



Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati

The Community's Interfaith Response to Family Homelessness



2019 Annual Report: It Takes a Community

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A Community of Action

Dear Friends,

This is the 2019 Annual Report. It is a forum to highlight the success of the 2019 service year and to thank the supporters that made that success possible. It is almost impossible, however, given the challenges so far in 2020, to talk about 2019 exclusively.

We *were* successful in 2019. Across all programs, we served 362 families made up of 1,234 individuals. That is over a thousand moms, dads, kids, grandparents, and other loved ones that found resources, support, and home because of the hard work and generosity of all those that make Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati (IHNGC) possible. There is so much to be proud about in those numbers.

At the end of 2019, it was impossible to conceive of what was coming in 2020. The coronavirus pandemic presented all of us with the enormous challenge of how to protect ourselves and our loved ones in an environment where a new and dangerous virus threatened our health and livelihood all at the same time. As the country retreated into quarantine earlier this year, it would have been easy, and perfectly understandable, for IHNGC to retreat as well.



We did not retreat and we did not limit or cut back in any way on services to the families that need us. We did have to re-think everything. We had to re-do everything. We had to put our host congregations on hiatus to protect families and volunteers. We had to

check in to hotels en masse to provide parents and children experiencing homelessness the same opportunity to practice social distancing that the rest of who are housed were able to do. We had to take on new costs, new challenges, and new tasks to ensure services continued.

Even as your role as IHNGC's community of supporters changed as a result of these challenges, your commitment to making sure families are sheltered, fed, and assisted did not change. Instead of serving meals, you packed snack bags, collected gift cards, and delivered them to the Day Center. Instead of playing with kids after dinner, you gathered board games and art kits so that kids trapped in hotel rooms had something to do with their parents. Instead of setting up beds in your houses of worship, you put the call out to congregants to raise funds and pay for hotel rooms.



Perhaps the biggest success of 2019 was that as a community, inspired by diverse faiths but sharing the same commitment to be there for neighbors in need, we laid a foundation of love and support so strong, even a pandemic could not shake us.

Thank you for being there for IHNGC and all the families that need us.

Sincerely,
Stacey Burge
Executive Director

Emergency Shelter



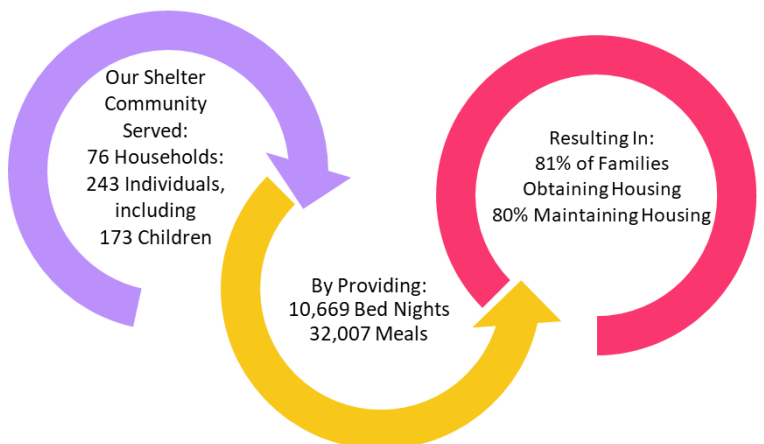
Volunteers enjoying a meal

At IHNGC, emergency shelter IS community. The provision of shelter to parents and children experiencing homelessness is a community collaboration between diverse faith groups, professional staff, and families throughout Cincinnati that recognize they have a role to play in responding to and ending homelessness. By coming together, we provide shelter that delivers not only meals and beds, but also the consistent message that no one

falls outside of our community of care. Lack of a house does not mean lack of membership in our community. It just means extra love until a safe, affordable house is found. In 2019:

Did you know?

