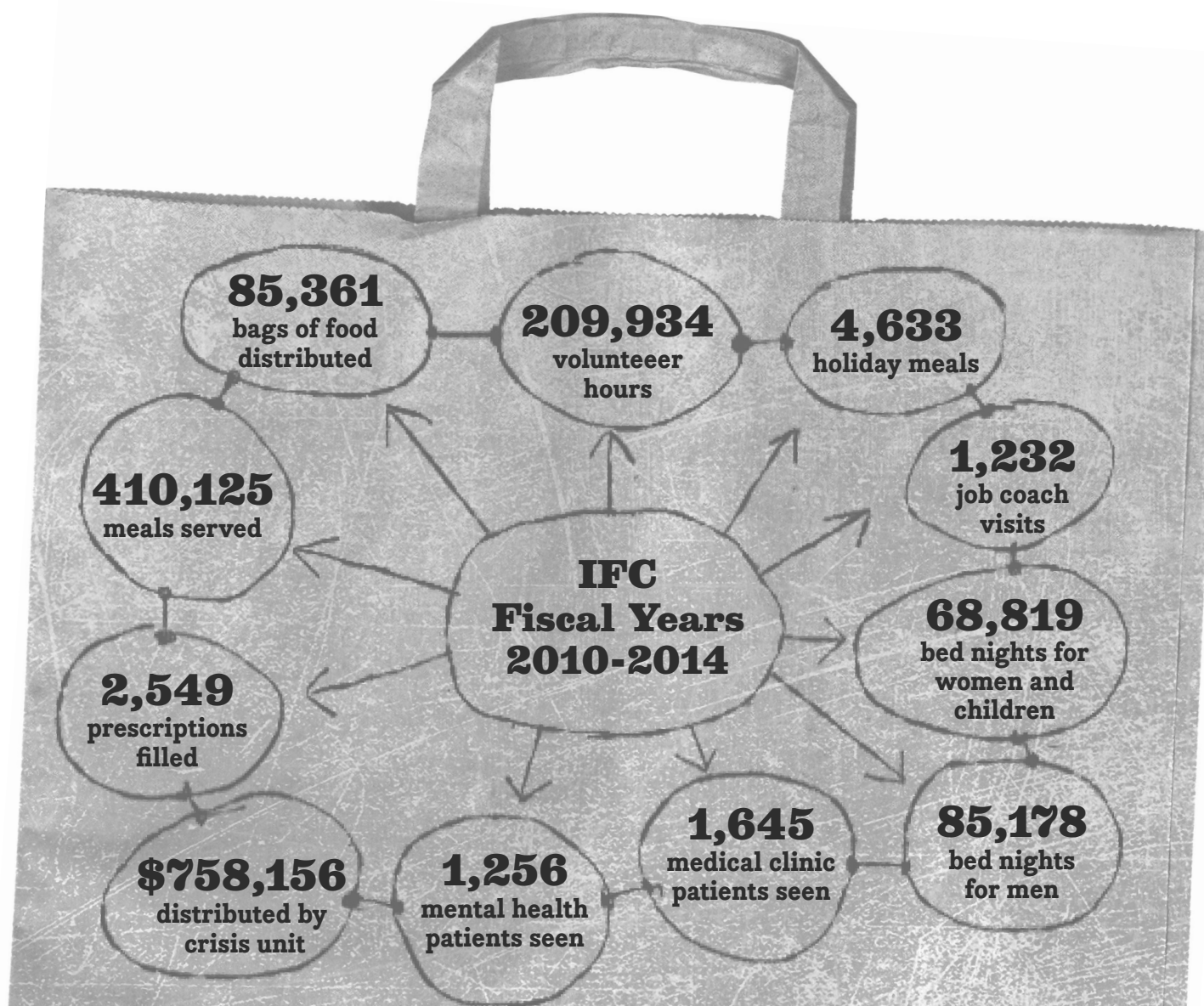




About the IFC

In 1963, a group of seven local women united their volunteer efforts to address the conditions of poverty in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The Inter-Faith Council was created, “to discover unmet needs and to respond through the coordinated efforts of volunteers.”

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Meeting the Critical Needs of Our Neighbors

The *Hunger in America 2014 Study*, (the largest and most comprehensive study of its kind,) provides a snapshot of the critical needs of hunger and poverty in America. 389 million times a year, 58,000 food programs run by 46,000 agencies reach **46.5 million people**. 72% of these households live in poverty and in the last five years, one in six have experienced foreclosure or eviction. *Feeding America network programs feed 1 out of 7 people in the United States.*

In Orange County 17.8% of the population lives in poverty. In Carrboro, 17% of the population lives in poverty. In Chapel Hill, 23.1% of the population lives in poverty. 15.6% of households in Orange County are hungry.

