

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

NETWORK

OF THE

MAIN LINE

AN AFFILIATE OF

FamilyPromise

2019 - 2020 Annual Impact Report

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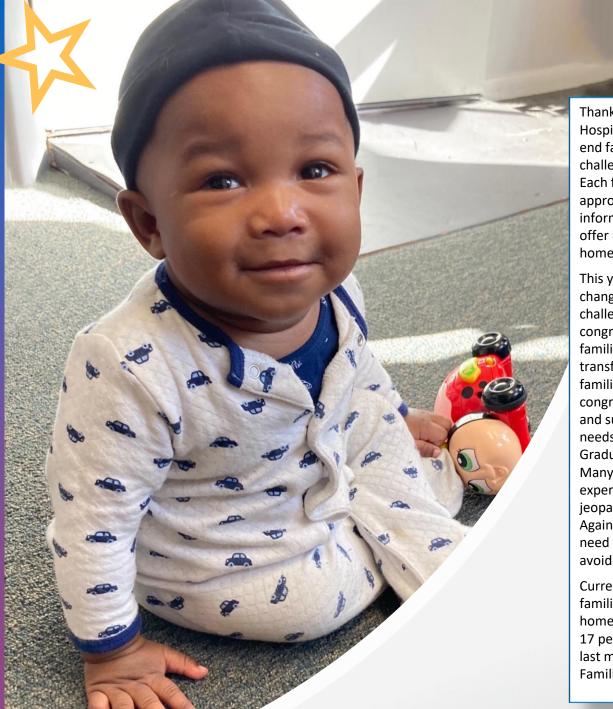












A Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for partnering with us at Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line (IHN-ML) to end family homelessness during one of the most challenging times our communities have faced. Each family's story of homelessness is different. Our approach is therefore client-centered, traumainformed, strength-based, and individualized. We offer hope by walking with families from homelessness to safe and stable housing.

This year the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to make changes to expand services as families faced new challenges. Due to social distancing guidelines, congregational partners could no longer host families overnight, so our Day Center was quickly transformed into a 24/7 residential facility for families to safely shelter in place. Gratefully, congregational partners continued to drop off food and supplies to families in the shelter, meeting needs and providing hope. In addition, a new Graduate Self-Sufficiency program was launched. Many of our recent program graduates lost jobs or experienced a significant wage reduction, jeopardizing their newly found housing stability. Again, you continued to provide hope to those in need through financial support which helped them avoid a new housing crisis.

Current stays on evictions have helped many families, but we are preparing for a wave of homelessness in the coming months. An estimated 17 percent of Pennsylvania's renters did not pay last month's rent due to economic hardship. Families are hard-pressed to meet current rental

payments let alone back rent when the stay on eviction ends. In response, we launched Prevention Services that will provide rental cash assistance for continued housing stability.

2020 has been a year like no other. Homelessness isn't only about not having a home. It's about not having enough resources, finances, or connections to be hopeful for the future. With your help as volunteers and partners, and the commitment of our professional staff and board of directors, we continue to guide our families from a place of not having enough, to a place of hope and abundance.

I am honored to represent our combined efforts through Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line's 2019-2020 Annual Impact Report. This report summarizes our progress to end family homelessness during one of the most challenging and difficult times our nation and community has faced. This report provides insight on the number of families served, the impact of volunteers, and the organization's finances, as well as the work of IHN-ML through pictures and words of the families whose lives have improved because of your generous support.

Thank you all! I am blessed by your company on this journey to bring hope back to these families.

In Gratitude,

Allegra Cressman
Executive Director



OUR MISSION

"I find the mission of IHN-ML one I like to tell others about because it works."

- Professor Anne Patricia Minicozzi, Board Member



ENABLE VOLUNTEERS FROM LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE COMPASSION AND TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES. **OUR PROGRAMS AND** SERVICES CONNECT THE **FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY** RESOURCES, EMPOWERING THEM TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

VANESSA'S SHELTER FROM STORMS

In 2005, when Vanessa and her two children escaped Hurricane Katrina, she had no idea it would be the start of a 15-year struggle for safe, permanent housing. After settling in Florida with her grandmother, the neighborhood became too dangerous and she picked up and moved again. This time she traveled farther, relocating her family to a friend's home in Pennsylvania.

Once in Pennsylvania with her children settled into their new school, Vanessa began seeking a job in order to secure their own housing. What seemed like the beginning of a bright new life was overshadowed with the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, her friend could no longer house Vanessa and her children.

At this point, Vanessa was forced to use her savings to pay for hotels. Eventually, her savings ran dry and she was still unemployed. With no money and no income, Vanessa sought emergency shelter. With safe, secure housing in our program, Vanessa has begun to rebuild. She has organized, set goals, advanced her budgeting skills, and has increased her support system. She is well on her way to the next step, securing a home through a Rapid Re-Housing Program. She is confident she will gain employment and move into affordable housing soon.







Emergency Shelter

Our program combines stable shelter with personalized case management to help families regain housing and reach long-term economic self-sufficiency. With the help of 38 partnering congregations, families are housed and cared for overnight. During daytime hours, parents work with a case manger to identify and achieve their personal goals for housing stability. These goals focus on employment, childcare, transportation, and health care.

