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IHN Faces Substantial Budget Shortfall with Stark Consequences

Since 1995, IHN/Schneider House of Hope has provided temporary shelter and other services to displaced children and their families in Greene County. While the need for such services is ever present, it is the unpleasant responsibility of the IHN Board of Directors to let our member churches, congregations, organizations, businesses and other shelter friends know of the difficult financial realities that we now face.

Unless IHN is able to increase its revenues to cover its tight operating budget, there is a real prospect that the House of Hope may be forced to cut back on its homeless shelter services in early 2018. Most of our expenses are fixed (e.g., food, hygiene, utilities, essential maintenance, office supplies, insurance) with staffing labor being the predominant discretionary expense. This is all the more problematic because we are operating close to "bare minimum" staffing and salary levels as it now stands. We already rely heavily on volunteer support (e.g., overnight hosting and dinners) to minimize the paid staffing needed with only three full-time and two part-time employees. Hence, if staffing positions or hours are reduced, we would need to rely on more volunteers to fill in any reduced staffing gaps since we must meet state and county requirements for oversight, reporting, safety, and security.

We began 2017 with a projected budget shortfall for the year of about \$60,000. Principally due to a few generous donations from individuals and some expense belt-tightening, we reduced that shortfall somewhat but anticipate a similar funding problem in 2018. IHN now receives its operating budget from the following primary sources (note: percentages shown are rounded projections):

- Individual, organizational, and other donations, including the Share the Love and the Labor of Love matching challenges (50%)
- Fundraising events such as the Golf Marathon, holiday cookie jar sales, Empty Bowl, and 5k Run/Walk, many of which are volunteer time-intensive to plan, administer, and carry out (35%)
- Church-sponsored donations (15%)

We do receive some grants. However, grants usually involve stipulations that monies be used for capital improvements or specific equipment purchases (bed frames, washer, dryer). Our existing grants are *not* a funding source for operating expenses, which we currently need.

The good news is that there is a solution and a reason for hope. We need to find more business, organizational, and individual sponsors willing to provide continuing (monthly, quarterly) donations to help sustain the House of Hope's operations. In light of our collective IHN congregations' roles in local communities and their levels of access and influence, church members are often in a unique position to recruit additional sponsors. Each \$5,000 donation sustains our shelter's operating expenses for one week. We ask for community-wide help! Please do what you can to continue the House of Hope's legacy into the future.

Sue Mortsolf, IHN Board President

IHN has served 33 Families year to date

IHN continues to validate the need in Greene County for temporary homeless shelter and care of children with families. We have already served 33 families in 2017. These families range in age from newborn children to one adult around 50 years of age. These families were comprised of 40 adults and 58 children between birth and 18 years of age.

We have taken 43 additional applications this year which includes 10 families on our wait list. These families either found other housing arrangements or went to Greene County Housing for shelter. These applications usually come in as a family is facing a pending eviction or loss of housing for some other reason and they call us ahead of time. When our house is full or the family needs to prove residency in Greene County, they must find a place to stay until we or Greene County Housing have room to provide them shelter.

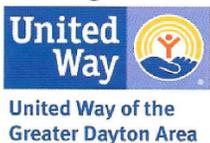
Our clients come from all walks of life and range in experience and need as well. We've had single parents who have lost their household income due to a break up in a relationship. We've had parents with a disability who lost a job in part due to that disability. Others have lost their source of sustainable income due to a work injury and yet another was out in the cold due to a fire. Thankfully, with the help of many individuals and businesses, IHN has been able to be there for these families and to assist them in securing housing while providing some seeds for future growth through classes, counsel and compassion. Thank you for your continued support.

Bill Mallernee, Executive Director

Christmas and a Little Bit More ...

Spread the Christmas cheer by giving generously to IHN and ensure its continuing services to our homeless children and families of Greene County. No gift is too small as our needs are great and continuing. Please consider IHN for holiday and other yearly donations. You can support IHN in a number of ways.

Designate IHN when Donating to United Way through Your Employer.



**IHN is United Way
approved.
IHN's CFC number is 65597.**



You can find us listed on the Office of Personnel Management's website (<https://cfcgiving.opm.gov>).

You too can donate.

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation.

OR

Click Donate-Now for a PayPal credit-card opportunity at our website:

www.ihnogreeneco.org.

OR

Shop at Kroger to participate in the Community Rewards program.

Current Needs

The pantry at IHN has need for the following items: napkins, Mr. Clean, liquid hand soap, paper plates, paper bowls, juices, Kool-Aid packets, baby wipes, fabric softener or sheets.

"Cookie Jars 4 Hope" Holiday Sale will benefit the House of Hope!



