



PROFILE OF HOPE: Meet Gena Smith Morgan, IOH donor and advocate

I am very fortunate to have been raised in a hardworking, loving and generous family, and to be blessed with a wonderful family of my own. Like most of us, we live in a "bubble" and struggle with how much is too much, spoiling ourselves and our children. We too lose sight of our incredible privilege. We take for granted a safe place to lay our heads, plenty of food to eat, healthcare, safe schools, and a community that takes care of each other. We also forget that just one major setback can upend it all: A fire. A hurricane. Illness or injury. The loss of a spouse.

These setbacks are difficult for all, but catastrophic for some - especially those that are barely getting by. Interfaith Outreach Home offers Hope, Haven and Healing for families suffering from catastrophe. It offers a "hand-up", because our residents are not looking for a "hand-out". They are looking for a safe, affordable environment to regroup, reduce debt and save for the future. IOH gives families a chance to stop a vicious cycle, it produces homeowners and college graduates, and it keeps families together so they can become stronger and healthier.

I believe in families. I believe that every family is valuable and deserves the chance to turn things around - and this is what IOH does. My prayer is that all families can experience the love and stability that I've been blessed with.

Like so many of you, my heart is with families...and there you will also find my treasure.