In 2019, parents coming to shelter age 18-24, were able to access the new KEYS program. A partnership between IHNGC, Lighthouse Youth Services, the Family Housing Partnership, and Strategies to End Homelessness, KEYS focuses on the unique needs of youth experiencing homelessness and providing them the supports needed to get and keep housing.



A Community of Faith

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Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

In 2019, volunteers from our diverse Muslim, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Unitarian, and other congregations gathered to celebrate their success as an interfaith community that takes consistent action to respond to and end homelessness. Hosted at College Hill Presbyterian, volunteer award winners were also announced.

These were our award winners:

Coordinators of the Year

Lawrence & Elizabeth Brott

Day Center Volunteers of the Year

Dan Luckett-Children's Program

Taylor Willett-Pet Support Program

Donna Corrington Lifetime Achievement

Michael Davis



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Northstar Community Church



Dave Butz of
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**Individual award winners pictured on front page. Pictures by Daniel Kersey.*

Interfaith Action Breakfast



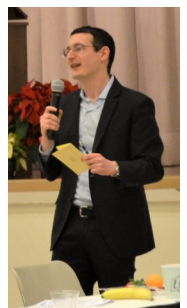
Liz Murray

Liz Murray, award-winning author of *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* was the keynote speaker at IHNGC's 2019 Interfaith Action Breakfast. Speaking on the theme of *Maintaining Hope in Times of Crisis*, she detailed how caring people from her community, including neighbors and teachers, assisted her not only in surviving homelessness, but finding new opportunities through education.

Big thanks to the sponsors that made this wonderful morning possible including Central Bank, RJ Beischel Building Company, Calvary Episcopal, Paul Bergman of Ameriprise, Geiger Construction Products, Hyde Park Community UMC, CHC Manufacturing, Knox Church, Christ Church Cathedral, Contemporary Cabinetry East, Bailey's Family Catering, and Bagel Brothers. And very special thanks to Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell of Adath Israel Congregation and The Reverend Melanie W. J. Slane of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer for opening and closing the event with blessings.



Guests congregate at event



Rabbi Chaidell

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Pet Support Program

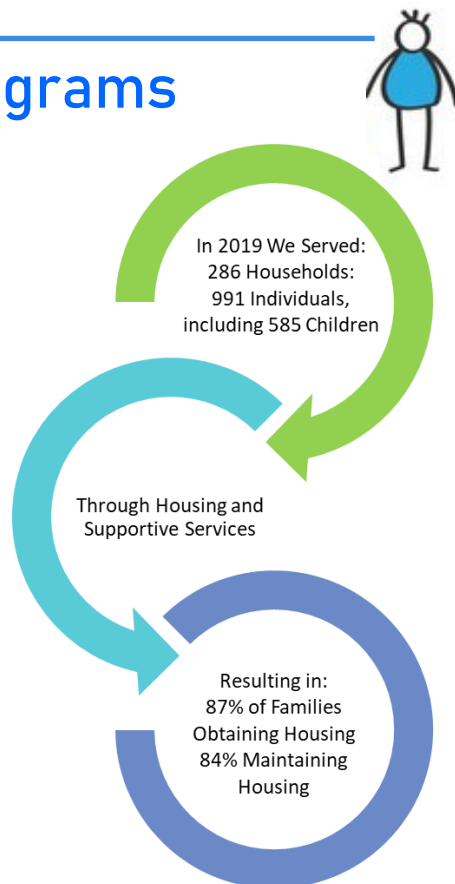
The IHNGC Pet Support Program provides a place for pets while their people are experiencing homelessness and related challenges. Once rehoused, pets reunite with their people, and have access to continued support and after-care services. For some of us, pets are not only part of the family, but are important sources of support and motivation. Providing individuals and families who are accessing services at area shelters and social service programs with this option, prevents one more trauma at a time when trauma and crisis can be overwhelming. It also prevents animals from being surrendered to over-taxed humane societies.



