INTERFAITH HOLIDAY SUCCESS

Holiday Giving

Even more holiday success came to Interfaith in the form of our Holiday Giving program. We want to give out a special thank you to all the congregations who contributed to the envelopes we sent out. You are a huge part of the reason it went so well.

Santa 5K Run/Walk

We had a great turnout for this year’s Santa Run, especially since it was our first year putting it together. Interfaith sends out a big thank you to everyone who walked, ran, or volunteered. Your participation made the success of this event possible… along with the surprisingly warm December weather!

In total, we were able to give out 417 envelopes to low income seniors and adults with disabilities. They were packed full with gift cards to grocery stores and pharmacies, holiday cards, puzzle books, gripper socks, and even a cookie-baking book.

To some, these envelopes are the only gift they get for Christmas. It means so much and makes such a difference. Recipients were grateful for the kindness shown to them by their community.

We had a total of 261 runners/walkers who participated in the 5K this year. All these runners helped us in our mission to allow seniors to live in their homes independently for as long as possible.

Mark your calendars for the Santa Run 2015. You have a whole year to train for it—and put together a great holiday costume!
Several of our clients who need snow removal this winter have not yet been matched with a volunteer or volunteer group.

Don’t stay cooped up in the house all winter! Exercise those muscles and help out a neighbor at the same time.

It could be a one-time task or a winter-long mission. It’s flexible, too—volunteers can work out dates and times with clients when there is a snow fall.

Help up reach our goal of matching 100% of our clients with volunteers this year.

Make a new friend by becoming a friendly visitor! It’s exactly what it sounds like—a volunteer goes to an isolated senior’s home to chat for an hour or so.

Many people don’t realize how important socialization is for isolated seniors, or how little of it many are able to experience regularly. Often times their relatives live out of state or they might not able to drive to see friends.

It’s amazing how much of a difference visiting just once a week can make in someone’s life. Many of our clients would love to have your company!

Our program in the schools has been such a success that we are in need of even more volunteers! Here are our current needs:

Banting Elementary:
- 1 reading tutor (1st grade): one hour in the afternoon
- 1 art aid (kindergarten): Mon, Tue, or Wed (12:40-3:30)

Lowell Elementary:
- 1 math tutor (3rd grade): Tue or Wed (2:25-3:25)

Horning Middle School:
- 1-3 reading tutors (7th grade): Any day of the week (9:22-10:14)

North High School:
- Any day of the week, any subject

Volunteer opportunities in schools are great for retired seniors who have extra time on their hands and would like to get more involved in the community. This intergenerational program benefits everyone involved. Sign up to volunteer today!
Join this informational session at the Arboretum to learn more about caring for seniors and the options available. You can enjoy complimentary coffee and brownies while you learn the ins and outs of senior living in Waukesha County.

The event will be jam-packed with local and state resources for seniors and caregivers, information on the needs and progression of care necessary, and tips to help seniors and caregivers live easier, better, and more enriched lives. The morning will be broken up into different parts according to the information being given. At the end of the event, there will be time for an open discussion for people to ask questions or clarify something learned earlier.

Discover services Interfaith Senior Programs offers for people living in their homes. Learn more about transportation options available within Waukesha County. You’ll be able to pick up a copy of Interfaith’s new and updated Find-A-Ride book, which lists many transportation options within the county, as well as how much they cost for seniors.

Learn about long-term care alternatives as well. You can get to know the types of care available at every stage, from independent living, to nursing home living, and so on. There will be an information session specifically knowing how to identify 10 signs that a senior is in need of a change in the care they are getting. It’s important to know

Don’t miss this opportunity to network with Care Ministry staff in the community and other congregations. We hope to see you there!