With the help of 1,724 individual donors, 209 businesses, 106 partnerships, 57 congregations and 750 volunteers, IFC works to meet the critical needs of poverty, hunger and homelessness. In the first six months of fiscal 2015,

IFC distributed 7,906 bags of food and served 43,681 meals. 9,257 bed nights were provided for men and 7,463 bed nights for women and children. 170 medical clinic patients were seen, 43 mental health patients were seen and 404 prescriptions were filled. There were 169 job coach visits. Volunteers worked a total of 20,101 volunteer hours and the crisis unit distributed \$94,727.00.

With your generosity and support, IFC will continue to work to meet the critical needs of our neighbors.

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INTER-FAITH COUNCIL SERVICES

COMMUNITY HOUSE: 24-hour Residential Facility for Homeless Men

100 W. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Phone: 919-967-0643

Community House has served as Orange County's only emergency shelter for homeless men since 1985 and offers safe living accommodations, meals, showers and laundry facilities. Community House also offers substance abuse education and counseling; medical and mental health treatment; social worker support; job coaching; and referrals to community agencies.

HOMESTART: Residential Facility for Homeless Women and Children

2505 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Phone: 919-932-6025

HomeStart provides 24-hour emergency and longer-term housing and services to homeless women and children. HomeStart's mission is to provide "a safe, structured home for homeless women and children, helping them to access community resources and offering everyone on-going support to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness."

FOODFIRST: Community Kitchen (at Community House)

100 W. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Phone: 919-967-0643

The Community Kitchen serves three hot meals a day, 365 days a year, free of charge for anyone who is hungry and provides about 80,000 meals to hungry persons every year. Nearly all of the food is donated and volunteers/volunteer groups prepare and serve meals, clean up afterwards, and help pick up, receive, sort and store food donations.

FOODFIRST: Food Pantry

110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510
Phone: 919-929-6380

The Food Pantry provides around 1,500 bags of groceries to those in need every month. Households in Chapel Hill or Carrboro, or in which an adult works in those communities, may become members of the Pantry and receive groceries once a month.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: Homelessness Prevention and Meeting Basic Needs

110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510
Phone: 919-929-6380

The Crisis Intervention program serves anyone who lives or works in Chapel Hill or Carrboro and is facing economic uncertainty, illness or hardship by providing food, clothing, rent, utility assistance, transportation, information and referrals.

ROBERT NIXON FREE CLINIC

Since 1989, volunteer medical professionals have provided medical and mental health services to Community House and HomeStart residents at the Robert Nixon Free Clinic for the Homeless. Services include: primary health screenings, risk assessment, patient education and mental health interventions for our homeless shelter residents.

SUPPORT CIRCLES

Support Circle Teams comprise 8-10 volunteers that partner with individuals and families who are experiencing - or at risk of - homelessness and who are transitioning into permanent housing. Teams provide Partners assistance with: material, practical, financial and relational support.

A Letter From John Dorward, Executive Director

As I sit here writing this update on what we have been doing these last six months, I find myself reflecting on the many things we have to be grateful for as we watch spring bringing life back to our favorite part of the world.

I'll start by saying how grateful the IFC is to the Smith family for choosing to include us in their celebration of Coach Smith's life. Dean Smith was a bigger than life hero to many of us, me included. Here was a man who made a difference in the world, and not just on the basketball court. Take away the fantastic things he and his teams accomplished on the court and you still have a remarkable man. In a time when far too many of our heroes eventually fall from grace, his was truly a life well lived.

I am grateful for the great many people who gave so generously to the capital campaign for the new IFC @ SECU Community House. The building is rising and filling out each and every day and should be ready to welcome men home by late August. This has been one of those projects that prove the saying that nothing good comes easy. As someone who has worked on this project for the entire 11 years that I have been here, I can attest that nothing about this project has been easy. But, in a few more short months, we will bring this long-held dream to fruition.

I am grateful for the hundreds of volunteers and the thousands of people throughout the community who help us with our work by volunteering their time, their treasure and their overall support for our work. It is only through this community support that we are able to offer the help we find to be so badly needed throughout our community. You allow us to help so many people who otherwise might go hungry, have no warm, safe place to sleep or who might lose their home and find themselves adrift on the streets.

