

Hurricane Sandy Relief

No one could have anticipated the extent of the devastation to the Jersey Shore that was caused by Hurricane Sandy. In the immediate aftermath, Interfaith Neighbors responded quickly to the needs of families affected by the hurricane. Staff and volunteers alike came to Springwood Center to help support families in the wake of the disaster, providing a nutritious meal, an ear to listen, or a shoulder to cry on.

In the weeks that followed, we established a fund for Sandy Relief that now provides assistance to low income families—security deposits for those who have been displaced, and short term rental assistance for those who lost wages as a result of the storm. In addition, Interfaith Neighbors is able to assist families with the replacement of personal property not covered by insurance.

With the support of grants from the Robin Hood Foundation and Salesforce.com, Interfaith Neighbors will be able to continue providing assistance to those most impacted by the storm. Interfaith Neighbors can assist with: rent, security deposits, necessary household items and other unmet needs. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call: 732-775-0525.

Have You Thought of Donating Stock?

If you wish to donate stock, we have the mechanism in place to accommodate your donation with relative ease. If you have appreciated stock, you can claim a tax deduction at the appreciated amount and avoid paying capital gains tax.

Call our director, Joe Mammora, at 732-775-0525 for details.



Executive Director, Joe Mammora helping out at Springwood Center after Hurricane Sandy

Donate Your Vehicle and Help Interfaith Neighbors!

You can turn your unwanted vehicle, running or not, into a tax-deductible contribution to Interfaith Neighbors through our Car Donation Program. Just follow these simple steps to donate your vehicle:



1. Have your vehicle title handy.
2. Call 1-877-CARS-4-US
3. Request extension #2479
4. Provide your name, address, phone # and vehicle information from the title.
5. You will be contacted by a tow company within two business days to arrange pickup.
6. Interfaith Neighbors will mail a donation acknowledgement letter for your tax deduction in 6-8 weeks.

Cars, vans, motorcycles, trucks, boats... ALL vehicles are accepted! You can also donate online at www.donationline.com. Please feel free to contact our Development Coordinator at 732-775-0525 x221 for more information!

Direct from the Director

We have had a busy start to 2013.

We received a grant of \$100,000 from the Robin Hood Foundation to help people devastated by Sandy and, indeed, we have begun to do so. We assisted a seventy-five-year-old widow who lost all her appliances, provided several families with security deposits and rental assistance, and moved a family into an apartment that we own which was vacant at the time.

Our Kula Café was officially opened on April 8 (my seventy-eighth birthday!). As you will read in the newsletter, this is our latest undertaking. I hope you will stop by and enjoy a lunch there.

We are well into the planning stages of our twenty-fifth anniversary celebration. We will be honoring our friends at the New Jersey Natural Gas Company, Peter Cancro and the Jersey Mike's organization, and my longtime friends and supporters of Interfaith Neighbors, Sandy and Bill Mullaney.

All our other activities are going full speed. We are assisting dozens of families needing rental and mortgage assistance and serving meals on wheels to the elderly in all parts of Monmouth County (thanks to our wonderful volunteers).

Please mark your calendars for June 12 to join us in the celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary at the PNC Arts Center. For golfers, please also note that September 23 will be the date of our third annual golf outing at the Deal Golf and Country Club.

My sincere thanks to all who helped us in 2012. We look forward to your continued support, because without you we cannot be “neighbors helping neighbors”!

*Joe Mammora,
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Spring 2013



Hungry for Lunch?

Interfaith Neighbors' new Kula Café is now open for business! Located at Springwood Center, 1201 Springwood Ave. in Asbury Park, the café opened in April and, like the dynamic building that houses it, is becoming a community gathering spot at the heart of Interfaith Neighbors' revitalization efforts on the city's west side.

Yet the soups and wraps, the BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, veggie gumbo and homemade chicken pot pies are just one part of the vibe at the cool café. While offering excellent culinary fare at reasonable prices, this new program is providing training in the restaurant and hospitality industry for the young and underemployed under the careful management of chef Wendy Escobedo.

“It's a great place to get good food and an innovative approach to address problems of unemployment,” said Roger Boyce, director of Interfaith

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Hungry for Lunch (from front)



Schulze. “Think about the skills you learn, how to interact and do well in anything you do. Kids are building their own confidence.”

“I love it—it’s a nice environment,” said 19-year-old Ernest Jones of Asbury Park who also is in the process of completing his GED. “Being in the restaurant business makes you notice more things when you go out to other restaurants.”

Kula Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. All profits go back into the restaurant and will keep the training going for future participants.

Café manager Escobedo comes with the experience of working in restaurants of local owner Marilyn Schlossbach, an early collaborator in creating the café.

Schlossbach was an essential partner in another of Interfaith Neighbors’ programs, Need to Feed, which opened back in December 2010. Interfaith’s Youth Corps members have continued that weekly program, serving soup, coffee, bread and pastries free to those in need each Monday afternoon outside Kula Café.

So stop in and enjoy some great food, great friends, and support your neighbors by visiting the Kula Café! You can join our mailing list to learn about weekly specials as well. For more information, visit www.KulaCafe.org or call 732-455-0514.

March for Meals/ Adopt-A-Senior

Interfaith Neighbors’ Meals on Wheels program has announced a new initiative, Adopt-A-Senior for breakfast, in order to provide a breakfast free to some of the 3,500 seniors already in the daily hot lunch program.

The extra meal, which donors can help support, costs \$1 per breakfast, and can meet the need of those seniors who are homebound or are being served at one of the nine congregate settings in Monmouth County.

Sandi Silber, who has been Interfaith Neighbors’ Nutrition Director since Interfaith took it over in 1991, says, “By delivering breakfast (and lunch),

“Greetings from Interfaith Neighbors”

25th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

**PNC Arts Center,
Robert Meyner Reception Center**

Cocktail reception
featuring entertainment by
Pat Roddy.

\$150 per person

Sponsorship opportunities are available!

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we give them two-thirds of their daily allotment of nutrients and this keeps seniors at home and out of institutional care.”

The breakfast program was introduced at the annual March for Meals campaign this year when local officials throughout Monmouth County helped deliver meals to their constituents. March for Meals helps bring awareness that there are seniors going to bed hungry and puts a face on statistics, Silber said.

“We’re in the richest country in the world,” Silber said. “That seniors are going to bed hungry is an abomination.”

Those wishing to contribute to the new program can send a donation to Interfaith Neighbors, noting that it is for the Adopt-A-Senior program,

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Golf Outing

Monday, September 23, 2013
Deal Golf and Country Club
1 Golf Lane, Deal, NJ 07723

To Benefit Interfaith Neighbors

Schedule:
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
5:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner

Golf and Dinner Fee:
Individual Golfers: \$300
Reception/Dinner attendees: \$75
(does not include golf)

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Please Contact Heather Schulze
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New volunteers also are being sought to deliver the lunch meals between 10 a.m. and noon one day or more a month. Interfaith strives to keep the driving routes close to where volunteers live or work. Of particular need right now are drivers for the southeastern part of the county, the Bay Shore, and the Route 34 corridor that includes Colts Neck and Holmdel.

Call Diane Madsen, volunteer coordinator, at 732-775-0525 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.