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Happy Birthday, Interfaith Outreach!

Join us for our 35th birthday celebration

December 16 at 11am as part of our Greater

Rivermont Congregation Open House

at Fellowship Church of Christ on Bedford Ave.





3rd Annual Walter M. Fore, Jr. Congregation Open House December 16







Looking for something fun to do this holiday season in Lynchburg? Join us on Saturday, December 16 from 10am-2pm for the 3rd Annual *Walter M. Fore, Jr. Congregation Open House*. Cost for the open house is \$20 per person (kids 10 & under, free). Proceeds benefit the Emergency Assistance program of Interfaith Outreach. The ten congregations that will be open to the public are: Agudath Sholom Synagogue, Centenary United Methodist Church, Church of the Covenant, Fellowship Church of Christ, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Peakland Baptist Church, Peakland United Methodist Church, and St. John's Episcopal Church For more information, please call our office (846.6098), visit our website at www.interfaithoutreach.org. or find us on Facebook.















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Fall, 2017

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Thank YOU for Helping Interfaith Outreach Make a Difference for 35 Years!



Unemployment. Fire. Sickness. Accidents. Disabilities. Incarceration. Death. Bedbugs. Domestic Violence.

The challenges our neighbors in need have faced over the years have been great. Throughout the years we have seen so many dire situations. With your support we have been able to make a huge difference in their lives with a second chance and a fresh start. Having to make choices with scarce resources often results in people having to do without.



When unexpected emergencies happen, Interfaith Outreach has been there for 35 years to offer support to help neighbors get back on their feet. The people we have helped are very grateful! This recent thank you note from a client reminds us of the positive difference we can continue to make in the lives of our neighbors.





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Help IOA Help Central Virginia!

WE Want to Visit YOU!



Want more detailed information about Interfaith Outreach Association? We would love to visit your group to talk about our work and the way that you can get more involved! Give us a call!



10th Annual **Seeds of Hope Luncheon to Honor** Dr. Vivian Camm & Rev. Herb Moore



Join us on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at NOON in the Downtown Lynchburg Holiday Inn Select as we celebrate the accomplishments of Interfaith Outreach and pay special tribute to this year's Seeds of Hope honorees Dr. Vivian Camm and the Rev. Herb Moore.

Tables are available for groups! This free community fundraiser fills up quickly so mark your calendar and save the date today! Call (434) 846-6098 for more details!

Wish List

Volunteers:

Needed to assist with jail programming, mailings, simple home repairs, and transportation.



Furniture:

Beds, beds, and more beds!! Plus sofas, coffee tables and kitchen tables.



Cleaning Supplies

for Clients: Brooms, buckets, liquid cleaners. sponges, etc.



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Progressive Release

Our Progressive Release program is continuing to empower people to make significant life changes and we are expanding! In addition to our life skills classes in the Lynchburg and Amherst jails, we will soon begin Life Skills classes with local youth in the Lynchburg Juvenile Detention Center.

We are also expanding our Job Readiness Workshops by taking them on the road to work with people in various Human Services programs! Please contact us if you have any other venues we can bring our Life Skills Classes and lob Readiness Workshops! We are making a difference!!



Interfaith Rebuilds

Our Rebuilds program continues to expand with groups throughout Central Virginia who are able to complete simple home repair projects to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are elderly and disabled. Many times they just need a ramp or some simple porch repairs to enable them to get in and out of their homes. These simple modifications allow people to continue to live independently and safely in their homes! With over 6000 volunteer hours last year, you are truly making a difference! Give us a call if you or your group would like to volunteer!



Furniture Program

Have you been furniture shopping lately? The cost of beds, sofas, end/coffee tables, drawer sets, and kitchen tables/ chairs adds up quickly. Our furniture program is giving so many people a fresh start! We are providing complete households of furniture for families who are starting fresh out of homeless shelters, women leaving domestic violence, and families leaving behind bed bug infested homes. Thank you for your many furniture gifts that make this fresh start possible for so many people!



Emergency Assistance

Making positive changes is hard and many times people do not know where to start. In our Emergency Assistance program, we offer suggestions that give people a new perspective. When they need financial assistance, we create a personal budget for them outlining their income and expenses for the last month and make recommendations about how they can decrease spending and increase income. If they need a job, we recommend businesses that are hiring. We also direct them to training and education programs that can give them skills for jobs. Many times the greatest gift we give people is the gift of empowerment!!



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