Those tasty cookie mix ingredients are back again ... thank goodness. The ingredients are attractively stacked in a mason jar with festive fabric. What could be more convenient for holiday gifts, last minute baking, or to keep on hand when the holiday treats disappear?

The jar contents are available in three delicious flavors, as described below:

- *Three Wishes* - A little something for everyone with M&M's, white chocolate and mini chocolate chips together in the same dough.
- *Cranberry Delight* - White chocolate chips, oatmeal and dried cranberries make an irresistible holiday treat.
- *Snickers* - A chocolate chip cookie with a hidden candy surprise.

To order your jars, or to sell at your church or business, please contact Brian, Alison, Alayna, Autumn, and Avery Allport by one of the following methods: Email: cookiejars4hope@gmail.com; Facebook: Cookie Jars 4 Hope; or phone/text: (937) 554-5983.

The Cookie Jars are \$10 each and all profits go to the Schneider House of Hope. Thanks are in order for these donors and volunteers: Meijer of Kettering, Meijer of Beavercreek, Sam's Club of Beavercreek, Target of Beavercreek, Beavercreek LDS, Aley United Methodist, and Hillside Chapel.

Desai Center: Renovation Update

We are progressing with the renovation of the inside of the Desai Center by insulating the walls and have installed a new furnace and AC unit. The new ductwork is complete and we are now expanding the conference room and laying new carpet there.

Next will be the changing of all of the lighting to LED lighting and, in April, providing the State of Ohio approves our CDBG Grant request, we will be installing new vinyl siding and rain gutters and down spouts on the outside of the building, and removing the current front porch and ramp and replacing it with new concrete and wrought iron railing. Grant approval is expected by April 2018. We are currently using the building for conferences and board meetings, plus some storage of supplies while the work goes on.

6th Annual 5K & Chocolate Treats Win the Day!



More than 100 participants in the IHN GOT CHOCOLATE?! RUN/WALK fundraising event which took place on Saturday morning, November 4, 2017 were offered special treats, to include hot chocolate provided by Coffee Hub and chocolate donuts provided by American Classic Donuts. IHN is also most appreciative of its race sponsors who helped make this event possible. Sponsors included Bigger Road Automotive, Collett Propane Inc., Dailey's Lawn & Landscaping, EPM Aerospace Advisors, Edward Jones - Mike Reed, Ernst Fluid Power Co., Inc., Jamestown Lions Club, Muffler Brothers, Queen of Apostles Community Church, Read Between the Wines Book Club, WBZI, Jenny and Timothy Kiggins, the Krakowiak Family, Barbara and Bob Mills, the Mortsof Family, Marilyn and Daniel Nagle, and Lori A. Riley. Also, we were thrilled to have the Chick-fil-A Cow in attendance and posing in photos, compliments of the Chick-fil-A Beavercreek restaurant.

Empty Bowl meant "full bowls" and Silent Auction Goodies for Many!

IHN's 2nd Annual Empty Bowl and Silent Auction fundraiser was held on October 6, 2017 in the Faith Community UMC community room in Xenia. We are grateful to the restaurants which were willing to donate their delicious soups for the evening. These included Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant, Archers Tavern of Kettering, Caddy's Tap House, Chantilly Cream Dessert Shop Cafe, Cherry House Cafe, Chili's, Christopher's, Chuy's, Ellie's at Mills Park Hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, Milano's Beavercreek, Nick's, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, One Bistro Xenia, Peach's Grill, Rooster's Xenia, T J Chumps, The Pub, and Trinity Community. In addition, bread sticks, dinner rolls, and biscuits were donated by Jet's Pizza, Nick's, and Tudor's Biscuit World.

A big thanks goes to the Xenia High School Ceramics Class and Grandpa's Pottery Barn for the lovely ceramic bowls donated by them. IHN is very grateful to Bruce Grimes of Yellow Springs and Decoy Art of Beavercreek and their volunteers who created the majority of the unique soup bowls at a minimum cost of their materials. WBZI donated radio advertising for IHN as well.

Moreover, we are indebted to the generous sponsors who provided financial donations. These included Bigger Road Automotive, Cardiologists of Greene County, Cassano's Pizza King, Jamie's Tire Service, Montgomery Insurance, Proactive Fitness, LLC, and Colin and Nancy Kowalski. Also, we need to recognize those who donated silent auction items, thereby adding to the evening's fundraising proceeds.

IN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

THANK YOU - IHN DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS - FOR SO MUCH!

Supporting IHN for 22 years



Helping IHN provide 60 - 90 days of safe temporary housing to homeless children and their families



Providing education, assistance, and access to resources to families in need



Sustaining successful family reentries into the mainstream of society



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