

Welcome Greg Hilding, New Executive Director

In mid-March, after a vigorous and successful executive search, the Interfaith board and staff enthusiastically welcomed Greg Hilding as our new Executive Director.

Janet Schutz, former Board of Directors Chair, states, "We are thrilled to welcome Greg to lead Interfaith Outreach into our new chapter. Greg has a passion for the mission of Interfaith and a big heart for helping our neighbors. His nonprofit leadership, interpersonal skills and accomplished private sector experience will serve Interfaith well as we continue our important work in the community."

A veteran community builder and proven business leader, for the past four years Greg served in a variety of leadership roles at Second Harvest Heartland, including interim CEO, board chair and member of the executive Capital Campaign Committee.

Before turning his heart and skills to the nonprofit sector, Greg spent 33 years in the banking industry in top leadership positions, the majority of that time at Bremer Bank where he served as Midwest Group President with responsibility for over 70 locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

During his tenure as CEO of Bremer Bank in Willmar, Greg ignited and led community initiatives in the areas of economic sustainability, cultural competency, education, recreation and transportation. He served as a leader in the Willmar Vision 2020 Steering Committee, Ridgewater College Foundation Board, Willmar Area Community Foundation, Citizens for Success, African Development Center, YMCA Capital Campaign Cabinet and the Willmar Area Development Corporation. Read Greg's full bio at iocp.org/GregHilding.

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“ For over 40 years Interfaith Outreach has been a difference-maker in creating opportunities for all to thrive. LaDonna Hoy and her team have built an amazing network of partners and donors who are truly igniting the power of community. I am honored that the Board has asked me to join the organization in furthering its mission and legacy. The opportunity to utilize my leadership experiences on behalf of our community is energizing and exciting. I look forward to engaging in the community and helping to lead Interfaith Outreach into the next chapter. ”

-Greg Hilding
Interfaith Outreach
Executive Director



(l to r) Greg Hilding, Interfaith's new Executive Director, LaDonna Hoy, Founder and Executive Director Emerita, Janet Schutz, outgoing board chair, and Rima Torgerson, incoming board chair.

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Greg and his wife, Karen, are Minnetonka residents. They have three grown sons, a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter.

Greg's arrival at Interfaith coincided with the arrival of COVID-19 and the challenge of restructuring our Essential Services business model in order to maintain our core services – and at the same time prioritize the safety of our staff, volunteers, clients and community. A tall order and not the way we'd hoped to welcome our new leader. However, Greg jumped in ahead of his official mid-April start date to join our amazing team in collaborating, strategizing and implementing an effective Interfaith and community response to COVID-19. At the same time, we are moving forward with plans for welcoming and introducing Greg to the community.



Pictured here are some of our 40th anniversary advisory team members, mostly volunteers, who dedicated their time and expertise to make the September 2019 celebration a success – 600 people attended.

1,941 volunteers contributed 61,497 hours to Interfaith last year.

Volunteers ignite the power of community

Over my tenure at Interfaith Outreach, I have seen countless examples of our tagline – igniting the power of community – in action. But last month I understood the strength of our community and the depth of its power like never before. With the onset of COVID-19, Interfaith Outreach had to take quick action to adjust our focus and service delivery model. Volunteers, our day-to-day “do-ers,” were stuck on the sidelines, unable

to fulfill their regular superhero duties. But bystanders, they are not. Our volunteers sprang into action organizing paper bag collections, fundraisers amongst their colleagues, food shelf donation drives in their neighborhoods, and even stepping up to sew facemasks for food shelf workers. The commitment to our mission and tireless dedication by our volunteers is inspiring to all of us in this challenging time.

To the 1,941 steadfast volunteers who make our world go round, happy National Volunteer week and month! We can't wait to high five, hug and celebrate with you in person when it is safe to do so.

With gratitude for all you do,

Liz Erstad-Hicks,
Community Engagement Director



April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week! We celebrate you and are privileged to work alongside the best volunteers in the world. Learn more about future volunteer opportunities at iocp.org/volunteer or email us at getinvolved@iocp.org.

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Hope and gratitude rise above uncertainty

WHAT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO SAY

We are living in unusual times. The global pandemic and the frailty of our national economy have added pressure to our days. And, for the folks we work with who don't have stable housing or who are trying to make ends meet without a reliable income, life just got so much harder.

Over the years, people have told us that volunteers have provided them with new skills to seize opportunities, make meaningful connections and access community supports.

"There is no other place in Minnesota like this. They [the volunteers] care about you and your experience. They're warm, kind and friendly."

–Interfaith program participant

"I am immensely grateful to the food shelf volunteers, who are simply amazing. It was busy when my daughter and I arrived, but they were so helpful and patient."

