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KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORS HOUSED AND STABLE

IOCP's integrated services meet families where they're at - and move them forward

"Once someone is headed to eviction court, that's it, we can't help, it's a legal matter," explains Leigh Anne, an IOCP case manager. "This makes homelessness even more likely - because once eviction happens, no one is going to rent to them. It's like adding insult to injury."

IOCP provides supports designed to prevent households from getting to the point of an eviction notice - such as emergency financial assistance to cover owed rent.

But our goal is to intervene and assist households farther up in the "crisis chain."

This could be a family coming in to receive free food from our food shelf, where a brief intake conversation might reveal they're also struggling with utility bills or job transportation.

Food is often the "first stop" because it's usually easier to access and qualify for than other types of assistance. Upon intake, we might discover other barriers we can address through referrals or our own services; in other cases, access to food may be all they need to free up enough money in their household budget to get back on track.

But sometimes families reach us when they're already closer to that eviction court deadline. In cases like this, staff is working with clients on two levels: Responding to the urgent need, while also working to prevent future crises.

"We can help with emergency rental assistance to address the immediate crisis, but we're also looking at what led to this point - maybe it's inconsistent work hours, lack of childcare, or unexpected medical bills," Leigh Anne says.

This integrated approach - meeting families wherever they are on the path to crisis and providing both immediate relief and longer-term stability supports - is what makes lasting change possible.

Whether someone walks through our doors needing food, facing eviction, or somewhere in between, we're equipped to address not just their immediate need, but the underlying challenges that brought them here.

It's prevention at every level - and it's how we keep families in their homes and in our community.

Housing Insecurity: Join the Fight



Last year, one in four of our new clients came to us for assistance related to housing. Meanwhile, our basic needs programs - which provide households with free food and clothing - have seen major increases in demand. This surge suggests more families in our community are facing financial crises that could lead to housing instability.

Here are two ways you can help IOCP continue the fight against homelessness and housing insecurity in our community:



REGISTER

1) Deepen your understanding of our community's needs - and our response - by attending our **Lunch & Learn session on Tuesday, Nov. 11**. Visit iocp.org/lunch-learn or **scan the QR code** to learn more or register.

2) **Donate funds at iocp.org/donate** to support our programs and keep neighbors in their homes. *With your support, we prevented eviction 284 times last year by providing rent assistance.* This work is possible because our community believes everyone deserves the security of home.

Based on our most recent client data, here's how your donation of any amount can make a difference:

- **\$4,414 provides a year's worth of services** that equip a household for ongoing stability
- **\$1,802 prevents eviction with rent assistance** that keeps a family of four in their housing for a month
- **\$608 offers utility payment assistance** that keeps the lights on and helps cover other utilities
- **\$50 covers one month of food shelf visits** for a household

Every contribution makes a direct impact in keeping our neighbors housed and stable.



FY25 IMPACT REPORT

APRIL 1, 2024 - MARCH 31, 2025



Impact Report Now Available Online

IOCP's FY25 Impact Report is now available online at iocp.org/annualreport. The report offers a comprehensive look at the meaningful work we've accomplished together this year - with the help of supporters like you.

Resale Select Seeking Treasures for Breakfast with Tiffany's

Breakfast with Tiffany's is one of **Resale Select's** most popular and successful shopping events: Last year, sales surpassed \$14,000.



This year's event will take place on Thursday, Dec. 11, and we want to raise the bar even higher with a spectacular collection of luxury finds such as high-end and designer jewelry, handbags, clothing, and collectibles.

Have some pieces in mind to donate? Bring them in during regular store hours and present your Tiffany's treasures to our cashier team by Friday, Nov. 14.

Interested in shopping the event? More information is available at iocp.org/tiffany.

100% of the store's net proceeds benefit IOCP programs and services.

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS, BUILDING STRONGER FUTURES



Kevin Ward
Executive Director

Interfaith Friend,

When we think about homelessness, we often picture what happens at the end of a long crisis: someone slumped against a building or curled up in a tent.

In our work, the story unfolds much earlier - when a car repair bill threatens someone's ability to get to work, when childcare costs force impossible choices, or when a family has to decide between groceries and utilities.

These crises happen behind closed doors, but they're not any less real or less urgent, and the number of neighbors quietly facing them is growing.

We've always been proud to serve as this community's safety net. But over the past five years, we've realized something powerful: **The most effective safety net isn't just about catching people when they fall; it's about building supports that help them rise.**

This is where lasting change happens, and it's where your investment in local families, in our work, can multiply exponentially.

When we help someone avoid eviction today, we're not just solving a single housing crisis. We're preserving the entire household's trajectory.

We've seen continued growth in the number of households served and more demand for basic needs support. Last year, our clothing program saw an increase in clients of more than 10% while our food shelf saw a jump of around 15%.

As our case manager Leigh Anne puts it: "Food insecurity is coming up more and more as I connect with clients about budgets." Households are using the food shelf not only to fill their pantry and refrigerator but to cover necessities like toilet paper and feminine hygiene products, she explains. This tells us that people are stretching every dollar, getting help for even the most basic needs, because they know that every assist can help them avoid a bigger crisis down the road.

When you support IOCP, you're not just preventing homelessness. You're strengthening foundations. You're equipping households for ongoing stability.

This fall, as we acknowledge Sleep Out, we ask you to join us in a continued commitment to keeping neighbors in their jobs, in their homes, and in our community.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ward
Executive Director

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Thank you for your continued support.



GTMD IS COMING - DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Starting Nov. 1, first-time, renewed, or increased financial gifts are eligible for a match

Minnesota's Give to the Max Day (GTMD) is back for its 17th year and we have our sights set on **raising \$200,000 by Thursday, Nov. 20.**

Just four months into this fiscal year, we've already served the equivalent of last year's client volume, which means we're as motivated as ever to reach - and surpass - this goal.

The good news? You can help us get there by making a GTMD25 donation as early as November 1!



Starting then, your gift will be matched if you're giving for the first time, increasing your support, or renewing after some time away (last gift before Oct. 1, 2022).

Gifts will be eligible for the match until we reach \$50,000 thanks to generous supporters of IOCP.

Make your GTMD donation online at givemn.org/donate/iocp or **scan the QR code** to give IOCP a chance to win GTMD prize pool funds.



OUR MISSION To strengthen our community by meeting basic needs and equipping individuals and families for ongoing stability.

OUR 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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