Yellow the Cat with his human

Housing Programs

We continue to build community around parents and children that have experienced homelessness by offering on-going housing assistance and supportive services. IHNGC Housing Case Managers and Social Workers help identify safe, affordable housing options, provide financial assistance, and support families in achieving their personal goals around education, work, and mental and physical wellness. Programs include Aftercare, Child and Youth Services, Pet Support, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing, KEYS, and Shelter Diversion.



Happy dog and her mom

In 2019, the IHNGC Pet Support Program served 82 cats, 76 dogs, and seven other creatures (turtles, rabbits, lizards) alongside the people that love them.

In late 2019, PetSmart Charities, in response to our program success and the high demand for Pet Support Services, awarded IHNGC \$138,000 to expand our on-site animal space.

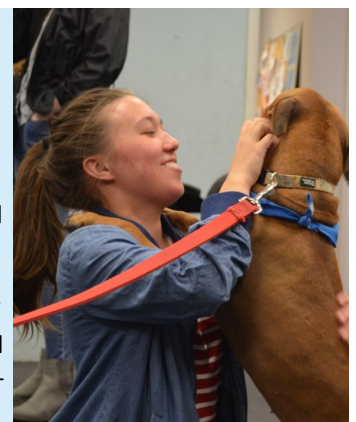
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Charities

Did you know?

In 2019, with funding from HUD, IHNGC was able to start the Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing program. Among other things, it allows us to extend our successful child and youth services programming from shelter, to two small apartment buildings made up of families exiting homelessness.

Did you know?

Through the generous sponsorship of The Pet Spot, Lewis Animal Hospital, and Robinwood Kennel, as well as the support of countless volunteers, IHNGC held its annual Pawty Pawlooza in 2019. This event educates the community on the importance of the preserving the human-animal bond in times of crisis, like homelessness. It also celebrates Pet Support Program volunteers and donors.



Pet volunteer Andrea enjoying Pawty Palooza

A Community Committed to Ending Homelessness

Dear IHNGC Community,

I want to start off by thanking all of our volunteers and staff. You all have been amazing this year as we have had to change how we provide services to our guests. Despite all that, we have served almost three hundred households so far in 2020. This is only possible due to the many ways our volunteers have continued to support us financially and by providing meals and gift cards even as many of our own facilities have remained closed. I am amazed and humbled by the ways that people have responded. I also want to recognize our staff for continuing to provide essential services despite the difficulties.

As a board, we have continued to work to assist Stacey in leading this organization. We are looking ahead to 2021 when we will celebrate 30 years of serving Greater Cincinnati and have added several new board members whose expertise and experience will help prepare us for our next 30 years.

We were able to get funding to renovate the pet area at our day center. That project is wrapping up and will allow us to better serve our four-legged family members. We are also able to offer pet shelter for other organizations who don't have the facilities that we do. The Interfaith Action Breakfast is going digital this year as we connect with another national author, Rev. Lenny Duncan, on October 15, 2020. Hope you can join us!

We are also looking to get final approval on a new permanent supportive housing development in Walnut Hills. The project will provide twenty-six units of permanent housing that will help us continue to serve our guests and increase affordable housing in the community. We look forward to making this official in the coming months.

So while it has been a challenging year, there is much to celebrate. Whether you have donated your time, your finances, made a meal, walked a dog, or supported us in any way, the board and myself thank you and look forward to continuing our mission to serve families in our community.

Sincerely,
Brian Kershner
Board President



2019 Financials

Year-end net assets: \$977,921

Grants & Contributions	18%	564,115	Shelter Programs	15%	453,533
United Way	1%	39,601	Housing Programs	63%	1,893,780
Government Grants	61%	1,865,608	Fundraising	3%	85,315
Special Events & Other Income	2%	58,739	In-Kind Shelter & Meals	16%	488,183
In-Kind Shelter & Meals	16%	488,183	Management & General	2%	70,911
Total Income	100%	3,072,246	Total Expense	100%	2,991,722

Total Impact



362 families including 758 kids were served across programs



165 pets were helped to stay with their humans during homelessness



86% obtained or maintained housing



83% did not return to homelessness

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