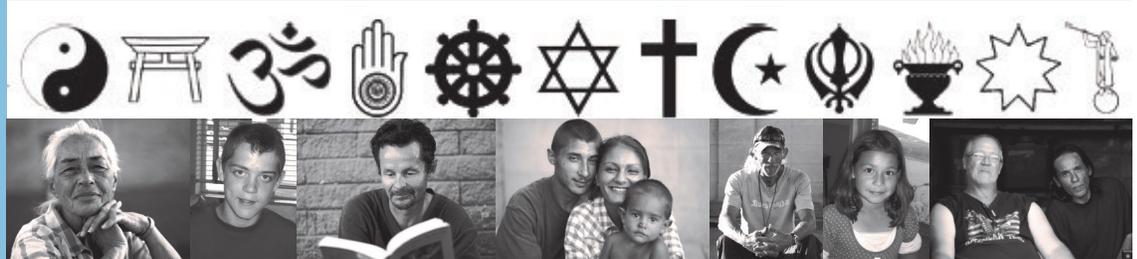


Interfaith Sanctuary

SERVING, SUPPORTING, AND ADVOCATING FOR HOMELESS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 2005



Energizing Minds Children's Program

You've likely heard about Interfaith Sanctuary's Energizing Minds Children's Program. It's a once-a-week program for children living at the shelter that is devoted to unhurried play and creative exploration. Reporter Katherine Jones covered the story in April in the Idaho Statesman. The following excerpts are from her article.

- ◆ "Children need to be given an opportunity to play and relax and explore their world without worrying," said Trudy Cressy, one of the founders of the all-volunteer program.
- ◆ "Play is a critical part of a child's brain development. We give them the opportunity to talk to us about being homeless," Cressy said.
- ◆ "Active listening to what they're going through. They have a desire to be normal, whatever that is," said volunteer Taunya Jones.
- ◆ "Their lives are not normal." Living in the shelter, children can't have sleepovers or have friends over. While Sanctuary has toys, there are none for the children to call their own. Families share rooms, so there's no place for solitude.
- ◆ One time, Cressy said, they read a book about children looking at shapes in the clouds. "I said, 'Have you ever done that?' One little girl said, 'Are you kidding? My life is too stressful to lay around looking at clouds.' (We are) just providing those opportunities to slow down and enjoy childhood. ..."



Energizing Minds Volunteers: Top Row: Lucy Hanson, Trudy Cressy (Program Volunteer Coordinator/ Sanctuary Board Member), David Boucher, Whitney Dowton, Phoenix Humes, Johnny Lucero. Bottom Row: Johnny Frix, Allie Beaker, Abbey Dermody.



New program plans for this fall include some special learning opportunities, highlighting taking care of yourself, personal hygiene, nutrition,

and physical activities. We are looking forward to connecting the children to resources within our community that encourage physical activities. We will be partnering with Boise Parks & Recreation so the children can utilize the Mobile Recreation Unit that is outfitted with balls, jump ropes, and other supplies for fitness, nutrition, art, drama, and dance activities.

NEW FOR ENERGIZING MINDS...

SCHOOL SUPPORT NIGHT

Starting in September we've added a "school support" night on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. This is a time that the children can get help with homework, have access to computers for research, and receive educational tools and tips to encourage success in school. Tutors will be on hand to assist the children when needed.

OUR MISSION

Interfaith Sanctuary is a collaboration of people of faith and people of conscience who have joined together to shelter and serve individuals experiencing homelessness. Sanctuary provides overnight shelter for men, women, and children, and provides supportive services that promote greater self-sufficiency, improved well-being, and permanent housing acquisition. We recognize the dignity of each person and therefore offer our services in an accepting and respectful manner.

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We'd love to hear from you!

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SANCTUARY COMMUNITY

Annual Luncheon Draws Together Community Friends

Nearly 100 donors, friends and partners of Interfaith Sanctuary joined together on May 9 for our annual Appreciation Luncheon. This year's luncheon celebration took place at Congregation Ahaveth Beth Israel, who graciously provided us with a beautiful space in their social hall. New to this year's program was a coffee meet and greet to allow guests to mingle while viewing the Energizing Minds art show, featuring art done by children staying at the shelter.

Another new feature of this year's event was a special awards presentation to recognize the many individuals who have made amazing contributions to Interfaith Sanctuary in 2011.

The program also featured Boise City Council Chairwoman MaryAnn Jordan, and a video of Sanctuary guests expressing their thanks to donors and supporters, produced by former news anchor, Ron Gardner. Thanks to Life's Kitchen, a partner of Interfaith Sanctuary who provides nutritious soup for our guests each weekday, for preparing the soup for the luncheon meal.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!

