



Poverty→Marginal Living→Unforeseen Events→Eviction
This is the vicious cycle that most families at IOH experience. But IOH has the formula that breaks the cycle: secure housing + support services + time. With these three components, families can make long-term changes that result in a brighter future.

HOPE. HAVEN. HEALING.

IOH empowers ten families at a time, each residing in a small, private apartment at the facility in Doraville. They are safe, united, and able to work and attend school while building a stronger emotional and financial foundation. We need your help to continue to serve these families.

HOW DOES YOUR DONATION HELP?

IOH does not receive government funding and most grants are not approved for operating funds. Every donation helps with the operating costs of housing and empowering ten families at the facility. Your donation is crucial to ability to serve families in crisis.

Rent \$2100/month	Gas \$650/month	Insurance \$630/month
Electric \$740/month	Waste Services \$380/month	Water \$430/month

Donations can be made on-line at www.iohome.org or by check to IOH, PO Box 48075, Doraville, GA 30362. IOH is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



INTERFAITH OUTREACH HOME
PO BOX 48075
DORAVILLE, GA 30362

Upcoming Events

HOMECOMING AT IOH
Sunday Oct 16 1-4P
Interfaith Outreach Home
FOOD · FOOTBALL · FUN · FELLOWSHIP

FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Saturday Oct 22 6P
Bitsy Grant Tennis Center
ALL LEVELS · PRIZES · FOOD · WINE

See www.iohome.org/upcoming-events

Maintenance Wish List

Financial Donations
60 Watt LED Lightbulbs
90 Watt LED Lightbulbs
Twin and Full Sized Mattresses
Gift Cards to Lowe's
Gift Cards to Home Depot

Services: Painting, Cleaning, Electrical,
Landscaping, Plumbing

Contact Lynn Newton at
lnewton@iohome.org prior to delivery
and for more info.

IOH Now Hiring

IOH is seeking a part-time, experienced
Development Manager. If you are
interested in using your fundraising skills
to make a difference in the lives of
families in crisis, contact Deborah
Walker-Little at dwlittle@iohome.org.



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**EMPOWERING FAMILIES.
INSPIRING CHILDREN.**



SPOTLIGHT ON
Hope

FALL 2016

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

So far this year IOH has provided a drug-free, violence-free haven for fifteen working families with children. Most of these families had suffered a tragic, unforeseen occurrence such as injury, illness or divorce that resulted in loss of housing. They needed an opportunity to regroup, both financially and emotionally, in an environment where they could focus on work, school and their own family relationships.

Because of your support, these same families have been afforded such opportunity and reside in a private, clean, furnished apartment at IOH. Like you, they prepare dinner while their children finish homework. They lock their door at night and sleep soundly, knowing their kids are safe and able to attend school clean, fed and prepared. Their focus has shifted from basic survival to long-term solutions. They are no longer trapped, no longer existing day-to-day, but looking to the future with concrete plans and renewed hope. In other words, these families have been empowered.

Without your financial contributions, none of this is possible. IOH does not receive government funding, and grant money is rarely endowed for operating funds. But it is operating funds that keep the doors open and the lights on so families can reinvent themselves as self-reliant, autonomous, contributing members of society.

IOH needs your help. In these lean times, I am comforted by the fact that IOH was founded by people of faith who strive to make a difference in the lives of others - people like you. Therefore, I implore you to make a tax-deductible donation to IOH today. Together, we can continue to serve families as they make build a strong emotional and financial foundation for the future.

In Gratitude,
Deborah Walker-Little, Executive Director of Interfaith Outreach Home

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE : WWW.IOHOME.ORG

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Facility Improvements

By John McNeil

more complex task of patching, prepping and painting a hallway was needed. Taking on that particular project led to my more personal involvement and commitment to the families of IOH.

Since then, many improvements have been made to the facility. These range from replacing the HVAC system on the second floor; replacing the roof; painting hallways, stairways, the front lobby and the entrance; updating emergency and security lighting; and completing the inspection of fire protection systems. All of these much needed projects were funded and accomplished through the generosity of individual donors, supporting churches and community advocates.

As the volunteer Facilities Manager at IOH, I have had the honor of getting to know the families in residence and bear witness to their challenges, courage and hope. I am inspired by their efforts to take advantage of the opportunity at IOH and secure a more promising future. In speaking with the residents, I have come to understand that the most valued aspect of the program is the safe, private apartments. Unlike homeless shelters, IOH allows families to stay together and maintain their privacy and dignity.

Over time, it has become clear that my service and mission at IOH is less about maintaining a building and more about empowering families to rebuild their lives. I feel blessed to be part of IOH, an organization that embraces the marginalized and forgotten members of our society while they become stronger families and community members.

To visit IOH and find out more about the program, contact Lynn Newton at lnewton@iohome.org

My introduction to IOH was 18 months ago as a first-time volunteer with parishioners from Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. Our goal was to clean an IOH apartment in anticipation of a new incoming family. However, it became clear that the



Renovated IOH Lobby

SPOTLIGHT ON SUPPORTING CHRUCHES:

Johns Creek United Methodist Church (JCUMC) is a congregation that strives to transform the world through outreach to people in need. Following the example of Jesus and his disciples, JCUMC embraces a life of service by extending love to others, including the ardent support of Interfaith Outreach Home.



