



# Spring Newsletter

## IHN of Greene County

APRIL 2018

### SAVE THE DATE:

- 09APRIL :Golf Marathon Kickoff Party
- 21MAY:Golf Marathon
- 12OCTOBER: Empty Bowl Dinner

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## Heartfelt Thanks!

The lead article in the November 2017 newsletter addressed IHN's pressing budget shortfall and a request for community contributions. On December 6th, this budget message was reiterated as a letter for the Opinion page of the *Xenia Daily Gazette* with Sue Mortsof, IHN board president, as the author.

As a result of the attention focused on the budget dilemma, thanks to many generous donors, over \$22,000 was raised over the holiday period. With operating expenses being about \$5,000 per week, this donation covered almost one month of needs. Moreover, this monetary infusion was a bright light at a time when

IHN was wondering where its next few months of operating funds were coming from. The IHN board has continued to meet to discuss new funding opportunities, through grants, fundraising events, greater community outreach and awareness, and the kind hearts of those who want to help.

But, now that a new year is underway, the reality is that there are still no easy answers or magic solutions. In the final analysis, IHN must compete with several other very worthwhile charities at a time when resources are tight. IHN will continue to do its best to serve our

homeless clients' needs within our limited resources.

To all those who have helped in the past, during the holiday period, and intend to do so in the future, the IHN board of trustees, staff, and resident clients are deeply grateful.

# 18th Annual Golf Marathon



We are now signing up golfers for our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual IHN Golf Marathon which will be held at the WGC Golf Course on May 21. We will start with registration at 6:00 AM and continental breakfast and hit the links at 6:30 AM. Free lunch provided at noon. Each golfer gets a cart. Prizes for everyone and great prizes for the winners. Kick-Off Party will be

held for all participants at WGC Golf Course April 9, 6:30 PM starting with a chipping contest with prizes and refreshments. Get your application in early as the number of golfers is limited!

To apply and for questions please call or text Don Schneider at 937-232-1806 or email at [dschneiale@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dschneiale@sbcglobal.net).

*“I don't know what I would have done if IHN was not there”*

## I Don't know what I would have done.....

Heather L.-- I am so grateful to Interfaith and their hospitality. I was in a place where my baby and I needed housing and they made a private accommodated room available. The staff there was kind and friendly and very helpful especially with my particular needs at the time. The classes they offered were informative and the food there was

great. I enjoyed and appreciated the people that came in and offered their time to bring and serve dinners. I don't know what I would have done if IHN was not there. I will always be grateful for the time that I stayed there; it was a necessary part of my journey at the time. Thank you to the entire wonderful staff

members for your time and dedication.

## Greene Giving - Noncash Donations

**Schneider House of Hope and Greene Giving.** The Greene County Community Foundation (referred to as Greene Giving) is a community foundation established to promote philanthropy and to support local nonprofits

within Greene County. Through Greene Giving, Schneider House of Hope now has the ability to **receive noncash donations such as appreciated stocks, property and certain other assets.** Not only does this type of

donation help us, donating appreciated stocks or other assets helps you avoid paying tax on the gain in value of the investments. Please contact us if you would like more information about this giving option.

# Highlighted Staff Member

Robbin has served the families of IHN for 14 years in March-Happy anniversary Robbin! If you average that out to 30 families per year that means Robbin has been a part of the lives of 420 families to whom she has helped provide care.

Robbin writes, "I was a single mom raising three children when I started at IHN I planned on working just long enough to get ahead. Then the first weekend I worked I met a family that I still see and talk with on a

regular basis and I am still here.

It is not always easy and there are times when I ask myself, 'Why am I doing this?' Then I have a client say, 'Miss Robbin, I love you' and give me a hug then I have to look up and say 'thank you' for that reminder. Very often I am reminded we are a shelter for children with families and the client children become like my own children.

I have also met some amazing people throughout the years. I have come to admire some of

the volunteers and many have become friends.

I enjoy so much seeing their faces and sharing the excitement with families when they get the news that they have their own home. I have been in a lot of their 'new' homes over the years and to see the joy and hear the testimonies of how IHN helped them reach many of their goals is the greatest reward of all."

*"IHN would like to thank Aley and it's members for their support of our mission to provide temporary safe, stable housing to displaced families in Greene County"*

# Highlighted Contributor

Aley United Methodist Church in Beavercreek, Ohio was instrumental in initiating the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County 25 years ago. Aley has been a supporting partner ever since. Aley is home to about 250 members and has embraced the mission of serving the homeless of Greene County. Aley's mem-

bers helped renovate the original hotel into the facility it is now. Aley's members have served on the Board of Directors, provided volunteers to teach classes and to develop fund raiser events. Aley's members provide meals and overnight hosts several times a year and can be counted on to fill in on an emergency basis when

needed. IHN would like to thank Aley and its members for their support of our mission to provide temporary safe, stable housing to displaced families in Greene County.

# Required Minimum Distribution

**Were you born before July 1948?** If you have a traditional IRA from which you are required to make an annual withdrawal (**Required Minimum Distribution, or RMD**), consider gifting all, or a portion of the withdrawal directly to the Schneider House of Hope. Along with the obvious benefit

to our clients, contributions made directly from your IRA to the Schneider House of Hope count toward your RMD but will not count toward your taxable income for 2018 giving you a tax benefit even if you will no longer itemize your deductions. Even small distributions will help us both.





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For over 20 years, IHN has served as a central hub for the local community, churches, and businesses to invest finances, resources and time in the shelter, care, and training of client families. IHN assists client families in achieving sustainable independence, through temporary housing, daily meals, and training on sustainable living. Through these efforts we are able to reach the children and adults in our community to build a better tomorrow.

We have a variety of opportunities for individuals, groups, and churches to get involved. We need volunteers to provide meals, hosting, job-skills training and much more. If you are interested in getting involved, or want to know more, please call 937-372-0705.

Interested in joining the Board or Trustees. Contact IHN at 937-372-0705.

Helping Greene County homeless children and their families work toward sustainable independence.

# UPCOMING events

## 9

APRIL

**GOLF MARATHON KICK OFF PARTY**  
Come out and celebrate with us! 18 Years of the golf marathon. We will be starting off with a chipping contest and a chance to win some amazing prizes. We will be going over the sign-up package reviewing the process of recruiting your own sponsors to help you reach your fundraising goals!

## 21

MAY

**18th ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON**  
We would love for you to be a part of IHN's biggest fundraiser! The object is to hit 100 holes of golf. Breakfast and registration will begin promptly at 6 and we hit the course at 6:30am.

## 12

OCT

**EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER**  
Come out and enjoy this fundraiser event. Not only will you be enjoying a wonderful bowl of soup from local restaurants but you get to keep your bowl! We will also be having a silent auction. It will be a good time had by all.

## TBA

To stay informed on all of our events coming up and happening make sure to check our events tab on our Facebook page and website!

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