



Immanuel

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends:

Happy Easter & Welcome to Spring!

If you are like me, you are anxious for sunshine. It has been a long and wet winter, and even longer and wetter for our homeless neighbors. Thank you to all who have brought sleeping bags, tents and tarps to replace those lost to the encampment sweeps and to those who brought new socks, underwear, t-shirts and sweatpants to stock our clothing closet. Your gifts have provided great relief to those still outside.

April marks the beginning of Spring and is National Volunteer Month. We are devoting this newsletter to celebrating the gifts of time and talent that so many of you have given to ICS. You have committed your time to people in our community who are homeless, mentally ill, addicted or just struggling to make ends meet on fixed incomes or low wage jobs.

The monthly commitment of the Union Church Supper Club means the guys in the recovery shelter have role models for happy, faith-filled relationships. Weekly Grocery Rescue Volunteers collect and sort fresh food donated by local stores to ensure that our Food Bank offerings

include fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers. Workplace, church and family groups who make breakfast for our Hygiene Center clients or prep for Community Lunch demonstrate to those still sleeping on the streets that there are people in this world who care about them and see them rather than looking away from their misery.

As you emerge from winter hibernation and reconnect with the world we hope that you will consider renewing your connection with Immanuel Community Services.

Inside this newsletter you will find many examples of opportunities for **service** in our programs, for **play** in our 2017 Putt-Putt Golf Tournament and for **multiplying** your monetary gift during Give Big. Another huge way you can help is by sharing your passion for our mission and these opportunities with your friends, families and co-workers.

Easter is a time for renewal - a time where we rejoice in the promise of spring and the new life that God has given us.

Happy Spring!

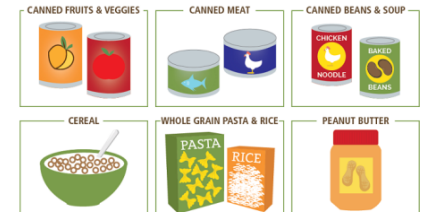
~Kiser

NEED



FOOD

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS



VOLUNTEERS



DONATIONS



ICS CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Individual Volunteers Make a Difference



In 2011, Eva lost her job. Since emigrating from Mexico as an adult, Eva had thrown herself into her work in hospitals and nonprofits, devoting her life to helping others. Now she was in the unfamiliar place of asking for help. So she reached out to her friend Cora.

Cora was a devoted volunteer for the Immanuel Community Services Food

Bank until she passed away last Fall. She hoped that ICS could help Eva through a rough patch but there was so much more in store.

Eva took one look at the Food Bank as a client and immediately jumped in to volunteer. She came on weekends to sort out deliveries. She came on Mondays to help community members select the best the Food Bank had to offer. Five years later she has yet to slow down in the good work she started. She has become vital to the success of the Food Bank at ICS and a leader in the truest sense of the word.

To Eva, serving others is as essential as breathing. She has been in the place of need and moves with a grace that can only be acquired by moving through difficult times.

"My Lord gave me the grace to be on the other side of need. To understand the people, you have to be in the place of the people," Eva said.

Her motivation and drive to make the world a better place, one person at a time, come through in the smallest detail, from leading each Food Bank day off with a holy moment of prayer to inspecting each item for freshness before it reaches those in need. Her attention to the little things is evidence of the love and respect she shows each person that walks through our doors.


When asked about her motivation, Eva's answer is simple:
"You have to be in it for others, to love others."



In celebration of National Volunteer Month, we at Immanuel Community Services honor those, like Eva, who are "in it for others," those who inspire #HopeDignityCommunity. You are crucial to our programs and services. We thank you!



Volunteering
Is Good for Your
HEALTH

 **96%**
say that volunteering
enriches their sense
of purpose in life

 **87%**
of people who said that
volunteering helped their
career responded that
volunteering has developed
their people & teamwork skills



ICS Food Bank Expanding to Every Week!

Thanks to donated food and volunteer power, we're expanding our food bank program to Every Monday 11am-1pm, starting May 1st

Did you know that:

- Many households in 2016 were cut off of SNAP (Food Stamps) in King County?
- Toilet paper and other hygiene supplies cannot be purchased with food stamps?
- Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for Food Stamps?
- Refugees are limited to only 8 months of assistance from the Federal Government?



To learn more about Hunger issues in the United States, visit Feeding America at:
www.feedingamerica.org



Winners! \$12,161

Most Money Raised:
 #1: Peanut Putter Cups - \$1,805
 Runner-Up: Puttsing Around - \$1,540

Lowest Score:
 #1: Jewell Team #2
 Runner-Up: Slinky Moore Trainee

Highest Score:
 #1: CeCe's Team
 Runner-Up: Team Thrivent

Best Individual Score:
 #1: Jared - Team Thrivent
 #1: James - Going for Eagles

Youngest Player:
 #1 Kasen
 #2 Liam

2017 Putt-Putt Golf Benefits Food Bank Expansion Saturday, June 10th 2-6pm

Form a team: Gather four to six friends and start raising funds for ICS!

Use CrowdRise to start raising the funds for your \$500 entry fee.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/ICS2017PUTTPUTT>

Click on "set up your fundraiser" and then "start your own fundraiser" – this will be your team page.

Set your team goal for \$500 (or more)

Keep on raising funds for ICS! There'll be prizes for the top fundraising team.

Out of town? Don't Putt-Putt?

Become a Sponsor!

Email Kiser at director@icsseattle.org

Volunteer with ICS!