We should all be grateful to the planning staff and the Board of Alderman in Carrboro who have been receptive to our desire to seek a text amendment that would allow us to move the Community Kitchen to the Douglas Building. While we are still in the early stages of this project and the final outcome is far from decided, I appreciate the Town's willingness to help us bring this forward to the public.

The service numbers shown elsewhere in this newsletter show our pantry is still providing some 60-70% more food on a monthly basis than before the Great Recession. We averaged more than 20 extra people per night at the two shelters during bad weather. Staff and volunteers made sure we never closed, even during the worst of the weather.

Finally, let me tell you how grateful I am for the support I have received as your Executive Director. As many of you know, I will be retiring at the end of August after the new men's shelter is opened. Helping to run the agency during my first 9 years here in various positions, and then taking on the leadership position for the last two, has been one of the best experiences of my life. I am so proud of our staff, our Board and the volunteers who still make this organization run. The IFC is a marvelous organization and I am humbled to have had the honor of serving her. I know my successor will continue that long tradition of service.

“We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.” —*Dorothy Day*

The Desk, the Key and the Community

As the magnificent structure that will soon become the IFC @ SECU Community House continues to take shape, now seems like the time to reflect on how we got here.

In 1985 the IFC began shelter services, first in churches and then in the basement of the Old Municipal Building, in the former jail to be exact. In 1990 extensive renovations converted the entire building into the shelter and added the community kitchen. 25 years later, this temporary solution is about to be replaced.

Various task forces and commissions worked to find a permanent home. But not until 2008 when UNC-Chapel Hill made an offer to the Town of Chapel Hill of a property on Martin Luther King Jr, Blvd. did a permanent home become possible. The approval process to build the building began in 2009 and was completed in 2012.

Our previous Executive Director, Chris Moran, began quietly working on the capital campaign soon after the property question was settled. So, by the time we got our approvals from the Town, we were ready to begin the public portion of the campaign in 2013. Between the silent and public

campaigns, the entire goal of \$5,760,000 was pledged. That gigantic total came from several hundred different sources. It also came about because a lot of very good people donated a lot of their time to work on this project. Two who should be singled out are the co-chairs, Gordon Merklein and Kevin Foy. The donors and leadership team are listed in this newsletter.

On a beautiful spring day in 2014, we broke ground and the structure will be completed in August 2015.

The new program at Community House will include an expanded medical clinic, mental health space and for the first time, a two chair dental suite with full x-ray capacity. In one of the most exciting things to come out of our long-term collaboration with Piedmont

Health Services, our clinics will become a satellite for Piedmont upon our opening. They will be seeing residents from both our shelters and any of the men or women who happen to be staying with us on bad weather nights when the clinics are open.

Our new facility is a purpose built facility, designed around the needs of the residents and the program. It will offer transitional housing (and a bed) to 52 men each night, unlike our current facility where only 30 of 50 men actually have a bed. There will be 17 emergency shelter cots for bad weather nights. The program will be split into three phases, Learning, Demonstrating, and Leading. In each phase the living arrangements and responsibilities will change. The men, who are part of the

Leading phase, will have a room with a desk and a key.

The importance of the desk and the key are best explained by two of our former residents, J. Freeman and Mike Wood. As J. said, "Imagine 24 hours a day every day realizing that you don't have keys. But your mind is saying, I could feel a part of this whole society if I had some keys." He added, "IFC provided many services, medical, psychological, social, but Lord God when I got these keys, I don't know for some reason it provided me with the knowledge that I finally could help myself." Mike said, "I heard at the Planning Board the other night that the room's going to have a desk. You can't imagine how beneficial having a desk in your room would be. Having a place where you can read or study or write a letter, a place where you can put your stuff. When they have more space, it's going to be a better environment. And environment is everything."

In a couple of months from now we will have a shelter built by the efforts and generosity of this community. We hope you will come out on ribbon cutting day to share this occasion with us and see what your money, your time and your unwavering support have created.



Inter-Faith Council @ SECU Community House. GGA Architects

Thank You Inter-Faith Council @ SECU Community House Capital Campaign Committee

The Inter-Faith Council was fortunate that sixteen community leaders agreed to serve on the Community House Capital Campaign Committee. Beginning in early 2013 the committee met each month and opened doors to supporters near and far. Thanks to their leadership, IFC announced a successful conclusion to the \$5.76 million campaign in July 2014.

