

*After you have harnessed the dusk...
 ... you will rejoice in the blessing
 of dawn”*



SUCCESS stories . . .

*“I thought I was alone in the world ...I have
 friends now . . . my children even have
 godparents!” (Mother of 3)*

*“I remember coming in that first night, I felt
 warm, secure. . . . I found their love for me
 when I had lost mine.” (Father of 1)*

*“It was remarkable! They treated us like we
 were in their own homes. They even put the
 children to bed. . . If it wasn’t for IHN, I’d
 probably be lost.” (Mother of 2)*



Host Congregations

- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Highlands Presbyterian Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Trinity United Methodist Church
- United Church of Gainesville
- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Support Congregations

- Archer United Methodist Church
- B’nai Israel
- Emmanuel Mennonite Church
- Fellowship With Christ Church
- First Church of the Nazarene
- Flemington Baptist
- Greater Bethel AME
- Holy Faith Catholic Church
- Johnson Chapel
- Kanapaha Presbyterian Church
- Lubavitch Jewish Center
- Methodist Student Center
- Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
- Northwest Baptist Church
- Presbyterian Student Center
- P’nai Or Jewish Renewal
- Queen of Peace Catholic Church
- Sweetwater Unitarian Universalists
- The Seraphim Center
- University Evangelical Lutheran Church
- The Vineyard

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- The City of Gainesville Community Development Block Grant
- The State of Florida Homeless Challenge Grant
- The Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Grant Program
- The Gainesville Crescent Foundation
- The Gloria Dei Foundation
- The Nationwide Foundation
- The New York Times Foundation

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Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Gainesville

*Helping Our Neighbors
 in Need*



*A Community Response for
 Homeless Families*

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Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)



The Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry has estimated that there are more than 1000 homeless individuals in the Gainesville area each day. The number of homeless families with children is staggering and represents the fastest growing segment of the homeless population

Why are so many people homeless right here in our community?

- Affordable housing is extremely limited
- Wages are not increasing at the same rate as the cost of living
- Unexpected events occur, such as loss of jobs, illness, divorce



But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. Go thou and do likewise

~Luke 10:33, 34, 37~

IHN believes no family should have to spend the night on the streets. IHN unites and coordinates the collaborative efforts of **volunteers** from all faiths to house, feed, and transport homeless families. The families are housed in area houses of worship.

Staff members of IHN oversee this network and also provide comprehensive case management, including counseling as well as assistance in locating affordable housing, jobs, day care and school placement for the children.

The goal is to equip families with the knowledge and resources they need to live independently, ... off the streets and in a home of their own.

EMBRACE SOLUTIONS

- Encourage your church or synagogue to become a host or support host
- Volunteer your time
- Provide employment opportunities
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Donate items on the IHN “Wish List”
- Make financial contributions



**Be a Part of the Solution
..... We Need You**

I Would Like to Help

... **Discuss** how my church or synagogue can become a part of IHN_____.

... **Contribute** to **success!** Support IHN and achieve solutions for homeless families with children:

\$1000.00 per year____(3 year commitment)

One-time gift...

\$1000.00____ \$ 500.00____

\$ 100.00____ \$ 25.00____

other_____

(check payable to IHN included____)

(please send an invoice to me____)

... **Participate** in:

Annual Golf/Walk fundraiser_____

... **Volunteer** to provide:

Transportation_____

Evening or overnight supervision_____

... **Donate** items on the Wish List

... I would like to **help**, but don't know how, please call me_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone Number:_____

Email:_____

Is not this the fast that I choose? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Isaiah 58:6