



Interfaith Hospitality Network

*"Many hardships and
struggling times made it
seem like it would take a
miracle to overcome, but
with your help, my miracle
did come."*

~Towana

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

A message from our President...

Dear Friends,

It has been my great privilege to have served as President of the Board of Directors of Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) this year. It has been a year of solid performance with some very exciting developments along the way.

IHN has remained faithful to its mission. IHN serves homeless families with children in collaboration with local faith communities and organizations. We are committed to the empowerment and long-term success of children and families, to serving each family with dignity and respect and to achieving results in helping families improve their lives. IHN welcomes the entire community, in all its diversity, to participate in the pursuit of safe, affordable housing for all.

IHN has continued the programs that are at the heart of the agency; the Shelter Program, the Housing Stabilization Program, the Second Chance Apartment Project and the Tenant Advocacy Group (TAG), homeless and formerly homeless people work together on educational and legislative activities related to homelessness and affordable housing. TAG had an incredible hard-earned success in their efforts to secure \$1M increase in the state budget for homeless services. They were tireless in their efforts. Their success and commitment is truly inspiring.

IHN began a new initiative to create 30 units of safe, affordable housing for our families. The Housing & Hope campaign is an innovative strategy that pairs affordable apartments with long-term support services for homeless families. We are on our way to raising \$4M to make this dream a reality. In fact, we have already raised over half of this total. I am proud to report that the Family Gift exceeds \$650,000.00. This commitment from our long term friends speaks volumes and confirms the strength of our shared commitment to making a real and lasting difference in our community.

Virginia M. Bartelt

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President, Board of Directors
Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Madison Area, Inc.



Our Mission

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2007 Program Statistics & Demographics

Services

25 families (50 children, 34 adults) stayed in shelter
The average length of stay in our shelter network was 72 days
23 families participated in the Housing Stabilization program
The Second Chance Apartment project housed 21 families in 18 apartments
42 mentors supported families in the Second Chance Apartment Project
20 community members participated in the Tenant Advocacy Group

Outcomes

70% of departing families found housing
84% of shelter graduates retained housing for 6 months or longer
93% of shelter graduates retained housing for over a year
6 families on our waiting list obtained housing with the help of IHN

Race

69% African American
13% Biracial
14% Caucasian
4% Latino

Family Composition

64% Single mother with children
36% Two-parent family

Income/Employment

15% of families had an employed adult at time of entry
70% of families had an employed adult at exit
20% of families participated in the W-2 program
15% of families received Social Security benefits

Residency

60% of families resided in Dane County prior to staying in the shelter network
15% of families resided elsewhere in Wisconsin prior to staying in the shelter network

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash | \$ 429,527 |
| Cash - Housing & Hope campaign | 106,298 |
| Accounts receivable | 22,686 |
| Unconditional promises to give | |
| Housing & Hope campaign | 836,733 |
| Other | 508,655 |
| Prepaid expenses | 15,067 |
| Property and equipment - net | 28,462 |
| Beneficial interest in assets held at Madison Community Foundation | 250,000 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,197,428 |

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

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|---|-----------------|
| Accounts payable | \$ 10,558 |
| Accrued payroll, taxes and vacation | 17,223 |
| Funds held for Second Chance Apartments | 14,207 |
| Forgivable loan | 7,000 |
| Total liabilities | \$48,988 |

Net Assets

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted | 1,136,188 |
| Temporarily Restricted | |
| Housing & Hope campaign | 999,602 |
| Other | 12,650 |
| Total net assets | 2,148,440 |

Total liabilities and net assets **\$ 2,197,428**

Interfaith Hospitality Network aims to maintain an unrestricted reserve equal to six months of operating costs, which consists of cash and a certificate of deposit. The reserve provides a source of funds for contingencies and for opportunities to invest in projects directly related to our program that may arise in the future.

Shelter Network

IHN shelters homeless families with children through a network of area churches and synagogues. Volunteers from these congregations provide overnight shelter, three meals per day and evening activities for the families. Daytime shelter and case management services are provided at the IHN office and day center. Families staying in shelter must work with a case manager to seek housing, employment and other community services and attend educational workshops. Transportation between locations is provided by IHN.

Kelisa and her children were living with friend in Madison, but the landlord was not happy about the extra tenants. Not only was it crowded having an extra family in a small apartment, but she was also jeopardizing her friend's housing by being there. Luckily, a spot became available in IHN's shelter after spending two weeks on the waiting list.



Once in shelter, Kelisa was able to take care of health issues and get vaccinations for herself and her children. Keneshia, age 5, was enrolled in school immediately. Although it was difficult to obtain employment while being 7 months pregnant and having Lee, age 1, by her side, Kelisa was hired after a month-long intensive job search. She was also compliant with the W-2 program and successfully completed the Second Chance Workshop.

Aleesa was born during the family's stay in shelter. Kelisa was amazed by the outpouring of support and gifts during this special time. Clothes, diapers, formula and even a crib were given to the family from various congregations and volunteers. This assured Aleesa would have the basic needs to start a happy and healthy life.

Results.....