DONOR OF THE YEAR:

Drs. Ed and MaryAnn Reynolds, for their numerous years of fundamental and generous support.

FOUNDATION OF THE YEAR:

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation, for their ongoing support that helped fund our roof project in 2009, and the ongoing individual contributions of their many outstanding members.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Burr Boynton, for the profound impact of his dedicated commitment to the individuals served at Sanctuary.

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR:

Boise Universalist Unitarian Fellowship for supplying an unwavering weekly team of dedicated volunteers since Sanctuary's founding in 2005.



Did you know...

- ◆ Interfaith Sanctuary serves up to 160 men, women, and children each night, for a total of 56,000+ bed nights each year.
- ◆ Our shelter has been at capacity almost continuously since the beginning of the year. We are unable to serve nearly 50 individual men and women each month, who come to us seeking shelter.
- ◆ Families are a priority at Interfaith Sanctuary and are never turned away. When the bed spaces reserved for families are full, we are able to offer temporary hotel vouchers through a program we manage for the City of Boise, in conjunction with the Boise School District.
- ◆ Besides shelter, Interfaith Sanctuary offers a comprehensive Supportive Services program that is designed to promote greater well-being, self-sufficiency and ultimately permanent housing acquisition for our guests.
- ◆ Interfaith Sanctuary has opened an administrative and

development office in the Alaska Building in Downtown Boise, at 1020 W. Main St., Suite 100E. This provides us with increased outreach opportunities and greater public accessibility when the shelter is closed during the day. Our office hours are 10-6 Monday through Thursday, and Fridays by appointment.

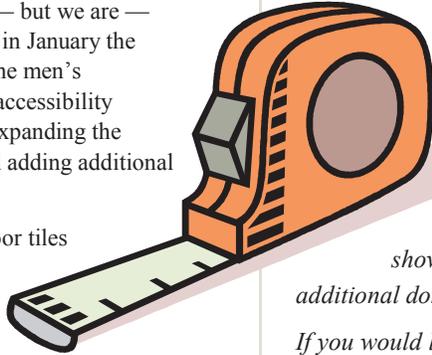
Shelter Construction Update

Some amazing upgrades have taken place this year at the shelter and more are planned for the near future.

It's hard to imagine that we can be so excited by new toilets — but we are — they're beautiful! Starting in January the shelter began to upgrade the men's restroom to current ADA accessibility standards. This included expanding the space for the restroom and adding additional toilets, urinals, and sinks.

The restroom's interior floor tiles and fixtures have been chosen for their high grade durability, guaranteeing a longer life-span for the overall renovation. Motion sensor lighting is another of the many innovative features of this renovation; providing illumination when someone enters the restroom and automatically turning off the light once the room is empty.

Besides the restroom, other new rooms were roughed in to house a future men's shower and a unisex restroom. Perimeter walls and future



More Financial Help is Needed...

...to finish the men's showers and a unisex restroom. These improvements also include supplying water lines, a hot water heater, storage tank, and recirculating pump. Costs are estimated at approximately \$25,000 to complete the project.

We've received our first donation to help complete the men's showers, from Drs. MaryAnn and Ed Reynolds. We are actively seeking additional donations to finish this critical project.

If you would like to know more about this renovation or other future renovation plans, and how you can contribute, please contact Share Maack, Development Director at 343-4160. We would be happy to give you a tour of the recent renovations and outline our future plans for you.

plumbing lines were established and will be completed once funds are raised to finish the project. The cost of the upgrades to the men's restroom and perimeter walling was approximately \$75,000. Donations from a City of Boise Community Development Block Grant, the Angels Among Us Foundation and the First United Methodist Church's dedicated concert, along with individual donors, helped complete these upgrades.

THANKS FOR HELPING INTERFAITH SANCTUARY BEAT THE HEAT!

Donors who contributed during the Beat the Heat Campaign:

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| Peggy Hoffman | Charlotte and George |
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What a Summer! With 100-degree temperatures for days on end! Just imagine what that was like for our shelter guests, many of whom experienced this heat with no access to air conditioning. Their reprieve was arriving at Sanctuary's air conditioned shelter each evening.

