

Our Mission: Uniting in service to families with children experiencing homelessness in Snohomish County.

Interfaith serves families with children experiencing homelessness with 90-day emergency shelter stays across 23 units.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy spring, friends!

And just like that, we're full-swing into 2026! After wrapping up 2025 and celebrating 40 years as an agency, we've continued to push ahead.

Exciting work is happening across our programs. We've fully expanded our Children's Program to Madison Family Shelter (MFS), providing daily Learning Hours for kids with support from an on-site Child and Family Advocate. We're also finally bringing laundry on-site to MFS, so families no longer have to trek back and forth to a local laundromat.

We're working hard to strengthen our case management services as well, adding new staff to better support families and speeding up how quickly we can bring families into shelter. These are just a few of the steps we're taking to enhance services and improve the experience for those in our care.

Continuous improvement has always been at the heart of our mission. We strive for the best—because families and children deserve nothing less.

Our progress is a testament to the power of community, and I'm deeply grateful for everyone who chooses to walk alongside us.

Together, we're building a stronger, more hopeful path forward for families in Snohomish County.

Sincerely,
Lynsey Gagnon
Executive Director

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Our children's program had a fun and meaningful winter season, celebrating the Seahawks' Super Bowl win with crafts and activities, following the Big Bear Valley eagle cam as the eagles cared for their nest and laid eggs, and learning about influential American figures during Black History Month.

Toddler Time with Miss Rita remains a favorite - full of songs, stories, and joyful early-learning moments for some of our littlest residents. As we look ahead to spring, we're excited to spend more time in the garden and to welcome Mari's Place for the Arts, who will be hosting a series of dance classes on-site for the kids!



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We're Good at What We Do!

In 2025 we served:

 **134**
Adults

 **194**
Children

 **87**
Families



SPOTLIGHT: SHAYLA'S STORY



Shayla came to Interfaith as a single mom with three young children after cycling through unstable living situations and eventually sleeping in her car. When she learned there was space at the Interfaith Family Shelter, she says it was the moment things started to feel more hopeful.

Although nervous at first, Shayla and her kids quickly found comfort and community. "It took a lot of courage to go somewhere I wasn't familiar," she shared, but her children soon loved their room, the other families, and the staff.

Within a couple of months, Shayla secured a rental home. Interfaith supported her transition by assisting with first and last month's rent, plus an additional month of help to ensure stability. With her kids now settling into daycare, she plans to keep working toward her education goals.

Shayla says she'll always remember how supportive staff were—offering housing resources, helping with gas, and providing a judgment-free space to talk. She's proud of her resilience and wants others to know, "Just because you're homeless doesn't mean you're a bad parent. There is still hope and still a way to achieve your goals."

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Over the past year, we've been fortunate to welcome several talented and passionate individuals to our Board of Directors. Each brings unique expertise and a deep commitment to supporting families in our community:

- Martha Warren, experienced CPA
- Joy Barrow, substance use dependency counselor
- Saskia Gilmer, software engineer

We are also deeply grateful for the committed community members who serve on our committees and strengthen our work behind the scenes:

- Finance Committee – Chuck Atkinson
- HR Committee – Linda White, Frank Busichio
- Children's Committee – Abby Meyers, Desmond Pullen
- Facilities Committee – Rich Menzel, Earl Shafer
- Events Committee – Jeanne Crisp, Mary Langenbrunner




VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

As we gear up for spring and summer, we're looking for more volunteers! If you'd like to receive updates on our volunteer needs, fill out the form at interfaithwa.org/volunteer.

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