–Interfaith program participant

"I feel strongly that you and your team members should be recognized for the exemplary service you provide. Your willingness to always go the 'extra 100 miles' for the many clients you work with is commendable and admirable to say the least. I have never met a more gracious, compassionate group of volunteers. You are a shining example of the wonderful and thriving organization LaDonna Hoy created."

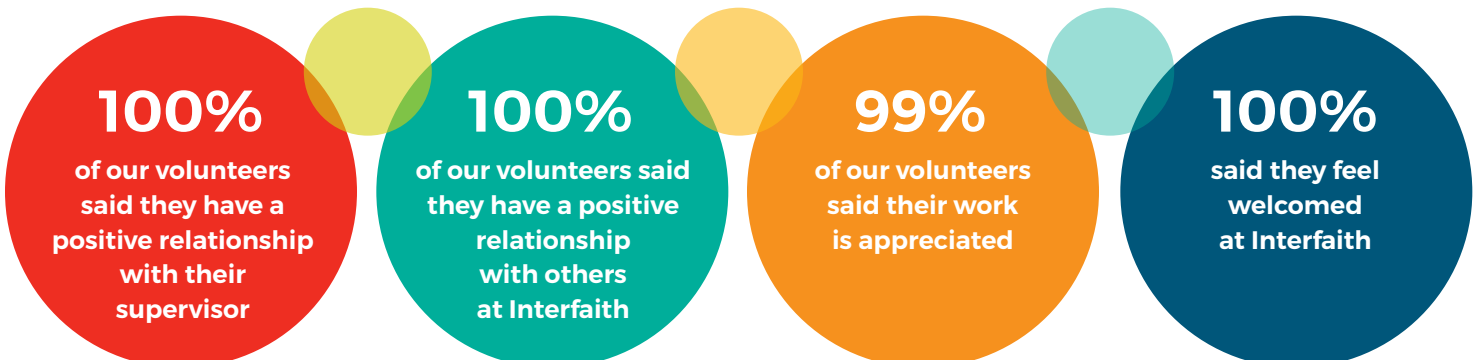
–Medical Rides program participant



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
–Mahatma Gandhi

Volunteers give Interfaith an A+ rating

In our 2019 volunteer survey, 211 volunteers responded. We are humbled by their answers.



A Celebration to Thank LaDonna

Join us to thank LaDonna Hoy, Founder and Executive Director Emerita, for 40 years of service to our community.



SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020, 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Program at 3:30 p.m. followed by a reception

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW
CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY**

(where Interfaith Outreach began)
630 Wayzata Blvd E, Wayzata, Minnesota

ALL ARE INVITED / NO RSVP REQUIRED

Additional parking available at:
City of Wayzata Parking Lot – 600 Rice St. E
Mill Street Parking Ramp – 725 Mill Street

For event details including the possible postponement due to COVID-19, please go to iocp.org/LaDonna.

Community responds to COVID-19

With the help of community support, Interfaith Outreach continues to respond to the emergency needs of our neighbors. We adjusted our service delivery to an Essential Services Model focused on providing

food, emergency financial assistance, employment support and welcoming new clients. These services are being delivered differently using a drive-up model for food and remote access to staff. Our intention is to minimize

contact between people and decrease opportunities for exposure while continuing to meet community needs. Details at iocp.org/covidresponse. Financial donations are welcomed at iocp.org/respond.

MEMORIALS December 2019 - February 2020

Luverne "Vern" Ahrndt / Kathleen Anderson / Dave "Bubba" Campbell / Rosemary Dressel / Steve Erickson / Pat Faue
Brian & Janet Foltz / John Ford / Kip Elliott Frantz / Douglas Hahn / Earl Hebeisen / Joyce Hegstrom / Russell Johnson
James Michaelson / M. A. Mortenson / William "Bill" Munsell / Marvin Muyres / Judi Ann Parks / Byron Reed
Jean Rusch / Eddie Ryshavy / Mark Scheidhauer / Bruce Wandrei / Joseph Wierschem / Tanya Williams / Mark Wothe

GRANTS December 2019 - February 2020

Mosaic

Food (Prevent Hunger)

Wayzata Rotary

Housing & Neighborhoods
(Neighborhood Program)

City of Plymouth

Family Support
(Emergency Assistance)

City of Plymouth

Housing & Neighborhoods
(Neighborhood Program)

Rotary Club of Plymouth

Education & Youth

B&H Way Foundation

Education & Youth

Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures

Education & Youth

Target Community Engagement

Education & Youth

Medica Foundation

Family Support

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Housing & Neighborhoods
(Census Support)

MISSION – To engage the heart and will of the community to respond to emergency needs and create opportunities for all to thrive.

VISION – To build a vibrant community where everyone counts and all sectors and systems work together for the good of all.

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