut Hills Baptist • Church of the Redeemer • Christ Church Cathedral • Christ Church Glendale • Clifton Seventh Day Adventist • College Hill Presbyterian • First Unitarian • First United Church of Christ • Friendship UMC • Hyde Park Community UMC • Indian Hill Episcopal-Presbyterian • Isaac M. Wise Temple • Ihsan Community • Knox Presbyterian • Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic • Sharonville UMC • St. Columban • St. Monica-St. George • St. Paul UMC • St. Timothy Episcopal • Westwood UMC

#### **13 Host Congregations at Grace Place**

Clifton Seventh Day Adventist • College Hill Presbyterian • Consolation Baptist • First UCC • Knox Presbyterian • Mt. Auburn Presbyterian • New City Presbyterian • North Church/World Outreach Ministries • Rockwern Academy • Temple Shalom • Tri-state Free Thinkers • Truth and Destiny • Westwood UMC

#### **87 Support Congregations**

All Saints Catholic • Ascension and Holy Trinity Episcopal • Atonement Lutheran • Bellarmine Chapel • Bethany UMC • Boy Scout Troop 591 (First UCC) • Bread From Heaven Outreach • Calvary Episcopal • Cherry Grove UMC • Cheviot UMC • Christ the King • Church of the Saviour UMC • Cincinnati Mennonite Congregation • Clifton UMC • Congregation Beth Adam • Corinthian AME • Daysprings Church of God • Eastside Christian • Epiphany UMC • First Baptist of West College Hill • Faith Community UMC • Faith United Church of Christ • Faith Works Fellowship • Fifth Christian Church • First Baptist-West College Hill First Presbyterian, Glendale
Freedom Church Cincinnati
Gaines UMC Gloria Dei Lutheran • Good News Church of God in Christ • Good Shepherd Lutheran • Good Shepherd Catholic • Grace Episcopal • Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist • Greenhills Community, Presbyterian • Groesbeck UMC • Hartzell UMC • Heritage UU • Hilltop Methodist • Holy Name Catholic • H.O.N. Book Club • Horizon Community Church • Ihsan Center • Immaculate Heart of Mary • John Wesley UMC • Joy Community • Kennedy Heights Presbyterian • Lincoln Heights Missionary Church • Loveland UMC • Lutheran Church of the Resurrection • Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian • Messiah Lutheran • Milford High School • Montgomery Community Baptist • Mount Auburn Presbyterian • Mt. Washington Presbyterian • Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist • Nativity of Our Lord Parish • New Mission Missionary Baptist • Northstar Community • North Church • Northern Hills UU Fellowship • Norwood Presbyterian • Prince of Peace Lutheran • Quinn Chapel AME • Resurrection Community • Rockdale Temple • Salem Community • Second Baptist of West College Hill • Southern Baptist Church • Springdale Church of the Nazarene • St. Andrew-St.Elizabeth Seton Parishes • St. Anne's Episcopal • St. Clare Roman Catholic • St. Gabriel Roman Catholic • St. Gertrude • St. James Episcopal • St. John the Evangelist Catholic • St. John's UU • St. Barnabus • St. Marks Christian Fellowship COGIC • St. Mary's Catholic • St. Maximilian Kolbe • St. Michael Church of Sharonville • St. Paul United Church of Christ • St. Therese Little Flower Parish • St. Thomas Episcopal • Summerside UMC • The Gathering • Trinity Lutheran • Trinity UMC • Tri-State Freethinkers • Truth and Destiny Covenant Church • Walnut Hills Christian • West Cincinnati Presbyterian • West Chester Nazarene • Westwood First Presbyterian • Whitewater Crossing Church • Zion Global Ministries

#### **43 Funding Congregations**

All Saints Catholic • Anderson Hills UMC • Armstrong Chapel UMC • Ascension & Holy Trinity • Calvary Episcopal • Cheviot UMC • Christ Church Glendale • Church by the Woods • Church of the Nativity of Our Lord • Church of the Redeemer • Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship • Clough UMC • Combined Jewish Philanthropies • Eastminster Presbyterian Church • First Presbyterian Glendale • First Unitarian Church • First United Church of Christ• Gloria Dei Lutheran Church • Greater Liberty Baptist Church • Groesbeck UMC • Heritage UU Church • Holtsinger Memorial Presbyterian • Hyde Park Community UMC • Isaac M. Wise Temple • Knox Presbyterian • Lutheran Church of the Resurrection • Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Women's Association • Sharonville UMC • Southern Baptist Church • St. Anthony's • St. John's UU • St. Luke's Church • St. Paul UCC • St. Timothy's Episcopal • The Gathering at Northern Hills • The Gathering Outreach Fund • The Met. Christian Methodist • The United Church of Christ Mission • Twin Towers Christian Fellowship • Unity of Garden Park • Westwood First Presbyterian • Westwood UMC • Westwood UM Women