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## Interfaith Outreach Celebrates Making A Difference In Central Virginia

Your rent has increased along with the cost of groceries, gas, and everything else. You missed work for three weeks after the Flu/RSV went through your house. You are behind \$1500 on your rent. The sheriff's office has placed a writ of possession notice on your door and you must vacate, leaving all your furniture and furnishings behind with no place to store them. You put the family's clothes in garbage bags to take with you. Reaching out to friends and family, you learn that nobody has room for your entire family so your family of 5 is divided among three households. It is so hard to keep up with work and school like this. You are begging your friends and family for one more week so that you do not end up on the street because the shelters are full. They tell you your time is up because their landlord said extra tenants are a lease violation and they will be evicted. So now you are in your car trying to figure out what to do. You have lost your job finally because you have missed so much work trying to figure out what your next plan is....

So, all you have to do is find a place that will agree to rent to you and your family even though you have a poor credit history, no income and a history of multiple evictions. Application fee is \$50. If by some chance you are approved, you then need money to move in. This could involve paying a double security deposit (\$2500) as well as first month's rent (\$1250) up front. Also you must have all of the utilities turned on in your name which involves paying off an old balance (\$750). Once you raise this \$4550 to move in, you now must figure out a way to completely furnish your apartment with zero money. The whole time you are trying to find a job.

The anxiety and trauma your family has experienced is devastating. It has taken its toll on everyone's physical and mental health. The kids are struggling in school and getting a job with everything going on seems impossible. In addition to relocation fees, the social costs are estimated to be a minimum of \$8-\$17,000 per household (based on the Cost of Eviction calculator for Richmond, VA).

### ***If there had just been a way to prevent the family from becoming homeless...***

Eviction and Homeless Prevention programs are so important. The cost is much greater than the \$1500 eviction when you must start over- financially, physically, emotionally as well as the disruption of school and work.

Your support of programs like Interfaith Outreach helps Keep Families Together Safe at Home.



# Newsletter

December 2022

"Uniting Faith  
In Service"



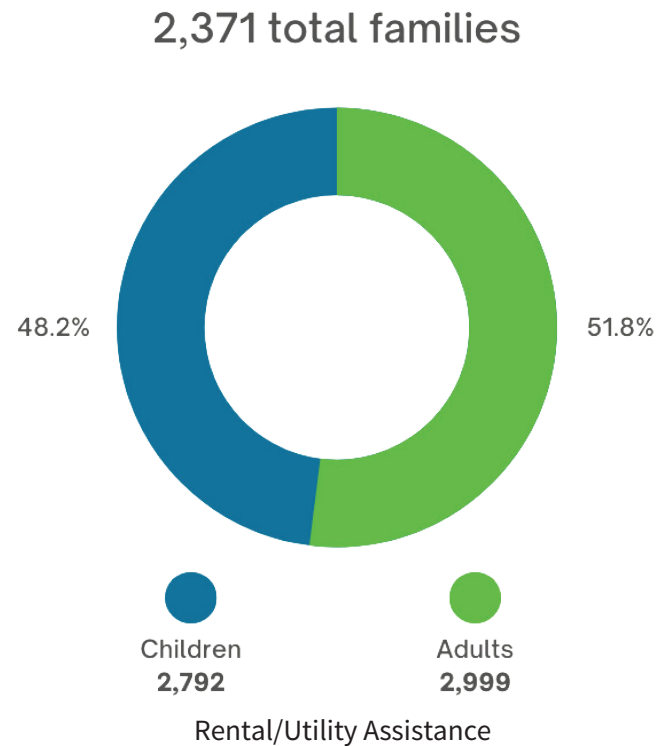
# Better Together!

## How We Have Impacted the Community

### July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022

We are always better together and so grateful for your support which makes such a difference in the lives of so many!

Join our Volunteers in Furniture, Rebuilds, and Vision Programs! There are so many opportunities for individuals and groups.