The committee members included:

Kevin Foy and Gordon Merklein, Co-Chairs		
Megan Barber	The Very Reverend Dr. Clarke French	Roger Perry
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IFC is also grateful for the professional assistance provided by Glen Easter and Rick Kiernan of Convergent Nonprofit Solutions.

Our Neighbor's Voices

*These selected writings are from the women and children, past and present, of HomeStart.
Each piece speaks to life's harshest realities as well as strength, courage and hope . . .*



A Home at HomeStart
Kiran Carrington

Being at the shelter was hard for me but it got better.

When we first moved in, I was scared because I didn't know why we were there or how long we would be staying. As time moved on, we became friends with different and new families so we became comfortable. I really liked going to school in the taxi, it was like having my own driver.

Life at the shelter was different than I expected it to be.

We had a group come talk to us on Mondays with a program called Walking Tall that helped us deal with our anger and everything else we were dealing with. We also had volunteers who came to play with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays and they became our friends. Because of the groups we had something to look forward to.

Mothers Day at the shelter was my most favorite holiday because we got to get things from a special closet to give to our moms. While we were there, I entered my mom into this contest for Hometown Heroes and we actually won. The guy from the radio called and asked me why I believed my mom should win. I told him how my mom always helped everyone around her and how she was always positive. My mom taught us to look at things in a positive way even if they look really bad.

It was hard to leave the shelter because we were moving away from people we came to care about. But, having our own place is super great.

Lost and Found

Anonymous

Walking the streets, stalking to eat
I deny the eyes of the strangers I meet.

They want to engage, but I am the estranged
Who are these who feel they know me?

Can they see me? Can they sense my fears?
The dried tracks of my tears?

Can these people truly understand
How it feels to have no bed
Nor any place to rest a weary head?

Passing by they say "hi" in a casual voice
But for me it is nothing more than more white noise.

With their iPhones they Google their maps in their Volvo
While I in sullen shame find a place to crawl low.

They search the quickest ways to reach the homes in which they
reside,
While I search the driest corner of the woods to abide.

They shop, they laugh, they eat, they love.
They go to church to praise the heavens above.

I fight, I cry, I hide, I dream
For the heavens above to send me such nice things.

I have no home, no food, no car.
Across my heart I bear a scar.

At my lowest point, when I can not stand
I see before me loving hands.

They lift me high and hold me tight
With loving voices say "it's alright."

They are all strong women just like me
They calm and still this raging sea.

They know and feel my pain
They understand my fear too.

These are all things
That they have been through.

With bodies hard and hearts so soft,
They have indomitable spirits that will never be lost.

Strong and beautiful women truly set apart
These are the incredible friends I've found at HomeStart.

I Grew Up in Darkness

Black Swan

I grew up in darkness

I grew up knowing that one day
I would be free

Free to not be afraid, free to be
someone I would choose.

I grew up not knowing it would
take a rebirth

after I found my true soulself.

I grew up in darkness until I
found the light inside of me,
the little girl still in me lives
and grows every day.

I grew up when I learned to
love me.

Really I hope I never grow up
completely.



"Ryder's Voice" First drawing 2.15.15
Youngest HomeStart resident, Age 9 months



"Mae and the Happy Sun" Mae, Age 4



2014 IFC Annual Fund Donors

Dear IFC Friends,

Each year we put together our list of donors who have so generously given time, food, and money to support our mission. Compiling this list each year is an amazingly gratifying task. I am overwhelmed by the wealth and abundance that is shared in this community! Your efforts help our staff and volunteers provide the critical services of housing, food, medical and financial assistance to those in our community in need.

Please excuse any inaccuracies in these lists. I trust each year that these are as accurate as I can make them, so please contact me at (919) 929-6380 ext. 12 with any errors or omissions.

Best for 2015!

Frances Jackson
Finance Director

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“Life is Good”

On most Sunday afternoons you will find Sydney, Eli and Michele Melet volunteering at HomeStart. Sydney was 13 when she began volunteering and Eli was 9, that was two years ago. For Sydney, what began as a service-learning requirement prior to graduation at Chapel Hill High has taught her “about gratitude, leadership, helping others, and problem solving.”

