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SECOND ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON AT YOUNG'S DAIRY

Saturday, August 13th through Sunday, August 21st



Please help us improve over last year when this event raised \$10,000 to support IHN's mission to help displaced families achieve sustainable independence. Individuals, couples, families and small groups (4 or fewer) can register and play for free, if they bring sponsor donations or pledges of \$200 or more. You can register prior to the first day of play in any of the following ways. Prizes will be awarded.

- Register on line at www.IHNofGreeneCo.org/.
- E-mail info@IHNofGreeneCo.org.
- Call IHN at 372-0705.

NEED AND EVIDENCE FOR SHELTERS FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES

There is an increasing need to provide emergency shelter, meals and hospitality in order to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence.

- According to COHHIO's 2009 Ohio Homelessness Report, in the state of Ohio on any given night, more than 12,000 people are homeless with more than 1,500 of those persons going unsheltered.
- According to a recent *Homeful** report, 857 people in Montgomery County spend each night homeless. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach 2009 Report, in Ohio the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$683.

To afford this level of rent and utilities—without paying more than 30% of income on housing—a household must earn \$27,326 annually, or \$13.14 per hour (assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year.) Ohio minimum wage is \$7.40. To afford FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 72 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. *Formally *The Other Place*, a Dayton-based organization serving homeless persons.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

All persons who have volunteered for IHN are invited to attend our volunteer-appreciation event on Sunday, July 31st, from 2:00 until 5:00 PM. We depend so much and have benefitted greatly from all of you who serve this mission. Please join us for fun and snacks at the Schneider House of Hope, 124 South Detroit Street in Xenia..

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The call for new IHN board members has been very well received. Joining us for the first time at our May 26th meeting were Nelson Grover and Jud Targett.



WATCH FOR THE COOKIE JARS



Cranberry Delights



Snicker Cookies



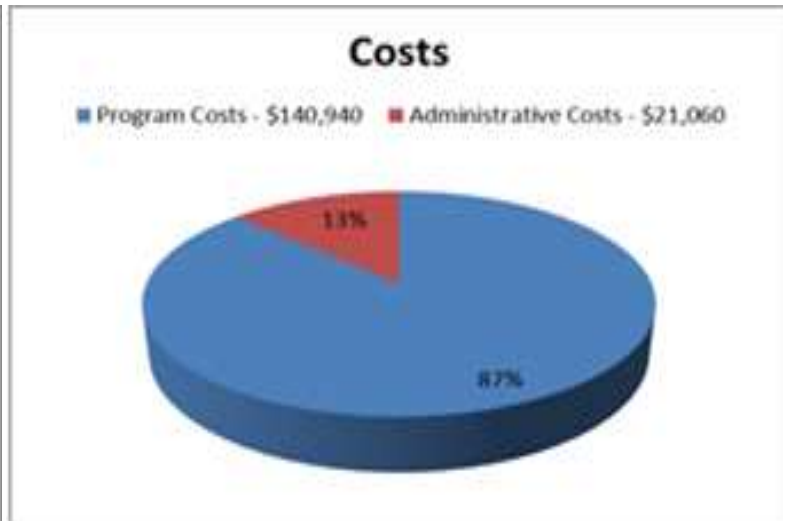
M& M Cookies

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) has learned that another non-profit organization, *Giving Every Season*, an affiliate of *Trade Palms*, plans to add *IHN* to its mission, in addition to continuing to support the Dayton Children's Medical Center. In August *Giving Every Season* will begin manufacturing Cookie Jars for sale during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Each one-quart mason jar contains all the dry ingredients needed to make a batch of cookies. Churches are invited to help us in this effort. All the ingredients and materials will be provided. Proceeds of the sale will go to both *IHN* and the Dayton Children's Medical Center.

IHN FUNDING SOURCES AND COSTS

IHN benefits from several funding sources in its support of displaced families. A Network of faith-based congregations in Greene and Montgomery Counties provides regular financial and volunteer support and participates in fund-raising events. Individual and corporate donations add to this assistance, as do foundation grants. Fund-raising activities include mail solicitation via regular newsletters, plus three annual events.

- The IHN Walk of Hope in March
- The Golf Marathon in May
- The Miniature Golf Marathon in August



Annual Operating Costs

ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED

We are in great need of adding churches to the IHN Network. The challenge of providing shelter, meals, hospitality and overnight hosting is currently being spread over too few churches. For the duration of 2011, IHN is without churches to cover meals and overnight hosting for 10 weeks. Please call Katrina Bailey 372-0705 to sign up your church or yourself to help out. We'd love to have you come in to visit our new center at 124 South Detroit Street.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON-LINE

As announced in the Winter-Spring newsletter, the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County is now able to accept donations via credit card on-line through our web site at ihnofgreeneco.org. By going to our web site and finding the link to on-line donations you will be able to donate to the IHN with any major credit cards including American Express Card. Your donations will be automatically recorded in our new *Giftworks* software. A letter of receipt and appreciation will be sent, which will enable you to document your tax-deductible donation. We hope this makes it easier for you to contribute to our cause. Thank you for your donations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We continue to need volunteers to help around the *Schneider House of Hope*. There are many tasks that can be completed such as stuffing envelopes, cleaning toys, cleaning rooms that have been vacated, getting them ready for the next occupants, overnight hosting, meal preparation and hosting, reading to the children, doing crafts with children, playing games, tutoring the children, etc. If you are available for one of these tasks, please call Katrina at 372-0705. She will be glad to add you to her list of volunteers and explain to you how and when you can help.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON UPDATE

We held our *ELEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON* on May 16 at the WGC Golf Course, 944 Country Club Drive in Xenia. For the most part, we had another cool day for golf!!!

We only had 22 golfers (our goal was 40) and all but one or two played 100 holes or more. A total of \$38,477 was pledged to help support our IHN guests. Numerous prizes were awarded for the most pledge raised, pledges over \$2,500, closest to the pin, and longest drive all day. We really appreciate the hard work of all of the players for this our largest fund-raising effort of the year. THANKS GUYS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!!!

Our *TWELVETH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON* is set for Monday, May 12, 2012, again at WGC Golf Course in Xenia. Keep watch for the announcements and mark your calendars now for this great day of fun, food and fund raising!!! We all need to work harder to recruit more golfers so please pitch in and help us find the golfers and sponsors!!

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSERY

As of June 27, 2011, we have been hosting our families in the new building, *The Schneider House of Hope*. As you may remember, we were only able to host 4 families, or 14 people, at one time when we were using the churches to provide overnight hosting. With these criteria, we were only able to host about 20 families a year. Now we are able to host 10 families or 25 people at one time including the one handicap-capable room. As a result, from June 27, 2010 to June 27, 2011, we have hosted 36 families consisting of 83 people. As we continue to improve our interviewing and intake process, we are expecting these figures to increase. This new facility has worked out very well and we are very pleased to be able to host our displaced families at the static site 24 hours a day 7 days a week. And we have had a lot of favorable comments from our hosted families.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County is a nonprofit interfaith ministry committed to uniting the religious community in Greene County to provide shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families. Our mission is to reach out as messengers of God, reflecting His unconditional love with compassion and acceptance, providing help, hope and a safe haven for our guests while they seek permanent employment and affordable housing.

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