As an Individual



Phil Nellis, Pastor of Wits' End Church, prepares a traditional feast for Hygiene Clients celebrating Independence Days in Latin America



Jean manages Client appointments for the Dental Van

Or As a Family



Shawna's Niece and Nephews clean up after Thanksgiving

3 Generations with Hans Faul at Community Lunch



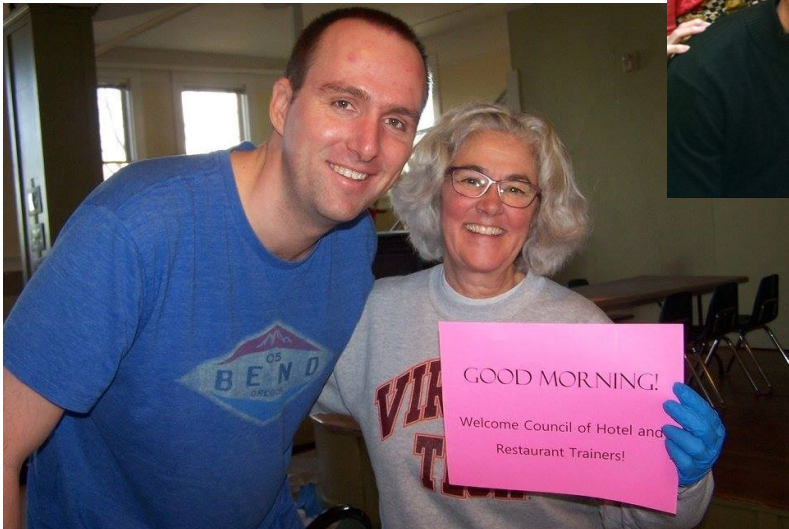
LEND A HAND

Bring whatever interest or talent you have and we will put you to work!

Volunteer with Your Co-Workers!



BAM
(Blacks at Microsoft)



Council of Hotel and Restaurant Trainers



Or Your Church Group!



Elliott Bay Ward Church of Latter Day Saints

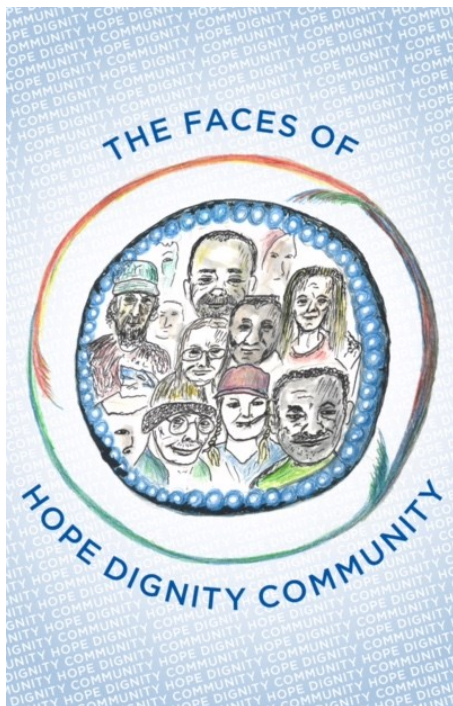
Welcome and Hospitality in Hygiene Center

*Hospitality
creates a “free
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stranger can
enter and
become a friend.”
- Henri Nouwen*



Atit Marmer used Art in the Hygiene Center to Form Community

The ICS Hygiene Center is much more than just a place where our unsheltered brothers and sisters can come to take a shower and wash clothes. For many of them, it is their home base and their community. While this is something we are very proud of, we would like to do more to create a safe space where everyone who comes through the door feels welcome. So, we are creating a Welcome Desk, staffed by volunteers, who will greet our guests as they enter each day, check them in and be a presence to have conversations and offer encouragement to those struggling to just survive each day.



Atit also designed this beautiful card to support ICS

If you would like to purchase one of these cards to support the Hygiene Center, please contact Jameson at jameson@icsseattle.org

Most of our guests do not have a connection to other services and we are the only people that see them on a daily basis. Having regular volunteers at the Welcome Desk will help these folks feel acknowledged, recognized and valued.

The gym itself is not necessarily warm & welcoming but by greeting people as they enter with a smile, we create a safe space where the stranger can enter and become a friend.

If you are interested in volunteering once a week at the Welcome Desk, please email Shawna at shawna@icsseattle.org.

Thrivent Members have directed \$1,023 in Thrivent Choice Dollars to ICS so far this year!

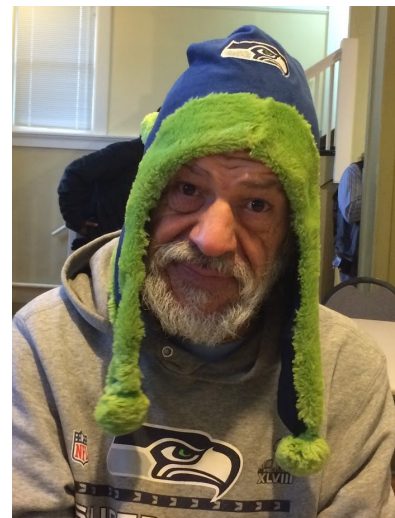
If you or someone you know is a Thrivent Member please go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice and direct your Choice Dollars to Immanuel Community Services.



**STRENGTHEN
YOUR COMMUNITY.
CHANGE LIVES.**

NOW MORE THAN EVER.

Can we count on you to
Give-Big for those in
need?



On May 10th Please go online to: <https://www.givebigseattle.org/>
find **Immanuel Community Services** and click on **DONATE** to support



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May 10th



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Click **DONATE** to support ICS!

PUTT-PUTT GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, June 10th
2:00 – 6:00 PM

Interbay Golf Course
2501 15th Avenue West
Seattle, WA 98119

www.crowdrise.com/ics2017puttputt