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A Heartfelt Goodbye...

"I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome and friendships I have made volunteering with Interfaith Neighbors. The employees, management and volunteers I have met 'on the road' at Covered Bridge, Manalapan, the senior center and kitchen in Keyport, Bayshore Hospital and the main kitchen and meal distribution center in Asbury Park are dedicated, hard-working people that have their minds and hearts in their work.

I really do not want to single out any one person; you all will be remembered and I will miss you all! I have to report back to help with the closing of the Linden GM plant by September, 2007. At that time, or before, I will retire."

*Bill Waple
UAW Millwright
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Direct from the Director

How many times have you heard me say that when we began Interfaith Neighbors we never envisioned the scope and breadth our organization would achieve? While nothing surprises me, I must say becoming educators is just something that never crossed my mind.

In early 2006, we were approached by the N. J. Youth Corps officials to have the local chapter moved from the Asbury Park Board of Education to Interfaith Neighbors. I thought, "God, you must have sent them, how else would they know to come here?" When they explained how vulnerable this population is to gang violence, homelessness and despair, we just couldn't say no. So here we are, recruiting kids off the streets, meeting social workers who drag some in and, yes, even the courts send them to us with the choice of school time or jail time.

I have learned over these many years that success is measured one person at a time. Our staff already took on the challenge of a sixteen year old who couldn't read or write, not a word. He now comes in every day with a wide grin and reads excerpts from a book to anyone who will listen. A young eighteen year old single mother is determined to get her GED and go on to a nursing career. The staff found child care for her and the joy and determination she exudes would lighten the hearts of anyone.

The Youth Corps program comes with a state grant; however, this grant is about \$50,000 short to effectively operate the program. I am asking for your financial support to help give a forgotten teenager, one lost in the system, another chance for a decent life. I can think of no better way to invest in the future of these kids than to support us in this endeavor. As with us, 97¢ of each donated dollar will go directly to benefit these youngsters.

*Joseph J. Marmora
Executive Director*



Back to School



Youth Corps students listen to Coordinator Meg Flores as she welcomes them to newly completed classroom and job training room at Interfaith Neighbors' main office.

It's back to school for high school dropouts who want a second chance at education. They are youngsters from Monmouth County who, for various reasons, decided to leave school. Literacy is a major issue, and the ability to fill out a job application is well beyond most.

Certified instructor Myra Campbell conducts each class. The intent is to improve the reading and writing skills of each student sufficiently so each can obtain a high school equivalency diploma (GED).

Dr. Ena Onikoyi helps students sort out individual problems. Her goal is to build self esteem,

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help them move on to higher education if possible, and find employers willing to give them a chance at employment.

Housing Update

Paul McEvily, Associate Executive Director, has announced that the seventeenth house built through Interfaith Neighbors' Home Ownership program is nearing completion. This single-family, 3-bedroom, 1½-bath corner house has a porch, deck and detached garage, and comes with a security system and appliances. Its 36 windows

make it wonderfully bright inside. With finishing touches to the house inside and landscaping outside, this house should be ready to welcome a new family by June or July. The house is located at 351 Myrtle Ave, Neptune. The property was granted to Interfaith Neighbors by the township of Neptune, and required the demolishing of an existing boarded-up structure.

Affordable GM UAW Volunteers for Interfaith Neighbors

Four General Motors United Auto Workers from Local 595 in Linden have been doing a host of jobs for Interfaith Neighbors, including delivering meals to the homebound with the use of their own vehicles and working at the senior centers to help pack the meals. These four volunteers are Victor Chadwick, Kenny Sadecki, Tony Vicidomini and William Waple. Each has a background of thirty or more years of service with GM. They are members of the GM-UAW jobs bank, where workers in a layoff situation may choose to do community service for any GM-approved organization. They decided to volunteer for Interfaith Neighbors. They are very dedicated, and enjoy both their work and meeting the people associated with Interfaith Neighbors, saying that it has been rewarding and memorable for them. "I have learned a lot of what agencies such as yours do for the community every day," says William Waple.

We at Interfaith Neighbors deeply appreciate the dedication these volunteers have shown toward helping others. Their service has been very valuable to our senior meal program. Thank you, Victor, Kenny, Tony and Bill!

Moving Up



Meg Flores, Coordinator of the Youth Corps program

Meg Flores, who has been with Interfaith Neighbors' meals on wheels program since 1991, has been appointed to the position of Coordinator of the Youth Corps program. "Meg has been a valued and loyal employee of Interfaith Neighbors for the past sixteen years.

We have the utmost confidence that Meg will succeed in this most challenging position," says Executive Director Joe Marmora.

Meg has been coordinator of the volunteer unit, along with Diane Madsen, scheduling and training volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. She will be replaced by Judy Nelan, who will assist Diane. Judy was a site manager for Interfaith Neighbors at the Keyport Senior Center.

Meg is married to Manny Flores and is the mother of two children, Ryan, aged fifteen, and Megan, aged fourteen.

"I look forward to this challenging position and will do my best to make a difference in the lives of these youngsters," says Meg.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS & SUPPORTERS OF INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS

11th Annual Atonement Lutheran Golf Classic Golf at Fort Monmouth Monday • May 14, 2007

Entry Fee: \$175 per golfer

(Greens Fee • Cart • 7A.M. Breakfast • Lunch • Prizes)

Location: Suneagles Golf Club at Fort Monmouth, Rt. 537 (1 mile west of Rt. 35)
(Collar shirts required, no jeans, only soft spikes permitted.)

Registration and Breakfast begin in the Officers Club at 7A.M.

All golfers will roll out for a **Shot Gun tee-off time of 7:45A.M.** Lunch and awards presentation will follow.

All proceeds benefit Interfaith Neighbors.

Please Note the Classic is limited to the first 120 golfers.

Hole & Tee Sponsorships are available at \$100 per Hole. Special event sponsorship available at \$200 and up. Enjoy!

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