



INTERFAITH
Family
Shelter

Winter 2023 Newsletter

Uniting in service to families,
with children, facing homelessness

December 2023

From Our Executive Director:

Dear Friends of Interfaith,

The dark dreary days of November remind me of why we work so hard to create warm, dry, and cozy spaces for families with children who experience homelessness. And this November, I am excited at the opportunity to help provide **eight more families** with a warm and safe refuge at our newest shelter program, **Faith Family Village**.



This partnership with Faith Food Bank, Faith Lutheran Church, and the City of Everett is finally ready to receive families, and move them from the streets into shelter... and eventually into permanent housing.

This is also the season of reflection and giving thanks. Today, I give thanks for all the wonderful staff at the Interfaith Family Shelter. This includes our staff at the Administrative Office, at all our Scattered Sites, those who work in the Homeless Prevention program, as well as the folks at our primary Family Shelter. They are on the frontlines, helping us achieve our mission!

My thanks extend to the many diverse community members who are motivated to donate their time and talent as volunteers for our programs. Each program is better because of your help. I especially want to thank the many donors who have made our Annual Fund Drive and our annual Families Together fundraising event a success. We just could not do it without you.

All of you make the real magic happen for the families experiencing homelessness in our community.

Executive Director

Your Year-End Gift can transform a family's life!

The year is drawing to an end, and this is the perfect time to plan your end-of-year gift that will have a real impact—like positively transforming a family's life.

As the **2023 Annual Fund Campaign** comes to a close, we are a few thousand dollars shy of the **\$100,000** target.



In addition to that warm fuzzy feeling that comes with helping a fellow human being, end-of-year gifts can also provide donors with financial and tax benefits.

Every gift to the Interfaith Family Shelter helps families overcome homelessness by supporting our expanding and successful shelter programs. Become part of the solution to family homelessness and make your year-end gift today!

Learn more about all our shelter programs and support Interfaith with a gift or in-kind donation.

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Our newest program: **FAITH FAMILY VILLAGE**

21
Family shelter units
(Current capacity)



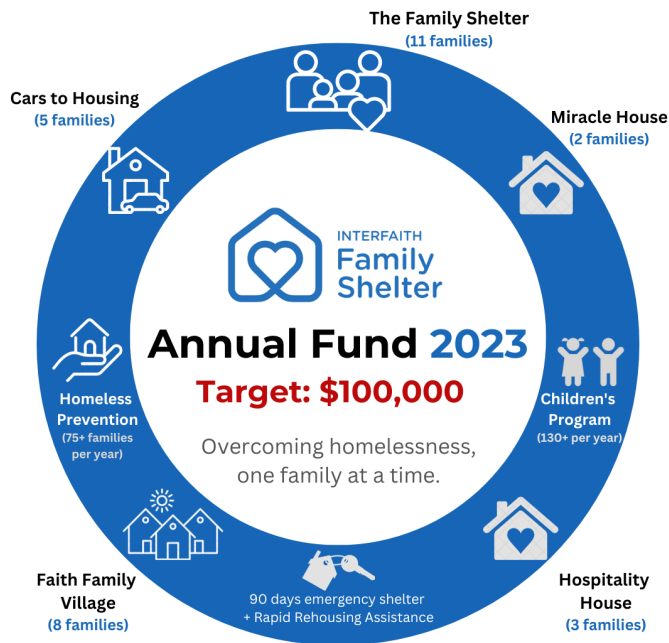
8 units
Faith Family Village



38% increase
Program capacity
(up to 35 more individuals)

The 2023 Annual Fund Campaign

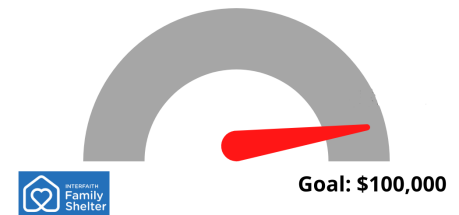
You may have heard about our ongoing **Annual Fund Campaign**. You may have even been contacted by one of our campaign volunteers about making a gift or pledge to help us meet our goal. But what is the Annual Fund all about?



The Interfaith Family Shelter has grown and expanded from a single 11-room facility into bold new initiatives in recent years. And this is part of our commitment to develop long-term, sustainable, and cost-effective solutions to the family homelessness crisis in our region. These efforts include Cars to Housing, scattered site shelters, Homeless Prevention, and—most recently—a family Pallet shelter community. The Annual Fund feeds valuable funds into all these programs, supporting operational costs and enabling even more families to rebuild their lives.

We are so close! And **you can help us cross the finish line.** Make your gift today to keep these programs alive in our community, and give families the best gift of the season: a home of their own!

Target: \$100,000



Families Together 2023: A success

Interfaith's annual fundraising event, **Families Together 2023**, was on Thursday, October 26 this year. And this year, there were virtual and in-person attendance options.

The event was a big success: we had 34 supporters join us virtually from across the country, and at least 65 attendees at regional small-group gatherings hosted by our awesome "Table captains" across Snohomish County.

This year, our programming showcased the latest addition to the Interfaith

Family Shelter's expanding footprint.

Faith Family Village was in the spotlight, as we explored the evolution of this innovative project: from pipe dream, to inception, and finally to culmination. These durable structures offer dignity and space for families, so that they do not have to settle for crowded mass congregant shelter areas. As the days grow shorter and colder, there couldn't be a better time for this new program!



The Faith Family village ribbon cutting on October 11, 2023



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