This year, the Covid-19 pandemic interrupted our shelter operations. Social distancing guidelines prevented congregational partners from hosting families overnight. Our volunteers and partners assisted in quickly transforming our Day Center into a 24/7 residential facility, making the space functional for family living while maintaining compliance with CDC guidelines.

As part of Montgomery County's "Your Way Home" emergency shelter system, we seek to uplift and empower families experiencing homelessness. Today, families have access to kitchen appliances, private family areas, and play spaces, and upgraded technology providing parents and their children internet access for job seeking and virtual schooling. No families have contracted Covid-19 since sheltering in place.



"The program helped me to set and follow goals as well as make sure I was connected to the right services and housing opportunities." - Graduate program participant

Graduate Self-Sufficiency

IHN-ML launched a Graduate Self Sufficiency Program in March of 2020. This program helps stabilize recent shelter graduates by providing support and wrap-around services to protect their housing independence. Services include on-going case management, financial assistance, and comprehensive basic needs support.

Under "normal circumstances," recently housed families remain vulnerable to a return to homelessness as they work to increase their income and build their assets. It often takes several years for a family to become housing stable and economically self-sufficient.

When the Covid-19 pandemic struck, recent graduate families were particularly vulnerable. Many lost their jobs or experienced reduced wages. The program was created to address needs for those impacted by unforeseeable situations like this.

- √ 7 families (21 Individuals) enrolled immediately. All were
 Shelter Program graduates within the past 18 months
- √ 100% of these families have successfully maintained housing





JASMINE'S JOURNEY

Jasmine recently found just the right home for her children – close to public transportation and within walking distance to community resources. Jasmine was perfectly situated to become self-sufficient, but when the Covid-19 pandemic hit she was suddenly unemployed and at risk of losing her new housing.

Because Jasmine was enrolled in the Graduate Self-Sufficiency program, she was able to get support from a case manager and benefited from light financial assistance. She learned how to better communicate with her landlord, and better understand her rights as a tenant. Jasmine received help with transportation and clothing for job interviews, leading to new full-time employment in a medical staffing agency.

Jasmine now knows that with her case manager by her side she can figure out how to keep her family together and safely housed, because that is precisely what she has done. Jasmine now has her confidence back; she believes in herself and knows that she and her kids will never be homeless again!

Often newly housed families
take several years to reach full self-sufficiency.
The Graduate Self-Sufficiency program provides a
critical bridge between homelessness and
long-term housing stability.



YOUR IMPACT!-

Your Help and Support Provided:



3,760 BED **N**IGHTS hosted by volunteer congregations



3,800 MFALS served to program families



66,600 VAN **RIDES** provided to day center, night shelters, grocery stores and more



7,200 **DIAPERS** along with 150 packets of wipes



600 LOADS OF LAUNDRY completed at day center



100% INCREASED OR MAINTAINED **INCOME** while in **IHM-ML** programs



7 FAMILIES TRANSITIONED successfully to stable housing



7 FAMILIES ENROLLED in new **Graduate Self-Sufficiency Program** (21 people)



20 BOOKS & **BLANKETS IN** A BAG given to children



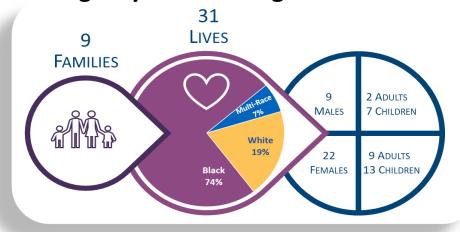
\$7,498 IN **GIFT CARDS** for food & housing essentials



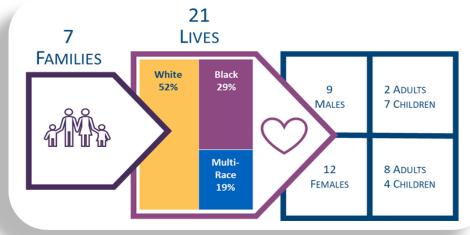
GIFTS FOR 9 **HOUSEHOLDS** on holidays and birthdays

2019-20 PROGRAM REACH

Emergency Shelter Program Reach



Graduate Self-Sufficiency Program Reach







LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

Our New Prevention Program

The new Prevention Program is designed to serve families facing imminent eviction and is another service expansion in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The program includes rental cash assistance alongside specialized prevention case management that helps families avoid eviction and improve their housing stability.

Thanks to generous funding from W. W. Smith Charitable Trust and Montgomery County (Emergency Solutions Grant, CARES Act), this much needed program can be launched. With help through programs like this, families can continue their journey towards long-term self-sufficiency preventing them from experiencing the trauma of homelessness.



