Dear Friend,

At Interfaith Works, we pride ourselves on responding to the individual needs of our neighbors. These needs are often complex, as is vividly highlighted by a new report on homelessness in our community. Responding effectively to complex needs requires a creative array of tools and resources. We are committed to pursuing the needed resources so we can help our neighbors find a pathway to stability.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a census of people living outside and in shelters on a single night in January. The 2024 results were recently published, and this year’s count shows a 28% increase, continuing the trend in 2023 when the number of people experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County increased by 53%. Unfortunately, we are not surprised by these results as we have seen the growing number of our neighbors needing assistance across all our programs.

We must respond by seeking the resources needed to meet their needs.

READ MORE HERE
At IW, we help our neighbors find stability in the face of difficult challenges. As the cost of living continues to climb, our neighbors are juggling harsh choices – pay the rent, buy food, or get caught up on overdue utility bills. A key tool is IW Connections. This program links families and individuals with low incomes to essential resources. This includes direct financial assistance to help prevent utility cutoffs, and rental assistance to help prevent evictions and homelessness.

Thanks to your incredible support, we raised over $70,000 for our Connections program and with this money we can support over 170 households with emergency financial assistance. Thank you!

STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT

Earlier this month, many IW staff members gathered together to celebrate as a community. Staff played games, ate lunch together, and reflected on the work accomplished this past year. Our staff is the backbone of this organization and we are entirely grateful for how hard they work to support our clients day in and day out. Thank you all!

BY THE NUMBERS

4,000 Households

FY23 data

In FY 23, the IW Food Pantry provided over 4,000 local households with over 600,000 pounds of food.
IW hosted a Volunteer Resource Fair earlier this month. The event brought together members of the community and other organizations serving our neighbors. The event allowed for the public to learn more about the myriad of volunteer opportunities in our county and find ways to get involved!

Thank you to everyone who came out to learn and support our community and thank you to the dozens of partner organizations who came to share their work and bring these opportunities to the public!

We are filled with gratitude from this incredible group of volunteers from Marriott who spent their week of service volunteering with us at the Essential Needs Center. These volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure our neighbors have access to essential items that meet their needs. Thank you for supporting our community!

We are so grateful to IW Board Members Frank White and Ron Wright for organizing a great day of volunteering with fellow HBCU alums! These volunteers spent the day working at the IW Clothing Center helping to organize donations and ensure all our neighbors coming to shop with us are able to select items that fit their needs. Thank you all for joining us!
UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!
This June IW will be celebrating pride by attending Rockville Pride and Pride in the Plaza in Silver Spring! We also will be sharing resources and information about how IW serves our neighbors in the LGBTQ+ community in all our programs. Be on the lookout for more information and click below for event details!

EVENTS CALENDAR

COMMUNITY HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE
On June 13, Montgomery County will hold a memorial service for all those who passed while being served by the County’s Continuum of Care, a partnership of public and private groups working to prevent and end homelessness in Montgomery County. Follow the link below to learn more about this important and moving event.

LEARN MORE HERE

133RD ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY AND PARADE
Join IW on June 22 as we participate in the 133rd Anniversary Parade and Event for the Lincoln Park Community! We will be there sharing information about resources and ways to get involved!

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Want to see what else IW is up to? Click below to see more!

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