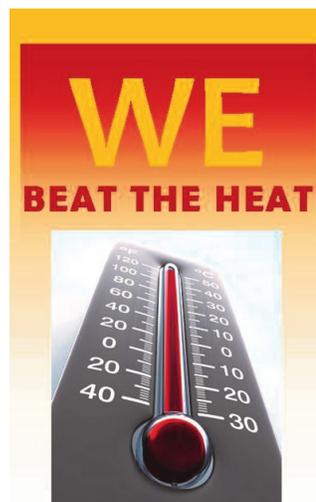
But just as our shelter costs spiked for increased cooling and water usage, donations plummeted, as they typically do in the summer. That's why we launched our first-ever *Beat the Heat* campaign.

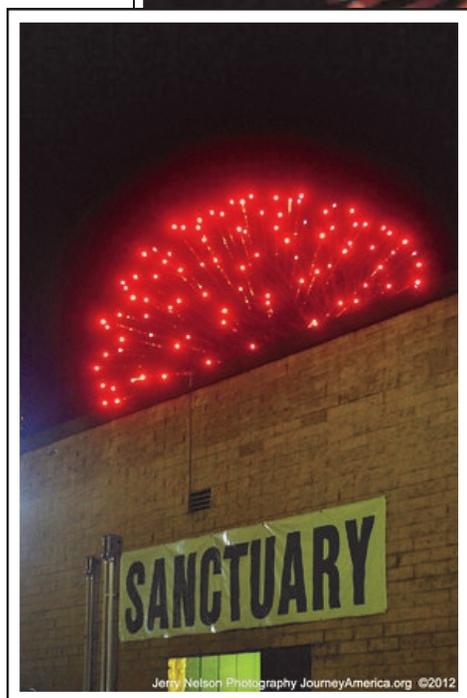
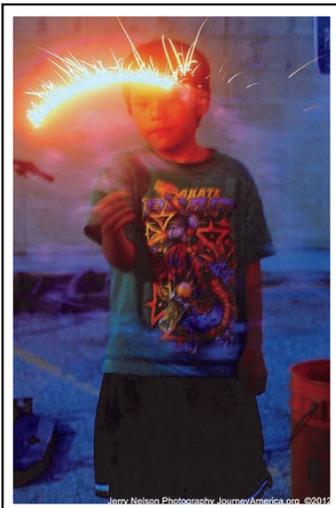
The goal of the campaign was two-fold: to increase our cash donations to pay for our utility costs, and to solicit items that would help our guests be more comfortable in the outdoor heat (e.g., sunscreen, hats, bottled

water). As an added bonus, the campaign helped shelter guests increase their awareness about summer heat and safety issues related to heat exhaustion.

The campaign was also an exciting opportunity for Interfaith Sanctuary to develop new radio and media partnerships. We are appreciative of the coverage provided by Channel 7 and the Idaho Statesman. Radio Boise, Boise's new community radio station, 89.9FM and Salt and Light Radio 1140AM ran *Beat the Heat* PSAs seeking cash and in-kind support.

Thanks to the many donors, groups and families who responded with both cash donations and hats, sunscreen and water for all. You truly helped our shelter guests to Beat the Heat during the sizzling summer of 2012.





FOURTH OF JULY AT SANCTUARY

A special night at the shelter...

Nationally known photojournalist Jerry Nelson visited Interfaith Sanctuary on the 4th of July. His photos captured a very special night at the shelter, as our guests enjoyed the firework display. Not to mention our location on River Street gave everyone a front row seat!

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!

We appreciate and need donations to continue to provide shelter and supportive services for men, women and children experiencing homelessness in our community. Now is a great time to make your tax-deductible donation before the end of the year. Interfaith Sanctuary receives only 10% of its funding from federal and local government. Most of our funding comes from individuals like you who believe in our work and believe in the hope of a better life for all members of our community.

- ✓ We have included a return envelope to make your giving easier.
- ✓ You can also make credit card donations on line, through our partnership with Network for Good, by visiting our website at www.interfaithsanctuary.org and clicking the “donate” link on our home page.

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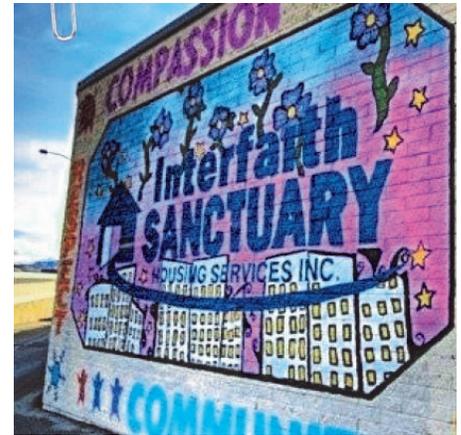
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

St. Joseph’s Catholic School

Shelter tours are a great way to engage with Interfaith Sanctuary. We offer tours to school groups, service organizations, local faith-based organizations, and business groups, as well as our donors. Tours provide an opportunity to learn about homelessness in our community, and often inspire groups to become involved through making donations and volunteering.