Interfaith  
Rebuilds- 118  
homes received  
repairs

9810 Letters of  
Hope

524 Life  
Skills Class  
participants

Volunteer hours  
6768

### Thank You To Our Corporate Sponsors And Granting Agencies!

Academy of Fine Arts, Bank of the James, Carrington Family Foundation, Centra, Community Development Block Grant, Community Mountain, Dodson Pest Control, The Easley Foundation, Emergency Food & Shelter Program, Findings Art Store, Flint Construction, Flint Realty, Genworth Foundation, The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, KVA Foundation, Lynchburg Ready Mix Concrete Co., NB Handy, Pacific Life Foundation, The Plymale Foundation, Presbytery of the Peaks, Watts Family Foundation, VA Dept. of Housing and Community Development



# Check Out Our Programs!



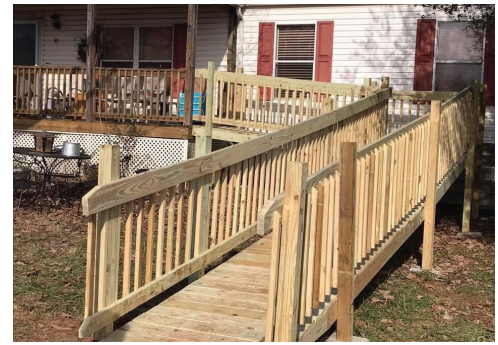
## **NEW! Specialized Homeless Prevention Program**

Beginning July 1, 2022, Interfaith Outreach became the official Homeless Prevention Services provider for Central Virginia through the Central Virginia Continuum of Care. Families in Central Virginia about to be homeless within a few days can be referred through CHIA (Coordinated Homeless Intake and Access) to the Interfaith Outreach Homeless Prevention Program. Once referred to this program, they are screened and assessed. Once accepted into the program, families can be eligible for light rent assistance as well as heavy case management to assist them

as they move towards stability and financial independence. Home plans are developed for each family including goals of increasing access to resources for health, food, jobs, budgeting, and other community resources, along with consistent follow-ups and check-ins.

## **Rebuilds Referrals Make a Difference**

Do you know someone with a low income who is elderly or disabled and in need of some simple home repairs? Are they struggling to get in and out of their home safely? Consider referring them to Interfaith Outreach so they can benefit from our Interfaith Rebuilds program where we can do simple home repairs to keep them safe at home. Many of our most vulnerable neighbors NEED an advocate just like you to connect them with us. Give us a call at 434.846.6098! We can help!



## **Furniture and Furnishings Turning a House into a Home**

Our Furniture and Furnishings program has assisted a tremendous number of families who have been homeless or displaced and in need of everything for their households. From July -September of 2022 we provided 20 families with households full of furniture. Your gifts have made such a difference as these 21 adults with 28 children were able to turn their house into a home. We continue to have needs for the following - sofas, love seats, dressers, beds, small dining tables with chairs, coffee tables, and end tables. Pick ups are available for the Greater Lynchburg area. Give us a call to schedule!

## **Progressive Release**

Many people who have been incarcerated have nobody to pick them up when they are released, yet they must have a plan to get home. Upon request, Interfaith Outreach is there to help with this. Recently, we picked up a person with multiple disabilities and helped the person get back to his home. On another occasion, we helped a person go to a rehab center to get additional support. She is now back at her home. We also bought bus tickets for individuals who needed to return home but were not from our area. This home support has made a big difference and we are glad we can bridge this gap!







## Interfaith Outreach Association cordially invites you to attend our Seeds of Hope Event in 2023

**Special Honorees are educators,  
The Rev. Dr. Owen Cardwell and Patricia Worsham**

Thursday, April 20, 2023

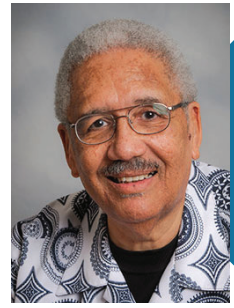
11:30 AM

Historic Academy Theatre

Downtown Lynchburg

Lunch will be provided!

Please save the date and make plans to join us!



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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