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Safe at Home for the Holidays

Taking a walk through our office, it is obvious things have NOT returned to normal. Today we counted 127 current emergency assistance requests from our neighbors in need - requests for funding to assist with preventing evictions and utility terminations, as well as, help starting over with first month's rent and utility deposits! Yes, 127 households that we are currently working with to keep families together and safe at home! And that is just for this week. COVID-19 continues to affect so many households with active cases, family spread, as well as quarantining to prevent spread. With prices increasing for groceries, heating and gasoline, times are tough and people are having problems paying their bills. And, with colder temperatures and higher heating bills, this is just the beginning.

Some examples include:

Mary and her children have COVID-19 and have been home for a month without income and not recovering quickly. Eric was in a car wreck and lost his car and also was injured and is unable to pay his bill. Tracy's expenses have increased so much lately, especially for gasoline, she does not have the money for her utility bill. Sally lives on a fixed income for Social Security and with the rising prices and costs of fuel, she is unable to purchase heating fuel for her home. Steve had surgery and is out of work without pay and unable to pay his bill. Lucy has had to quarantine twice lately due to COVID exposures and has bills without income.

These are just a few stories of the many families in need of our assistance. We have the system in place to help but need funds to be able to continue to offer hope and financial resources to our many neighbors in need.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Together, we can give families hope and keep them together and safe at home for the holidays!



Newsletter

December. 2021

"Uniting Faith
In Service"



Four Ways To Make A Difference



Become a Program/Event Sponsor

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- LSC Communications
- NB Handy
- Old Dominion Box Company Foundation
- Pacific Life Foundation
- Presbytery of the Peaks
- Schewel Home
- Thrivent Foundation

We are so grateful for the support from our sponsors!



Donate Your Time

Volunteers are needed to assist with simple home repairs for our Rebuilds Program and straightening as well as organizing our Furniture Warehouse! Individuals or groups welcome!

Donate Supplies

- Good, usable furniture — especially mattresses, box springs, dressers, and kitchen tables
- Individual (local) bus passes for people looking for jobs
- Stamps and #10 envelopes to help with monthly mailings
- Toiletries for our client hygiene bags
- Copy paper, post it notes, pens, tape, staples, paper clips, 3 tab file folders, white-out, binder clips, garbage bags, Clorox wipes



Give the Gift of Safe at Home for the Holidays

\$1000- provides 1 month of rental assistance

\$750- builds a ramp

\$500- provides fuel for heating or prevents electric termination

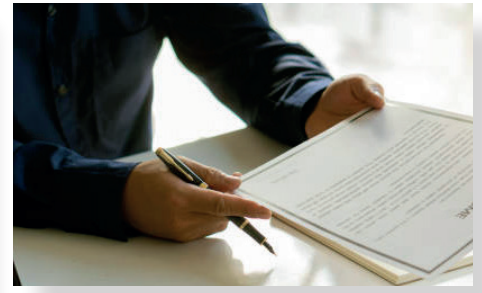
\$250 -buys bus passes for work

\$100- pays a utility deposit or water bill

Please consider making a gift in honor or in memory of loved ones!



Contact us by calling our office at **434.846.6098** for more information or visit our website at **InterfaithOutreach.org**.



IOA is there to offer the support people need to reset or get back on their feet!



65

**Homes Received
Much Needed Repairs**

5,015

Letters of Hope



257

**Life Skills Class
Participants**

Home Is Where Your Heart Is

Loraine was having trouble navigating her steps since her cancer diagnosis. Harold is 87 years old and has diabetes as well as leg ulcers which affect his mobility. Both of these neighbors had ramps installed by our Interfaith Rebuilds ramp teams and now they are easily able to get in and out of their home safely.

Sophia had been without a home and when moving into her new place needed furniture. IOA provided her with beds, a kitchen table and chairs, dressers, and living room furniture, turning her house into a home!

We also gave bus passes and helped with id's for Terry, Ray, and Steve so they could start their new jobs and secure their own place to stay. People also received rides or bus tickets home to supportive family and jobs. All of this in addition to our many life skills classes shared in the Lynchburg and Amherst jails as well as the Lynchburg Juvenile Detention Center so people can be successful when they return home!

**Those who received rental
and utility assistance**



1,595

Families

2,011

Children

2,227

Adults



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**Help us continue to keep families
together and safe in their homes.**

**April, 28
2022**



Seeds Of Hope Luncheon!

Our Seeds of Hope Luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 28 at NOON at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel on Main St. Make plans to join us for this 40th Birthday Celebration of Interfaith Outreach and our many accomplishments. This year's Seeds of Hope Honorees are Dr. Augustus Petticolas and Dr. George Hurt.

Please save the date and plan to join us in person or virtually!



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.

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