This was the case with a group of 7th graders from St. Joe’s School who took a shelter tour with Executive Director, Jayne Sorrels. Jayne said she tried to think like a 7th grader in planning for this group’s tour and shared information that she felt would be of interest (e.g., where do you put your belongings, how do you get to school, what do you do during the daytime?)

Jayne could see that these students were fully engaged in the tour. There were some great questions along the way and it seemed that seeds were planted for future work or service. That was the same conclusion reached by the advisors who accompanied the group. At the end of the tour, one of the advisors, Stephanie Worrell, co-owner of a local business, Red Sky Public Relations, challenged all of the students to either make some type of donation (such as peanut butter and jelly or a financial contribution) or come in to do some volunteer service at the shelter. In turn, her business would make a \$500 contribution – however, only if ALL of the students made a contribution. As you can imagine, the response was a resounding - ‘Yes!’



Would your group like to tour the shelter? To schedule a tour, please call the development office at 343-4160. Tours are usually offered between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

FOUNDATION AWARDS FROM LOCAL FUNDERS



Interfaith Sanctuary has received recent notable local foundation support. **The Camille Beckman Foundation**, a Treasure Valley based business, donated \$10,000 for general operating support.

We are also very appreciative of a gift from the **Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation** of \$50,000 for general operating support and shelter renovation.

Finally, Robert Aravich, US Bank, presented a \$1,500 check from the **US Bancorp Foundation** to Interfaith Sanctuary for our Beyond Shelter program to help families with children receive the supportive services necessary to move from life in an emergency shelter to permanent housing. We are thankful to all of these foundations for their support of Interfaith Sanctuary.

Interfaith Sanctuary’s Supportive Services Director, Abel Grimaldo, and Executive Director Jayne Sorrels receive a check from Robert Aravich, representing the US Bancorp Foundation.

▶ CHECK OUT OUR NEW VIDEO, “AT THE END OF THE DAY,” ON YOUTUBE!

Visit us at: www.youtube.com/user/InterFaithSanctuary



Interfaith Sanctuary T-shirts...

Get yours before they're all gone!



Have you seen the new Interfaith Sanctuary T-shirts? Thanks to our models Ed Keener (Board President) and Martha Keener, for wearing them proudly and demonstrating the attractiveness of these t-shirts. The front side is a beautiful photo of the mural that can be seen on the freeway side of the shelter. The back side tells everyone what Interfaith Sanctuary is all about – “serving, supporting and advocating for homeless members of our community since 2005”. These t-shirts are available for \$15, while they last. Help us spread the message of Interfaith Sanctuary with your purchase of one of these striking t-shirts. To get yours, give us a call at 343-4160.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Interfaith Sanctuary



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic – Saturday October 13

All Interfaith Sanctuary community volunteers and their family members are invited to our annual volunteer appreciation picnic, on Saturday October 13, from 11:30am-2:00pm. This year's event will feature a catered Bar-B-Que luncheon at Ann Morrison Park, in the Old Timers Shelter located in the southeast corner of the park. Ample parking is available adjacent to the pavilion. This is an opportunity to come and meet other volunteers, share your experiences, and celebrate all of the wonderful work done by volunteers at the shelter. We couldn't run the shelter without your help – so we hope you will join us so we can say thanks for all you do!

Xtreme Holiday Xtravaganza Dates Set

Watch for ticket info on our website for Interfaith Sanctuary's annual fundraiser, the Xtreme Holiday Xtravaganza with Curtis Stigers and friends. The dates of this year's event, at the Egyptian Theatre in Downtown Boise, are Dec. 16 and 17. Ticket info should be released around mid-November.

LARGE Ticket Items Needed For Auction

Besides the phenomenal music at Interfaith Sanctuary's annual fundraiser, the Xtreme Holiday Xtravaganza, the event also includes an incredible silent auction. We are seeking more large ticket items for the event.

Do you or someone you know have a Sun Valley, Maui or Yellowstone condo that could be offered as an auction item? How about a hot air balloon ride, a horseback trip, a cruise, or some other adventure experience?

If you have an auction item to offer, please call Interfaith Sanctuary's Development Director, Share Maack at 343-4160. We'll be gathering items starting now through November 30. This is Interfaith Sanctuary's only fundraiser for the year, so your help is needed and appreciated!

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