



Interfaith
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County

Interfaith Hospitality Network



The mission of Interfaith Hospitality Network is to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence.

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SAVE THE DATE !!
The Beach Blizzard returns Saturday, February 2nd at the Billings Depot

CARDBOARD BOX CITY—October 6th!

Would you give up your bed tonight if doing so could change a child's life? What if it could change yours? Participate in the fifth annual IHN Cardboard Box City and you will gain a new appreciation for a good night's sleep.

Similar to a walk-a-thon, participants in Cardboard Box City raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges and contributions, and then sleep overnight in a cardboard box "home" as a resident of Cardboard Box City. This is a great opportunity to dramatically educate young people and the community about the realities of homelessness. All proceeds from the event will go towards helping IHN families rebuild their lives and move into permanent housing.

There will be prizes, fun activities, entertainment, and food for participants.

So grab your box, decorate it, and get ready for 2012 Cardboard Box City, Saturday, October 6, through Sunday October 7, on the grounds of Rocky Mountain College. It is open to all: families, adults, and children, as well as scouting troops, church youth groups and other service organizations.

Children under 18 need to be accompanied by an parent or youth leader if staying overnight. Call IHN, 294-7432, for more information, or visit IHN online at www.billingsihn.org to download registration forms.



- Participants supply and decorate their own dwellings
- Dwellings must be cardboard boxes
- Participants collect pledges
- Prizes awarded for top fundraisers and most creative boxes
- Funds raised support IHN's efforts to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence
- Register on page 3!

Spread the word!

HOMeward, the IHN newsletter, is online at www.BillingsIHN.org, on Facebook and available as a PDF file to send to your friends. Send us an email if you would like a copy! Adela@billingsihn.org

A VOLUNTEER'S APPRECIATION Betty Jo Furstenberg, IHN Volunteer



Thanks to all of you who helped with IHN in June. We had three moms and seven children, ages one through twelve. None of these families had been IHN guests before, so it was an exciting week. They all loved Atonement and one mom said, "I don't want to leave. Can't I stay with this church?" Atonement is grateful that we can share a certain portion of the lives of those trying so hard to improve themselves.

We also had a first birthday party for our youngest guest. She laughed and laughed as she ate her cake and ice cream. Many thanks to all who helped.

VOLUNTEERS

Grants support IHN Education Project

DID YOU KNOW?

- The average number of IHN volunteers per week: 55
- The average number of total volunteer hours per week. 331
- The average number of hours a volunteer works during a weekly rotation: 7 hours.
- The average weekly amount spent for meals for families: \$490
- The average amount each congregation expends per week for additional food and supplies : \$100
- The total value of helping families in need of food and shelter: priceless

Generational poverty has much to do with lack of educational achievement—it is a culture that does not usually value learning or education. For many children living in poverty, doing poorly in school becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Overcrowded classrooms and lack of parental support at home result in children falling behind in school. It is only a matter of time before children lose interest in school and learning in general. It is sad that school becomes associated with personal failure, rather than the place where they can develop their potential.

This is particularly true of IHN children who do not speak up for themselves, and have no one to advocate for them. Interfaith Hospitality Network is developing an Education Project of one-on-one support and advocacy so children get the encour-

agement and positive attention they need before they become estranged from school.



With individualized help, encouragement, academic support, rewards, and acknowledgment of their capabilities, IHN can help change the paradigm, so that schools become a place where kids feel good about themselves and take pride in their accomplishments. We will also work with parents, so they see their children as capable students. Parents bask in their children’s accomplishments and this project will create opportunities for IHN parents to not only get more involved in their children’s school progress, but feel proud of

themselves as parents. Our goals are:

- prepare preschool-aged children for school,
- support school-aged children to be successful in school,
- increase reading, reading ability, and reading enjoyment for IHN children,
- teach and support parents how to encourage and support their own children to learn and be successful in school.

We would like to thank the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, the Muryl & Lu Myhre Foundation, and the Michael & Karen Fried Community Education Fund for supporting this new and worthwhile project.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor or wish to donate to the program please call 294-7432.

IHN CONGREGATION ROTATION SCHEDULE

<u>August</u>	19-25	Faith Evangelical	Oct. 28-Nov. 3	Good Shepherd/Beth Aaron/ St. Patrick’s	
	Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Atonement Lutheran			
<u>September</u>	2-8	American Lutheran	<u>November</u>	4-10	Faith Evangelical
	9-15	King of Glory/ Grace United Methodist		11-17	First Presbyterian/St. Thomas/ St. Stephens
	16-22	Mayflower		18-24	Atonement Lutheran
	23-29	Peace Lutheran/Messiah/ Bethlehem/Emmanuel	Nov. 25-Dec. 1		American Lutheran
	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Hope United Methodist	<u>December</u>	2-8	King of Glory/ Grace United Methodist
<u>October</u>	7-13	St. Pius/Holy Rosary		9-15	Mayflower
	14-20	First Congregational/ First United Methodist		16-22	Peace Lutheran/Messiah/ Bethlehem/Emmanuel
	21-27	St. Bernard’s		23-29	Hope United Methodist
			Dec. 30- Jan. 5		St Pius/Holy Rosary



Individual Registration Form
Cardboard Box City Saturday, October 6, 2012
Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT.

Registration is due: Monday, October 1, 2012

Please use a separate registration form for each person

Thank you to our sponsors!



Name: _____

Age (if under18): ____ Chaperone/responsible adult _____

One adult chaperone for every five youth under the age of 18.
Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent.

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- A \$25 minimum contribution is requested with a goal of \$100 in pledges per person.
- Registration Forms are due Monday, October 1, 2012.
- Send Registration forms to: IHN, 40 10th Street West, Billings, MT 59102
- Group registration forms may be given to your youth leader.

All pledges are due at the event, October 6, 2012

Please make checks payable to IHN of Yellowstone County and note "CBC" in the memo line.

I give permission for Interfaith Hospitality Network to use photos and/or electronic recordings of me and/or my children to publicize IHN's programs.

Parent/Guardian (please sign)

I am unable to participate but want to help with a donation of \$ _____
For more information go www.billingsihn.org, or call 294-7432

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Arrival & Setup: Saturday, October 6, 2012, 3pm-6pm
Rocky Mountain College (use 17th Street entrance)

Bring: your own box (large enough to sleep in), sleeping bag and pillow, board games, water bottle, books and flashlight

Do Not Bring: balloons, straw, paint, alcoholic beverages, candles, electronic devices, or pets

Meals: There will be a soup line dinner and entertainment/activities Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning.

Takedown: Sunday, October 7, 2012, 7am-9am
Participants must clean up their area by 9am, Sunday. Recycle bins will be available. Let's keep the RMC campus beautiful.



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Who We Are: Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a community of 24 Billings religious congregations and over 1800 volunteers that put their faith into action to provide meals, shelter, and a safe, non-judgmental environment for families experiencing homelessness. Our congregation hosts take turns on a weekly rotating basis providing hospitality and basic needs to our homeless guests.

Memorials/Honors

Donor names in italics

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