

Ideas to Support Interfaith on your Own

Pack Healthy Snack Packs	Snack Packs are needed for many of our Youth Programs such as Homework Club and Summer Camp. By providing Snack Packs, you are ensuring that many kids have an afterschool snack, and can stay focused on their academics and activities. Packs include specific items. Inquire for details: awyatt@iocp.org or 763-489-7505.	Any time
Conduct Your Own Food Drive	Food donations are needed throughout the year to support the Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf, which serves 200 households per week. Food drive ideas include: throw a party and ask all guests to bring food donations; offer “Wear Jeans to Work Day” for all employees who bring food donations; provide lemonade or cookies to anyone who donates food to your child’s food drive! Interfaith Outreach will provide you with a list of accepted food donations as well as the Food Shelf’s current needs. To maximize your donations, conduct your drive in March to support the Prevent Hunger campaign.	Any time of year March food drives will support the Prevent Hunger campaign
Back-to-School Supply Drive	Collect school supplies for youth grades K-12. Supplies are accepted throughout August. Volunteers are also needed to help distribute supplies to our families in late August.	August—early September
Repackage Laundry Detergent	Many Interfaith Outreach families struggle to pay for detergent. Purchase bulk quantities of dry detergent and repackage it into quart-size plastic bags. Secure the bags and be sure to include instructions for use, including quantity per load. Inquire for details: awyatt@iocp.org or 763-489-7505.	Any time
Assemble Emergency Food Bags	Help us address emergency food needs by assembling food bags for community members who come to Interfaith Outreach when the Food Shelf is not open. These basic items can help families eat dinner that night or have meals over the weekend. Shop for and pack up bags; deliver during regular business hours. Bags include specific items. Inquire for details: awyatt@iocp.org or 763-489-7505.	Any time
Plant a Giving Garden	Fresh produce is greatly needed and appreciated by those who use the Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf. Start a Giving Garden in your Outdoor Learning Center. Assign a crop to each grade or class to plan, plant, weed, harvest and donate.	Spring—Fall
Host a Winter Coat Drive	Many struggling families face difficulties when trying to supply their children with warm weather gear as they grow from year to year. Help local families by collecting gently used or new coats and new hats and mittens to donate to Interfaith Outreach.	Coats needed by Nov. 1
Host Your Own Sleep Out	Sponsor your own Sleep Out with friends, colleagues or neighbors. Solicit pledges to raise a minimum of \$100 per participant to support this year’s Sleep Out campaign.	Any night in November or December

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Holiday Gift Program	Interfaith Outreach links about 500 families requesting holiday gift assistance with sponsors who anonymously provide gifts for every family member. Organize a group to sponsor a family and help distribute gifts to families in early December.	October: sign up to be a sponsor October-December: volunteer
Holiday Food Drive	Help stock our shelves with holiday foods. Pies and turkeys are accepted for the Thanksgiving distribution and large meat options like ham or roasts are accepted for the December distribution. Get your group to rally together for this drive by providing incentives or competitions. Every item counts!	Deliver donations in November and December
Holiday Cookie Baking	Bake extra cookies or bars this holiday season to share with families served by Interfaith Outreach. The treats will be served as dessert at our Annual Christmas Party and the Holiday Gift Program gift distribution. This is a great way to kick off the holiday season with family or friends.	Deliver packaged desserts in early December
Tie Blankets	Donated blankets are a wonderful gift to share with a struggling family in our community, and they are easy to create! Once completed, blankets can be delivered to Interfaith Outreach Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Any time
Host your own fundraiser	Use your family's specific talents and interests to create a unique fundraiser to benefit the ongoing work of Interfaith Outreach in our community. Fundraisers can focus on a specific program (e.g., Caring for Kids) or the entire organization, whichever matches your family's interests. Interfaith Outreach staff will provide materials about the organization to help participants understand what we do and how this fundraiser will help. This opportunity provides a great deal of flexibility for your family to work when and where it is most convenient. Interfaith Outreach can help to promote your fundraiser in the community, as well.	Any time

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