Sydney developed a program called *Make Your Mark*, a recreational and creative program for the kids that live at HomeStart and range in age from 3 to 16 years old. From basketball to jump rope lessons to indoor art projects that have included making: slime, peanut butter pinecones for the birds, holiday paintings and fused glass gifts, Sydney designed the *Make Your Mark* classes to provide kids with new experiences that would allow them to have fun and also gain confidence. Since Sydney has been jumping rope from the age of five and competitively since 2006 (competing at The Junior Olympics, Worlds and USA Jump Rope,) as she puts it, “It can be challenging teaching kids with such a wide age range and differing coordination level. I usually work with the older kids teaching them jump rope tricks, while my mother and 11 year old brother work with the younger children.”

HomeStart Sundays have given many memorable moments to Sydney, Eli and Michele but each of them has one story that is most meaningful. Eli was helping a young boy search in his closet for his jump rope. In the midst of the items on the closet floor Eli spotted a pair of sneakers; the sneakers were once Eli’s, well loved but outgrown and donated to HomeStart. Eli was overjoyed to find that his once loved sneakers were being used by a boy he had come to know.

Sydney was working with an 8-year-old visually impaired girl who had to hold the jump rope three inches from her eyes in order to see it. But every week she was eager to participate. She learned challenging jump rope tricks and became an accomplished jump roper. Sydney learned “that despite obstacles people can accomplish anything if they put their mind to it.”

Can “Life Be Good” living in a residential facility for homeless women and children? Michele was touched when a 15 year old HomeStart resident wrote his name and “life is good” next to it. The boy told her, “In school whenever I write my name, I always write “life is good” next to it.” As Michele says, “What struck me is that this boy who has few possessions and lives at HomeStart, is grateful and sees the good in his life. This was such a reminder to me that it is up to each of us to make our life fulfilling.”

For the Melets, HomeStart Sundays have expanded to Mother’s Day. With the help of A Better Image’s generous donation of design time and print costs, they have made “Mother’s Day for HomeStart” their latest project. Mother’s Day gift cards are available for purchase. Each purchase honors the chosen recipient with a donation to HomeStart. Sydney, Michele, and Eli plan on putting a little more “good” in the lives of the children who have added so much good to their own.

“I’m Okay!”

Adam D. Glasser

I started volunteering at IFC last semester with a joint UNC-Duke honors course. Because I want to be an elementary school teacher and so I love working with young students, I requested IFC. It has been such a meaningful experience for me that I continue to volunteer even though my class is over. I volunteer with students from the UNC Campus Y. When the weather is good, we go outside and the kids will play basketball, ride bikes and tricycles, or play on the playground. This time gives the kids a chance to simply have fun and be kids. It also gives the mothers an opportunity to cook, shower, or simply have time for themselves.

My first volunteer experience was giving the kids at HomeStart the best possible Halloween. I started by collecting Halloween costumes from friends and family and University United Methodist, the church that I attend, also held a costume drive. On the Sunday before Halloween, a few other Carolina students and I took the kids to a costume carnival at University United Methodist.



Senior at UNC Chapel Hill

The children got dressed up in their costumes, and were dressed as everything from bumblebees to superheroes. The kids and their mothers had an awesome time going through the haunted maze, playing Halloween-themed games, and trick-or-treating up and down the church halls. After we got back to HomeStart, we realized that there was another costume carnival at the church across the street, so the festivities continued! The kids’ joy made this an amazing experience for everyone.

Whenever we go outside with the kids, there is one young boy that always loves to ride a tricycle. Sometimes when he is riding, he falls off the curb. Whenever he falls, he says, “I’m okay!” This little boy although living in a difficult situation, is one of the toughest and goofiest kids I know.

One day when I was talking to an older male student he talked to me about how much he enjoyed math and how he planned to go into finance one day. I thought about how too often our society counts out low-income students. The kids at HomeStart have big hopes and dreams for the future. I think it’s the responsibility of our Chapel Hill community to help make these dreams reality.

Mother’s Day Cards

From April 1 until Mother’s Day please consider making a donation to HomeStart by buying a Mother’s Day card that will be mailed to the recipient you would like to honor. The children of HomeStart have drawn the card’s images and the cards explain the work and mission of HomeStart. A Better Image has generously donated the design and printing of the cards. Please see the IFC website for more information.



Jahari, Age 12.

