



Fall Newsletter

IHN of Greene County

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SAVE THE DATE:

- **12 OCTOBER**
Empty Bowl Dinner
- **03 NOVEMBER**
5k Run/Walk

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Volunteer of the Year for 2017

On June 29th at our "Volunteer Appreciation" Fish Fry Jim Evans was awarded the title "2017 Volunteer of the Year."

Board President Sue Mortsof presented Jim and his wife Joyce with a plaque commemorating this honor and Jim's name was added to our wall plaque in the hallway at Schneider House.

Jim started serving IHN as a volunteer grant writer many years ago. He then became a Board member and served for four terms, the last two as Board President Before retiring from the Board about 7 years ago. Jim was also the editor of IHN's newsletter for many years. Jeremy Wofford has taken over

newsletter duties.

As in any situation behind a great man is a great woman and Joyce qualifies for that title. She and Jim served as overnight hosts and meal preparers every time their church, Epiphany Lutheran was on the calendar- and many times in between these scheduled weeks.

Although Jim had gone off of the Board a few years ago he had continued to serve as newsletter editor and volunteer grant writer up until this summer. Jim has written many grants to purchase items and make improvements at Schneider House most recently mattresses and dining room chairs were pur-

chased through a grant form Funds for the Homeless of the Dayton Foundation. Jim is handing the reigns of Grant



writing over to Stephanie Hines.

Thank you Jim and Joyce for sharing your servant heart with the clients, staff and Board of IHN for these many years.

Empty Bowl Event - 3rd Year

Our *Third Empty Bowl Dinner and Silent Auction* event promises to be a memorable evening with several unique aspects. Dinner guests will enjoy a variety of over 15 delicious soups generously donated by local businesses. Cherry House Cafe, Olive Garden and One Bistro, are just a few who have helped us in the past. The silent auction of over 30 items will include WSU basketball tickets, Cincinnati Dinner Train tickets, Ice Cream Basket, Dining Out basket, Entertainment Basket, and more to appeal to both adults and



children.

The Empty Bowl event will be held on Friday, October 12th from 5-8pm at the

Faith Community United Methodist Church, 100 Country Club Drive, Xenia, Ohio.

Although reservations are not needed, you may make a one by calling IHN at

937-372-0705. Tickets are \$25 per person (free for children 5 and under) and may be purchased at the door.

We hope that our community

will come out to support this important fundraising event. Your donation will help us provide our homeless children and their families with a temporary stable living environment. We receive no government funding and rely solely on local congregations, businesses, and individual support. Hope to see you there!!

We are also seeking sponsors for this event. If you would like more information, please call Sue Mortzolf at 937-477-2942.

Got Chocolate? 5k Run / Walk

Fall will soon be here and so will our Got Chocolate? Walk/Run on Saturday, November 3rd, at the Xenia Station Hub, 150 South Miami Avenue in Xenia. This year we will be having a Kids Fun Run, starting at 9:30 a.m., and a 5K/10K starting at 10:00 a.m. You can register the day of the event beginning at 8:00am. You can also register online at keysports.com up to the day of the event. Kids 10 and under are free with a paid adult (5K or 10K). Prices are \$25/5K, \$35/10K,

5K family rate (group of 4) \$75, 10K family rate \$105 until Monday, October 22nd.

We would also like to encourage all our participants to help us by doing a fundraising page.

You can do this automatically on the Key Sports website.

After the race, participants can enjoy a cup of Coffee Hub's delicious hot chocolate, American Classic's tasty chocolate donuts, and other chocolates. And the race winners will receive a chocolate medal!

Your contribution will go to help displaced families in Greene County. The House is in need of funds to help our children and their parents who are temporarily homeless for a number of reasons. Your vital support is needed to help us provide short-term shelter to these families, and to assist in finding a job and a place to live.

Check our website for more information. If you would like further information, you can call IHN at (937) 372-0705.



New Volunteer Grant Writer

With the retirement of Jim Evans as grant writer we are so thankful to introduce Stephanie Hines as a new volunteer grant writer.

Stephanie and her husband Jeff and Baily their puppy are Xenia residents. She was recently laid off as a scientist at a nonprofit re-

search and development company and she writes, "I am excited to do some volunteer work that my prior work schedule made difficult to do I enjoy yoga, working out at the Y, finding new recipes for family dinners on Sundays, and any and all things involving

Michigan State."

We are blessed that Stephanie was searching for a place to serve and use her gifts to help our community and came to IHN where we were in need of some assistance in the grant writing for the shelter.

Highlighted Contributor

Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek, as part of its community outreach ministry, became a supporting partner of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County following the Network's founding in 1995. Initially, following the national IHN model, Peace housed displaced families in the church providing accommodations and meals for one week approximately every three months on a rotating basis. Upon the donation of the Francis Inn in Xenia, a condemned hotel, Peace's

members assisted with the renovation of the facility that opened in 2010 as The Schneider House of Hope. The House of Hope now provides shelter, meals and hospitality, serving up to 26 persons at a time, in a permanent site 24 hours a day. Peace's members continue to support the Network by providing meals, overnight hosts and hospitality, teaching classes, assisting with fundraisers, providing members on the Board of Directors, transporting donated furniture to families

moving into new housing, and contributing to the Network's operating budget. IHN wishes to thank Peace and its members for their support of our mission to provide temporary safe, stable housing to displaced families in Greene County.



Camp Jabez Reviews are in!

With the help of Physicians Charitable Foundation of Miami Valley we have been able to send 16 campers to Camp Jabez to learn about God and leadership skills while enjoying the horseback riding, ropes course, paddle boats and lots of new friends at Camp Jabez. The following are testimonies from some of 2018 campers...

Austin (10) wrote, "My favorite thing to do was zip lining on the high ropes course"... "At Bible Study I learned how to get along with others and work together."

Several campers said learning to ride and care for horses particularly "Larry" was tops.

Destiny (8) wrote, "I learned that 'daddy long legs' are harm-

less."

Bailee (9) wrote, "I would like to thank Camp Jabez and IHN for inviting me to camp. I like it so much because they have horses and I learned more about Jesus."

Beautiful (5) wrote, "Riding horses, Eating popsicles and doing the zip line."

Auto Pilot

Is your giving on autopilot? We often think of 'autopilot' as something for airplanes (and now maybe for cars). But you can also put your **giving on autopilot** by setting up a monthly recurring contribution using a debit or credit card through PayPal (visit the 'donate now' tab of our website). Recurring contributions help us better

plan our income flow as well as reduce your use of checks, envelopes and stamps. Whether a one-time gift or a recurring gift, using PayPal is a safe and easy way to make a donation.

You can also put your support of the Schneider House of Hope on autopilot by selecting us as your charity of choice

through many available rewards and giving programs such as the Kroger Community Rewards program (search for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene Co), designating us before purchasing items through Amazon Smiles, or designating us through United Way and Combined Federal Campaign programs.





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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.

Golf Marathon Results

We had another great day at the golf course on May 21, 2018 with the IHN 18th Annual Golf Marathon at the WGC Golf Course in Xenia. While there were threats of rain, we had a dry course all day. There were only 22 golfers but they raised over \$52,000 to help keep the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County in the green. Great fun was had by all with good food and snacks all day long. Keep your eye peeled for our next golf marathon in May of 2019.

Volunteer Fish Fry



Thank you for a great Volunteer fish Fry!

About 45 volunteers gathered at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek to share a delicious meal of fresh walleye and bluegill and all the fixings. Don Henry and his sons Pat and Shawn provided and prepared the great tasting fish. It was a great evening of fellowship as well and it didn't seem a single person left the church hungry