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Save the Date!

Our annual congregation meeting will be
Tuesday, May 9 at noon in the Undercroft
of St. Paul's Church, 7th St. entrance.



Interfaith Outreach Association strives to relieve distress and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need by providing programs that offer education, guidance, and support. IOA serves as a vehicle for interfaith cooperation in Central Virginia whereby congregations become members of IOA and enter into partnerships with each other, their respective denominations, and community agencies to accomplish its mission. IOA serves the city of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.



Looking for a way to honor the difference IOA has made in the community over the last 35 years?

Consider a Birthday Donation to IOA in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

Look at the difference your donations can make!

- \$500.00 Builds a ramp for a disabled person to enter their home
- \$250.00 Buys bus passes to help people look for jobs
- \$100.00 Pays the electric deposit for a family moving out of a shelter
- \$75.00 Fills our furniture van up with gas

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Newsletter

Spring, 2017

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“ Restoring Hezekiah.”

Every month for the last year, Progressive Release Director Steve Monetti received a phone call from Hezekiah. “When I moved to North Carolina, I wanted to stay in touch with Steve because he was such a big part of my transition to life once I got out of jail. I wanted to share my success and my life’s journey with him.” Hezekiah had moved to N.C. where he was finishing college but called every month to let Steve know he was doing great. “Hezekiah is a great example of someone who has been able to make lemonade out of a life of lemons,” said Monetti.

Things were not always great for Hezekiah. He had a tough childhood and had made some bad choices with alcohol and drugs which resulted in jail time. In the summer of 2015, Hezekiah was incarcerated in the Amherst jail and participated in our Life Skills Classes. “What I liked about the Life Skills Classes is that it gave me hope, it gave me a chance to not give up on myself. I could be a better version of myself,” said Hezekiah. Upon his release from jail, Hezekiah went on to finish college and even wrote a book, entitled, “ Restoring Hezekiah.” Learn more about Hezekiah and his journey by attending our 9th Annual Seeds of Hope Luncheon where he will be one of our speakers. Hezekiah is just one of the many people who benefit from the services of Interfaith Outreach Association, with your continued support!



Get INVOLVED with Interfaith Outreach!



2016 Statistics

Emergency Assistance-2,188 individuals were helped and 2,940 additional referrals were made

Progressive Release

254 people in life skills classes, 242 people in job assistance classes, 183 people in for advocacy, 4,582 letters sent to people incarcerated



Furniture-75 families received 752 pieces of furniture

Vision Programs-241 people attended support groups, 120 rides to medical appointments

Interfaith Rebuilds-66 homes

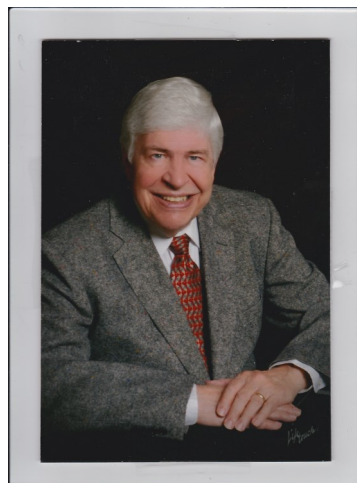
Volunteer Hours-7,428 hours

IOA Making a Difference in Central Virginia!



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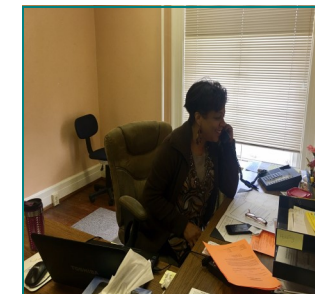
Happy 35th Birthday, Interfaith Outreach!

-April Seeds of Hope Luncheon to Honor IOA Roots

We will be celebrating our 35th birthday with our 9th Annual Seeds of Hope Luncheon on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at NOON in the Downtown Lynchburg Holiday Inn Select. This year's special honoree will be the Rev. Nathan Brooks, one of the founders of IOA, who has promoted interfaith cooperation in Central Virginia over the last 35 years. Several people we have assisted will speak as well. The original founding member congregations will also be honored at this time. Mark your calendar and save the date today! Call 434.846.6098 for more info!

Interfaith Rebuilds for Teens Too!

Interfaith Rebuilds is gearing up for another busy summer with many groups who are working to make our community a better place. Our projects are great for adults but we can also find projects for high school students. Groups who want to do simple home repairs in our area, please give us a call at (434) 846-6098.



Furniture Wish List

What do we need? Beds, beds, and more beds!! Tables of all sizes are needed as well— especially coffee tables and kitchen tables. We are also trying to provide our clients with cleaning supplies! Please consider having a drive to collect the following for us: brooms, mops, buckets, cleaners, and sponges.

Progressive Release on the Road

IOA partners with the LPD for several community events and last spring we were at James Crossings with them. A resident told Sgt. Rader that her son had been released from jail and did not have a job. Her son worked with IOA and found a job! Months later, the mother called Sgt. Rader to let him know her son was still working! Do you know someone who is having trouble getting a job? Call us at (434) 846-6098.

Emergency Assistance

Living Within Your Income

Once we verify the financial need, we take a look at our client's income and expenses and make recommendations on how they can better live within their means. Simple adjustments such as replacing furniture rentals with furniture from IOA, visiting Legal Aid about illegal on-line loans, cooking at home, and the many recommendations we make about businesses that are hiring can make such a difference!