We Are IFC

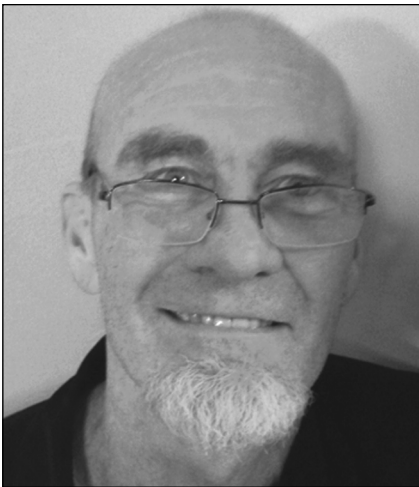
In Memoriam

Phyllis Atkinson
Jean Buckwalter
Brent Lee Cohen
Michelle Couch
Shirley Dixon
Jean Goldfuss Harned
Christine Heath
Marion Teresa Hilker
H. Charles Holloway, Jr.
Mary Hughes
David Jenkins
Peter Ramsey Johnston
Margaret M. Kern
Charlotte Kilpatrick
Hans Krusa
Edwin S. Lanier Jr.
Joan Lash
Trenda McDowell
Suzanne McNulty
Dorothy Mullen
Jason Myrick
Mrs. Aubrey "Chris" Nutter
Tracey Partridge
Alvin Popovsky
Willie Simon
Coach Dean Smith
Jane Steele
Chuck S. Stone
Dr. Colin G. Thomas, Jr.
Margery Waters Westray



Inter-Faith Council for Social Service

BUSINESSES



A New Smile

Making New Smiles Affordable Dentures and Dr. Keith Taylor, DDS

Thanks to an arrangement made with Affordable Dentures by Keith Taylor, DDS, a local dentist and member of the IFC Board of Directors, residents of Community House and HomeStart are now able to receive dentures at no cost. Dr. Taylor prepares the residents' mouths by performing extractions and other procedures, also at no cost to the patient. When he feels that they are ready, he schedules up to 3 men/women at a time and by the end of that day, they have beautiful new smiles. Nine residents to date have received either full dentures or partials.

For each of them, this is a life-changing event. Time and again, residents describe how the new dentures have given them so much more confidence and have improved the quality of their life. Being able to eat a greater variety of food is a health benefit. And applying and interviewing for jobs is not dependent on initial impressions and assumptions made because of missing teeth.

The IFC is so very grateful to Dr. Taylor and everyone at Affordable Dentures in Durham for their generous donations of time and energy as well as the financial sacrifices they have made on behalf of our residents.

CONGREGATIONS



Doris Delivers the JELLY!

Chapel Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Chapel Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the *JELLY CHURCH*.

Each week, Doris Colomb, Chapel Hill Christian Church IFC liaison, delivers 30 jars of jelly to the IFC Pantry.

In the past 10 years, Doris has hauled 24,570 lbs of jelly or 12.285 TONS of jelly (if you prefer.)

This ministry is supported by the sale of Jelly Cards at Christmas, Alms Box collections during Lent and the generosity of the congregation and friends who bring jelly each week to worship.

Mahatma Gandhi said, *"There are people in the world so hungry, that God can not appear to them except in the form of bread"* and Chapel Hill Christian Church adds a little jelly.



The ladies of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Women on Mission Morning Group make it their mission to provide the mothers of HomeStart with everything they need to gift a birthday to their child: cake, balloon bouquet (courtesy of Balloons and Tunes) and a special gift. They are the Birthday Ladies, The Fairy Godmothers, or the givers of the Double Gift, gifting the hearts of mothers and children.

IFC STAFF

Just Doing Their Jobs

When the February Arctic freeze came with the days of black ice and fluffy snow, most people worked from home, hunkered down or maybe enjoyed a snow day.

For the very small staff of IFC it was all about getting to work, being open when everyone else was closed, and taking welcoming up a notch or two or ten. It was all about using their big hearts and bigger determination to meet a bigger need.

They knew fewer people would get to the Pantry but those who did would be really hungry and would have walked a hard walk to get there. They knew that for some the crisis would grow larger and more challenging. They knew if the power went off (and it did) that the generators as well as more neighbors would need to be fed. They knew that many more people would need shelter and that no one would be turned away. They worried about how to get blankets to the people on the streets who were more afraid of coming inside than spending the night in the cold. And they worried that in the bitter cold, one blanket wouldn't equal the stack of blankets each person would need to stay warm.

They carried with them the thought of the three homeless people who died the first week--- in Raleigh and Durham, and for a moment, they stopped and felt lucky.

John Dorward would continuously run shuttles, through the day and the night, to be sure everyone was where they needed to be. And when the last shuttle was done he would think as he so often had, about his staff: their *effort, determination, capabilities and heart*. He would think how everyday and some days even more than others, they redefined the need, meeting the need and simply, doing their jobs.