Statement of Financial Position - June 30, 2020

Assets:

Cash and cash Equivalents	\$269,528
Grants and contributions receivable	50,000
Prepaid expenses	2,168
Investment in certificates of deposit	213,709
Property and equipment, net	93,872

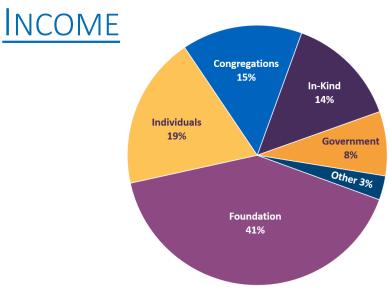
Total Assets \$629,277

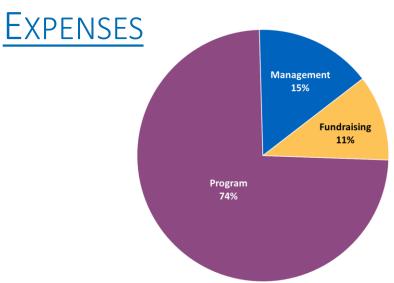
<u>Liabilities</u>:

Accounts payable		\$	10,380
Accrued payroll			493
Deferred revenue			22,625
Loan payable			38,645
	Total Liabilities	Ś	72.143

Net Assets:

Without donor restrictions	\$480,649
With donor restrictions	76,485
Total Net Assets	\$557,134
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$629.277



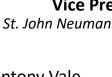


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THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS PAST YEAR POSSIBLE!

Thanks for Hosting Families & Financial Support!

- Beth David Reform Congregation, Gladwyne
- Bethel AME Church, Ardmore
- Central Baptist Church, Wayne
- Central Schwenkfelder Church, Lansdale
- Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr
- Main Line Unitarian Church, Devon
- Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, Bryn Mawr
- St. David's Episcopal Church, Wayne
- St. John Neumann Parish, Bryn Mawr
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ardmore
- St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Bryn Mawr
- Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne

Family Support Coordinators

- Mr. Marc Leader, and Mrs. Amy Leader
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- Reverend Carolyn Cavaness and Sister Vikki Asbury
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- Mrs. Cathy Van Kula
 - St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
- Mrs. Leslie Dudt, Mrs. Nancy Monahan, and Mrs. Susan Hirshman
 - Wayne Presbyterian Church





"What a joy to see the families coming in the door to a warm and welcoming place full of good smells and warm, engaging greeters!"

- Maria O'Malley, Volunteer at St. Thomas of Villanova parish

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS PAST YEAR POSSIBLE!

Thanks to Our Support Congregations for Your Financial and Volunteer Assistance!

- Ardmore Presbyterian Church
- Berwyn United Methodist Church
- Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
- First Baptist Church of Wayne
- Gladwyne Presbyterian Church
- Haverford Monthly Meeting of Friends
- Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC
- Radnor Friends Meeting
- Second Baptist Church of Wayne
- St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
- St. Denis Roman Catholic Church
- St. Katharine of Siena Parish

- St. Luke United Methodist Church
- St. Margaret Parish
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne
- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- St. Peter's in the Great Valley
- The Baptist Church the Great Valley
- The Church of St. Monica
- United Church of Christ at Valley Forge
- Valley Forge Presbyterian Church
- Wayne United Methodist Church
- Zion Baptist Church of Ardmore

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS PAST YEAR POSSIBLE!

Foundations

- Catholic Human Services Foundation
- Chartwell Investment Partners, Tristate Capital Bank
- Community Foundation of New Jersey Nils Fund
- Connelly Foundation
- Genuardi Family Foundation
- Head Start State Collaboration Covid-19
- HealthSpark Foundation
- · Henry E. Niles Foundation
- Hess Foundation
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- The McLean Contributionship
- The Montgomery County Foundation
- The Neubaurer Family Foundation
- The Philadelphia Foundation, Covid-19 Fund
- The Scholler Foundation
- The Ulderico & Anna Milani Charitable Foundation
- W.W. Smith Charitable Trust
- WSFS Bank Covid-19

Thanks for Your Sponsorship!



Government

- Community Development Block Grant
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)

Community Groups

- Bryn Mawr Rotary
- Cradles to Crayons
- Family Promise
- Main Line Tag Virtual Run
- Mitzvah Circle
- OMS FOR HOMES
- Project Night Night
- Philadelphia Diaper Bank
- The Saturday Club

Corporations

- Chartwell Investment Partners Inc.
- Devon Dry Cleaners
- Promontory Interfinancial Network, LLC
- Solomon Edwards Group, LLC

"I am an IHN-ML volunteer because it helps families in our communities have a home"

- Lisa McCarthy, Board Member & Volunteer

JOIN IN AND HELP END HOMELESSNESS FOR A FAMILY

Join in by volunteering, providing items from our wish list, or with a financial donation.

- Volunteer: You can <u>volunteer</u> at both Host and Support congregations as well as with fundraising or special events.
 See details on our website.
- Wish List Items: The Wish List contains items families often need to make the journey out of homelessness. A current wish list is located on our website with options to fulfill this need
- Donate: Donations make a difference by funding programs which provide families with a safe place to live and the tools needed to prevent future homelessness.
 - Donate via <u>PayPal</u> Quick, Secure, and Easy!
 You do not need a PayPal account to donate.
 - Checks can be sent to: IHN-ML

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