Dear Friend:

Our staff members have been sharing stories about the deep impact your support over the holidays had on those we serve. Don’t ever underestimate how much your donations of gifts, food and time mean to our neighbors.

Thanks to you, we were able to provide gift cards to every resident and client served by our Homeless Services programs.
I hope you understand how empowering that is. While some cards no doubt went to pay for essentials, it is cheering to know that some clients were able to purchase something for themselves or family members. That feeling is a gift.

"I am grateful for the resources IW gave me. My case manager connected me to a vocational counselor, so I could have a resume and apply for jobs. She also helped me find a lawyer to process my green card. Today, I am working in a restaurant."

-- An IW Women’s Center Client

"How we help our neighbors in need reflects the spirit of our community. Helping others is our responsibility. Once you do it, you will realize how personally rewarding it is."

-- Mimi Beall, long-time IW volunteer and donor
We welcomed governmental leaders to our programs

Maryland Governor Wes Moore brought a team of volunteers to IW's programs at Progress Place in Silver Spring on the Martin Luther King Day of Service. They joined community leaders (including Councilmember Will Jawando and County Executive Marc Elrich, above), IW supporters, staff and board members. Learn more and see more photos from MLK Day here.

Montgomery County Councilmembers Kristin Mink (left) and Kate Stewart (right) toured programs at the IW Essential Needs Center in Rockville and volunteered at the IW Clothing Center. They also met with our staff to discuss community needs. Thank you for joining us!

Potomac Lifestyle Magazine published a feature story focusing on Interfaith Works' 50th anniversary and the impact of our programs. Read the story here.
“Now, I spend considerable time with our clients to understand why they loiter the streets, take drugs, or run away from home.”

A retired Montgomery County police officer, Scotty started as a volunteer at IW Progress Place before becoming a diversion specialist, where he meets an average of 11 clients a day.

“When I was in the police force, my job was to enforce the law.” Scotty shared that IW trained him to look deeper.
UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY  
JAN 24
10:30 AM - 9 PM

Eat Out, Do Good!  
IW Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Bibibop Grill, North Bethesda

Virtual Community Conversation  
Wellness & Self-Care, Part 2

THURSDAY  
JAN 26
7 - 8 PM

Virtual Community Conversation  
Wellness & Self-Care, Part 2

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

2 million

pounds of food distributed to families experiencing food insecurity since the Food Hub/Pantry program was launched

New Leaf, IW’s new low-barrier emergency shelter in Rockville, needs meal donations to feed 30 residents. You don’t have to cook - you can make a financial donation or order a meal. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Zachary Mauro at zmauro@iworksmc.org.

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