You Are IFC

Ways to Give

IFC's annual budget is approximately \$1.6 million with only about 10% of revenues coming from public sources. It is the generosity of individuals, congregations, businesses, foundations and other friends that help IFC continue its work and maintain our current level of services.

Contributing by Cash, Check, Visa/MC/Discover

You may contribute financially online, by mail or via phone call to Frances Jackson at 919-929-6380, ext.12. All account information is kept confidential. Cash or check can be mailed to: IFC, 110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510

Workplace Giving

You may designate IFC to receive a recurring payroll deduction or one-time gift through these charitable giving campaigns:

Combined Federal Campaign # 52191

State Employees Combined Campaign # 1475-029

United Way of the Greater Triangle # 540

Planned Giving

You can plan gifts today that will benefit IFC tomorrow. Your planned gift of a bequest, life insurance policy, gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust is an important investment in the life of the IFC. To discuss how you can be a part of strengthening our future, please call John Dorward at 919-929-6380, ext. 14 or jdorward@ifcmailbox.org.

Gift Card Giving

The IFC offers an array of gift cards, including two drawn by children living at HomeStart. Whether you make a contribution to IFC as a gesture of sympathy, in the spirit of holiday giving, or to honor someone, the IFC will send the designated recipient(s) a gift card selected by the donor stating that their gift will be used to help those in need.

Vehicle Donations

If you have a car you no longer need, you may donate it to us through CARS and they will give you a tax receipt for charitable contribution. CCall 877-537-5277 to speak to a representative or complete the secure online donation form at <http://www.donatingiseasy.org/donate-car-inter-faith-council-social-service.htm>

OWASA Taste of Hope Program

By donating to the Taste of Hope program you can help families in need pay their water bills. Round up your bill to the nearest dollar or select any whole dollar amount to add as a donation to your OWASA bills.

Duke Energy Share the Warmth/Cooling Assistance

You can help provide low-income families with financial assistance for their energy bills. Customers complete a "Customer Contribution" form with Duke Energy.

Other items

If you are interested in donating any other items, please contact Elizabeth Garfunkel, Executive Assistant, at 919-929-6380, ext. 15 or egarfunkel@ifcmailbox.org.

IFC is public charity eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our EIN is 59-1224041.

Grateful Thanks

Lotta Sjoelin and Julie Dickson wanted to make a difference in the lives of the homeless women and children at HomeStart. They created Donate A Room to make it feel more like home. They raised funds to redecorate all of HomeStart's bedrooms and two playrooms. They plan to create a "tranquil spot" for the homeless women and to give the library a makeover.

The United Church of Chapel Hill has been exceedingly patient with us during the construction of the IFC @ SECU Community House adjacent to their property. Their driveway was torn up to connect the site to OWASA's water main and their main entrance was closed for a week to connect the sewer line. Final repairs to their driveway won't be completed until the end of the project, scheduled for late August.

Besides their regular monthly support and a substantial pledge to the Community House capital campaign, two major benefit concerts, Women's Voices Chorus and the Road Home Band, the Alternative Gifts Market and the "Empty Bowls" Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday raised well over \$10,000 for IFC.

Aaron Kirschenfeld, a Duke graduate, came up with the idea and Ryan Cocca and Rohan Smith of Thrill City Game Winning Shirts made it happen. But no one was prepared for the overwhelming response to the Blue Devil block letter T-shirts that read DEAN instead of DUKE. As Ryan put it, "Life is bigger than sports, even if it's hard for some of us to see at times." Thrill City's small staff is still working to fill orders and this touching tribute will raise over \$20,000 for IFC. Ryan chose IFC because of his high school experience volunteering at Community House.

Paul Hrusovsky's Art Benefit for IFC

By Paul Hrusovsky

For many years I have displayed art at Crook's Corner. And in the past have had a few fundraisers for charities. This year I decided to do an art benefit and give all the profits and proceeds to the Inter-Faith Council (IFC). When people asked me why I did it my response was that "I find the work they do so very important." It is easy to let art works go especially when it is helping someone out. The show was well received and about 20 pieces were chosen. I had the opportunity to meet several of the purchasers when they came to the studio to pick up the work. Many were first time collectors and were thrilled to have been able to purchase affordable pieces to start their art collection. And then there was the wonderful woman who was so taken by my story and the work of IFC that she left a check for \$500 but never took a piece of art. The fundraiser was very satisfying for me. Some new collectors are very happy and I have been able to give to a good cause. (Paul's fundraiser for IFC raised over \$3,000.00)



Holy Cow

IFC Events



Join us for CROP Walk 2015

Come join us Sunday April 19, 2015 for the CROP Hunger Walk. Join Aaron and Sonja Nelson, Honorary Chairs of CROP Hunger Walk 2015, in a two-or four-mile walk throughout Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the UNC campus.