JCUMC believes in the mission of IOH and offers support through prayer, presence, gifts and service. The United Methodist Men's and Women's Groups have benefitted IOH through golf tournaments and consignment sales, raising more than \$6000 this year. Most recently, JCUMC committed to printing the biannual IOH newsletter, "Spotlight on Hope".



Congregation members Gena Morgan and Kim Treaster are passionate about IOH. Gena serves on the Board and Development Committee, and Kim provides support through community gatherings. Members of JCUMC relish the opportunity to celebrate holidays, host cookouts and perform service days with the residents and staff of IOH. Volunteers are inspired after meeting the IOH families, hearing their stories, and witnessing their hope.

JCUMC knows that financial contributions from individuals and the church community are crucial to the survival of IOH. Gena and Kim look forward to leading JCUMC in finding additional ways to support IOH financially, and challenge other supporting churches to do the same. Together, we can empower the hardworking families of IOH as they make long-term changes that lead to a brighter future.

Honoring Sister Carolyn Oberkirch By Suzette Snell

On May 14, Sister Carolyn Oberkirch, RSM, was welcomed "home" for the dedication of the IOH activity room in her honor. Sister Carolyn was instrumental in the founding of IOH.

Sister Carolyn came to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (OLA) in 1974 to teach first grade. After six years, her focus shifted to outreach ministry for the elderly and homeless. Working with a group of 25 churches and synagogues, she strived to find a long-term solution for families in crisis in Northeast Atlanta. At the time, the only solution was to offer these families a motel room and a bag of groceries. Sister Carolyn was determined to offer them a 'hand up' instead.

With unflagging energy and determination, Sister Carolyn fought to build a haven where families in crisis could live together, go to work, attend school and build a foundation for the future. She inspired others to join in her efforts and construction commenced on

the IOH building in 1991. IOH welcomed its first residents in February of 1992.

Since then, IOH has empowered hundreds of families as they secure their future. IOH graduates perform debt repair, improve their skill set and incur sizable savings during their stay. Much of the success of IOH can be attributed to the tenacity and tireless efforts of Sister Carolyn.

The activity room was recently renovated by volunteers from OLA and is a shining example of what one congregation can accomplish. Father Jim Duffy, Pastor of OLA, was the Celebrant for the Dedication and Blessing of the room on May 14. Speakers recounted their memories of Sister Carolyn putting her faith into action and embodying the true meaning of social justice.

Sister Carolyn continues to fight for social justice through her work with Catholic Social Services and St. Vincent DePaul at

the Convent of Mercy in Mobile, AL. IOH was proud to host this special dedication honoring Sister Carolyn for her ongoing legacy.



Sr. Carolyn Oberkirch RSM

Appreciation for IOH



My name is Nysha McNeil and IOH helped me and my family when we needed to get back on our feet. We were provided a safe place to live, utilities, food and support programs. I remember the activity room being a place where kids could go to do homework and have fun. When our parents attended life skills classes, supporters would bring dinner and we could do arts and crafts and hang out.

IOH helped my Mom build character, humbleness and her savings! Ms. Deborah, our guidance angel, helped us make good decisions, provided us leads for employment, and helped us plan for my education. Ms. Deborah's affiliation with other agencies opened a door for me to be considered for a scholarship through Children's Restoration Network. After writing an essay on why I needed a scholarship, I was granted an interview and received a scholarship to help pay for my first year of college tuition. Just knowing that I had received some extra funds was very exciting and I know my Mom felt a little less worried.

IOH has encouraged me to strive for the best. I know that anything can be accomplished with hard work, determination and help from friends like IOH. Starting off small has given me an appreciation for each accomplishment. I am thankful to Ms.

By Nysha McNeil

Deborah for allowing my family to take part in the program, and I am grateful to each supporter who helped our family. With their help, I am now a sophomore majoring in art at Georgia State University. I hope to inspire my peers and others to never give up. I pray that IOH will always be there for the next family who needs a chance to turn things around.

How Can You Help?

- * **Donate** on-line at www.iohome.org or by check to IOH, PO Box 48075, Doraville, GA 30362. We need your support to house families at IOH.
- * **Matching Gifts Through Your Employer:** Does your employer match charitable gifts? It's worth looking into, as it can double or triple your gift.
- * **Planned Giving Through Your Estate:** A mutually beneficial way to support IOH, offering you capital gains tax savings.
- * **Give Stock:** Significant tax benefits by donating appreciated stock.
- * **Host a Fundraising Event:** Bake sales, charity runs, athletic tournaments – all are opportunities to raise funds for IOH.
- * **Donate professional services:** IOH needs your skills. Contact us to see how we can partner to further the mission of IOH.
- * **Make a meal:** Schedule a date to bring dinner on life skills night.
- * **Educate:** Share your expertise at a life skills class.
- * **Maintenance Wish List:** Donate money, time, sweat equity and gift cards toward our most valuable asset: the IOH facility.