Kelisa, Keneshia, Lee and Aleesa moved into subsidized housing in November 2007. Kelisa is still employed, Keneshia is doing well in school, and Lee and Aleesa attend a day care where they continue to reach their developmental milestones. The entire family continues to build on the progress made during their stay at IHN.

70% of our shelter families moved into stable housing

Housing Stabilization

Families who successfully move from shelter into housing may elect to continue working with IHN for up to a year. A case manager works with each family to develop and work toward goals, to address budgeting and credit repair issues, to maintain a positive relationship with the landlord and to seek additional skills and resources. Families also receive practical assistance such as transportation to appointments, bus tickets, personal hygiene items and household goods.

Gloria and her three-year old daughter, Destini, stayed in their car for a week before a space was opened up at IHN's shelter. Upon entering shelter, Gloria was unemployed, had no money and wasn't sure where to look for jobs or a place to live. While staying in shelter, she found a customer service job and Destini started daycare. With income in place, one of IHN's landlord contacts



met with her and decided he would rent her an apartment. She and Destini moved into a one bedroom apartment paying \$530 a month. Her plan was to stay at this apartment and develop a good housing reference until her name came to the top of the waiting list for subsidized housing.

Gloria decided to continue working with IHN in the Housing Stabilization Program. Her main goals were to get back into working in a hospital setting, maintaining her apartment, and obtaining subsidized housing. She continued to apply for hospital jobs while working a number of different jobs to pay the rent and her other bills.

Results.....

Over the course of the year she maintained her housing with the help of some rental assistance and was able to work on repairing her credit. After much hard work and determination, she got hired at a hospital as a patient scheduler in August. Destini is thriving and loves her daycare. They were approved for a two bedroom subsidized unit finally in February- one year after leaving shelter. Gloria and Destini have also increased their support systems and have become active members of a local church. Gloria continues to be involved with IHN as a speaker and hopes to continue to volunteer in other ways in the future.

93% of shelter graduates retained housing for over a year

Second Chance Apartment Project

The Second Chance Apartment Project creates affordable transitional housing through partnership with the YWCA of Madison and sponsoring organizations. A sponsor, most often a church or synagogue, assists a homeless family to reach stability by renting an apartment for them and providing mentors trained by IHN. Participating families are selected from the IHN and YWCA shelters and receive intensive services from the agencies for two years.

Seven years ago Muhammad had a good job as a W2 Outreach Specialist making \$32,000 per year. Not bad for a guy with a GED. Just when things were looking good for Muhammad and his girls he was diagnosed with Degenerative Disc Disease. The pain he was going through forced him to take some time off from work. While out on sick leave the department he was employed with was eliminated. He could no longer afford \$700 per month in rent and his family became homeless.



Muhammad and his two daughters stayed at the Salvation Army for a few weeks, until the staff noticed that only his children were eating. Out of concern for Muhammad's cultural and religious diet, they placed the family at the YWCA family shelter. While there, Muhammad applied for the Second Chance Apartment Project and met Dana, his new case manager at IHN. With this support, he was able to get counseling and support services for his family, advocate for appropriate training and support through the department of Vocational Rehabilitation and obtain reliable transportation. With this support he was convinced that he could go back to school and work towards a Bachelor's Degree. In his first semester he obtained a 3.0 g.p.a.

Results.....

Last fall, Muhammad and his daughters graduated from the Apartment Project and moved into their new apartment. Today, Muhammad and his daughters, Zaynab and Ruhqayyah, are doing well. He is in school, conducting seminars and serves on the board of directors at Interfaith Hospitality Network. To this day, he credits Dana, IHN, Christ Presbyterian Church – the sponsors of his apartment - and his mentors for the support and resources his family received that got them through every season.

Tenant Advocacy Group (TAG)

TAG is comprised of homeless and formerly homeless people that work together on educational and legislative activities related to homelessness and affordable housing. The group is organized by a graduate of our Shelter and Housing Stabilization programs.



Amy and her children stayed in the IHN shelter network in 2003. Amy was glad to know that there was some place that they could go, even though it was hard at first. They have been in housing for over 3 years now and Amy has been an active member of the Tenant Advocacy Group (TAG) for all this time.

Results.....

Amy was one of several members of TAG who worked hard, and successfully, to advocate for an addition of one million dollars to the Wisconsin State Budget. This increase was the first in over 15 years and was made possible by a concentrated advocacy effort, of which TAG was a major part. Amy wrote letters, made phone calls, attended meetings with TAG members and other advocates, and even spoke at public, telling her own story underlining the importance of homeless services. She says, "One of the most important things I have been able to do was to work on the budget to get more money to help homeless and low-income people in Wisconsin. It is something I will never forget, and a way to give back to the community."

TAG worked with other advocates to have \$1 million dollars added to the state budget for homeless services.

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our programs and successes possible.**

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We thank you for your time, generosity and care.

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Please join us for one of our Homes for Families Tours. During these short, powerful and informative tours of our center you will learn about family homelessness in our community and how The Road Home is working to help homeless families transform their lives. We invite you to meet our Executive Director, staff and board members and see our work first-hand.

This is NOT a fundraiser and it will only last 59 minutes (guaranteed!)

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