The Walk begins at 2:30 PM with registration beginning at 1:30 PM. The Village Band will be playing before the walk, and there will be activities for adults and children alike. Refreshments will be available after walkers finish their routes.

All routes start from the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street in Carrboro.

Funds raised through the CROP Hunger Walk will help the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service and Church World Service fight hunger, both locally and throughout the world. Join in the walk for a fun day that will raise urgently needed money!

To donate or sign up to walk go to **crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc** and follow us on Facebook: **[facebook.com/chapelhillCROPwalk](https://www.facebook.com/chapelhillCROPwalk)**.

For more information, email Nancy Jenkins, 2015 CROP Hunger Walk coordinator, at **njjstlhhi@aol.com** or call her at **919-533-6907**

New Year's Eve 2014 Concert

The United Church of Chapel Hill hosted the New Year's Eve 2014 Concert, a benefit for IFC. The Road Home Band with their wonderful acoustic blend of mandolin, guitar, vocals and drums played the best in music and helped the attendees bring in the New Year with grace and fun. The event raised \$5,000 for IFC.

CALENDAR

APRIL 19, 2015 — CROP Walk

**LATE SUMMER OF 2015 —
Ribbon Cutting for the new Community House TBD**

OCTOBER 22, 2015 — IFC Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 10, 2015 — RSVVP

**NEW YEAR'S EVE 2015 —
New Year's Eve Concert at
United Church of Chapel Hill**



Happy neighbors and volunteers at Holiday Meal distribution.

Holiday Meals

IFC bagged and distributed holiday meals that fed 796 families comprised of 2,226 individuals. A total of 411 Thanksgiving and 385 winter holiday meals were distributed. Kristin Lavergne's Community Services team did a great job supporting the holiday spirit for our neighbors. Volunteers who helped make this happen included regular food pantry volunteers, and volunteers from: UNC Health Care's Nursing Diversity Council, UNC Health Care's Heart and Vascular Diversity Committee, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, WorkSmart, and Farmer FoodShare.

RSVVP Success!

The 26th annual Restaurants Sharing Ten Percent (RSVVP) Day held in November 2014 has broken the all time record! In 2006 we raised a total of \$24,170.10. Although there are a few more pledges to round up, with the arrival of the latest check, we are over \$26,000.

This important annual event supports our Food Pantry and Community Kitchen. Many thanks to the restaurants, the diners and the sponsors who made this possible. A special thanks to the six restaurants who have participated every year since the beginning: Crook's Corner, Crossroads at the Carolina Inn, Il Palio at the Siena, Sal's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, Weathervane at Southern Seasons and Weaver Street Market Café, Carrboro. Please see the complete list of 115 participating restaurants and consider supporting them all year round!



IFC Needs

• Food Pantry Needs

Canned meats/tuna
Canned vegetables (hold off on corn and green beans for now)
Pasta and pasta sauce
Soup
Dried beans
Canned fruit
Rice
Peanut butter
Cereal
Grits/oatmeal packets
Paper bags with handles

• Personal Care Products

Toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss
Deodorant
Razors and shaving cream
Soap and shampoo
Lotion
Washcloths
Feminine products
Diapers

• Other Items

Blankets, washed (cold months)
Space heaters (cold months)
Box fans (warm months)

• Community Kitchen Needs

Cooking oils
Grits
Hot sauce (i.e., Texas Pete)
Ketchup
Margarine/butter
Salad dressing
Spices
Sugar

• Residential Facilities Needs

Bath towels/washclothes
Diapers--all sizes (HomeStart)
New socks
New underwear
Personal care products (see above)
Twin size sheets/pillowcases
Coats/hats/gloves (cold months)

• Volunteer Needs

More than 750 volunteers contribute 43,000 hours to IFC a year. Without them IFC would be unable to provide critical support for those in need. Our volunteer needs are updated regularly on the website. Please consider volunteering for IFC. Contact Karen Carr, IFC Volunteer Coordinator, at 919-929-6380, ext. 30 or through email at Volunteer@ifcmailbox.org.