



INTERFAITH  
Family  
Shelter

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# Summer 2022 Newsletter

Uniting in service to families,  
with children, facing homelessness

## From Our Executive Director:

Dear Friends of Interfaith,

On entering into a purchase-and-sale agreement with Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Archdiocese of Seattle, it was daunting to consider raising \$1.6 million by November 2022. But now, four months until our deadline, I am thrilled that we are less than \$200,000 away from our dream of owning the Family Shelter.



The Parish has been a wonderful partner in our mission for the past 22 years, but this purchase will give our shelter a stable and secure future, and ensure that we can continue serving families in our community. This purchase also facilitates the recommitment of many long-standing donors and friends of Interfaith.

I am so thankful for the generous gifts we have received from individuals, foundations, corporations and government agencies—and especially the \$800,000 grant from the Washington State Legislature. **Representatives Emily Wicks** and **Mike Sells** and **Senator June Robinson** were instrumental in shepherding this request through the Capital Budget process—a move that significantly advances us toward completing this purchase.

Our community has also provided vital support, and especially faith group partners through direct gifts, and valuable opportunities to share our work with congregations. Individual donors have also stepped up to support this campaign with generous gifts. We're almost there—with your help we will reach our goal!

Sincerely,

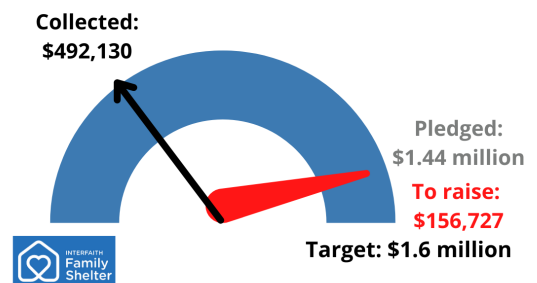
**Executive Director**

## FORTIFYING FAMILIES' FUTURES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are excited to announce that we are within striking distance of the \$1.6 million target for the capital campaign to purchase the **Family Shelter!**

As of mid-July:

Number of donors: 95



It's not too late to make a gift and secure the future of the Family Shelter.

Please visit  
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Since Nov 2021, the Capital Campaign has:



**Collected**  
\$492,130



**Been pledged**  
\$1,443,223



**Still to raise**  
\$156,727

# Partner Spotlight: Keeping Families Housed

As the Interfaith Family Shelter continues to expand and evolve its programs in order to help even more families overcome homelessness, we are always grateful for support from valued community partners like **Columbia Bank**.

In April 2022, Interfaith applied for a Warm Homes grant. The program supports affordable housing options for residents across the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. A few weeks later, we learned that Interfaith was one of only four recipients – and the *only* WA-based nonprofit organization – selected to receive \$25,000 to support two of our programs.



"We are honored to partner with these critically important organizations to help pave a path to safe, affordable housing for our neighbors experiencing homelessness," says David Moore Devine, Columbia's executive Vice President and Chief Marketing and Experience officer. "Each of these organizations brings tremendous creativity and heart to one of our region's greatest challenges."

Columbia's Warm Homes provides funding for transitional or permanent affordable housing solutions. These solutions are complemented by additional programs and services targeted at lifting low income or underserved families and individuals out of the cycle of homelessness.

At Interfaith, this gift will support the **Homeless Prevention Program** and our brand-new upcoming scattered site shelter at **1010 Casino Road**. Together, both these programs provide efficient, effective, and sustainable pathways for families to rebuild their lives and futures.

We are deeply grateful to Columbia Bank for this vital support to help Interfaith continue serving families in our community.

## Thank You to our Valued Community Partners!

The Interfaith Family Shelter is truly grateful for the vital support provided by these community partners in recent months:

*Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

*Puget Sound Foundation*

*Whitehorse Foundation*

*Columbia Bank*

*Elegant Details*

*Kendall Subaru of Marysville*

*COR Church*

*KLB Construction*

*Cedar Cross United Methodist Church*

*Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

*Soroptimist International of Marysville*

*Soroptimist International of Everett*

*The Farm Ministries*

*Knights of Columbus*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Swan's Trail*

*The Libby & Chuck Atkinson Fund for Interfaith*

*Trinity Episcopal Church*

*First Baptist Church (Lake Stevens)*

*Schmidt Family Chiropractic, PLLC*

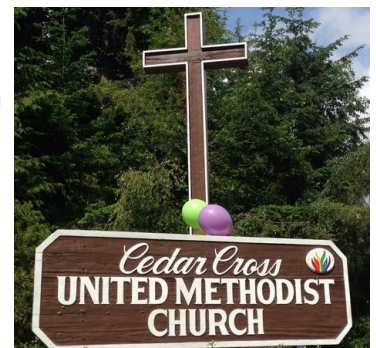
*Marysville United Methodist Church*

## Donor Spotlight: Cedar Cross United Methodist Church

A warm and heartfelt thank-you to our friends and supporters at Cedar Cross UMC for a very generous gift of **\$18,000** toward Interfaith's on-going Capital Campaign! This amazing support brings us ever closer to our fundraising goal.

Pastor **Jim Clarke** and longtime Interfaith supporter **Pat Olafson** were instrumental in facilitating this effort.

"During the pandemic, churches have been challenged by meeting remotely," says Olafson. "The Family Shelter Capital Campaign was an opportunity to revive and expand our congregation's charitable focus and giving. It has been an opportunity to encourage us to reach outside our doors (and ourselves) to help others in our community in a larger way. This call to give benefits Family Shelter clients, as well as Cedar Cross UMC donors." From the bottom of our heart, thank you!



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