



# Interfaith Community Council, Inc.

## List of programs

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Interfaith Community Council, Inc. makes every effort not to duplicate services. We coordinate with all types of other organizations to ensure that each family has what it needs. Clearinghouse services are available to all organizations, civic groups, churches, etc. who have had a waiver form signed. If you are in doubt or have questions about this service, please call Christine Harbeson at 812.948.9248, Ext. 1800.

**Family Services of Interfaith** – Assisting need-based individuals and families with food, emergency financial assistance, seasonal programs and more.

Family Services of Interfaith provides direct assistance to individuals and families in Floyd County, Indiana. This assistance is made possible by the generous support and partnerships with area churches, Metro United Way, grants and generous donors. Listed below are snapshot descriptions of the many programs offered through Family Services of Interfaith. Each of these programs has its own set of requirements, limitations and application processes.

**Emergency Assistance:** Individuals and families in Floyd County receive emergency financial assistance for the prevention of eviction and the disconnection of utilities and *some* emergency medical needs provided for by other venues.

**Food Pantry:** Individuals and families in Floyd County receive a four day emergency supply of food for the entire family.

**Operation Santa Claus / Adopt-A-Family:** Children in Floyd County receive up to two items or toys of their choice up to a total approximate value of \$70. Families in Floyd County are adopted by churches, organizations, individuals and families; are given gifts and necessities at certain holiday times throughout the year. At Christmas, families receive food, clothes, bedding and/or toys. Thanksgiving and Easter baskets contain food only.

**Clothe-A-Teen:** Teens of Floyd County receive a voucher from a participating vendor for \$75 worth of new "school approved" clothing as school begins.

**Backpack and School Supplies:** Children of Floyd County receive backpacks and school supplies in the Fall as they return to school.



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**TARC Tickets:** Individuals of Floyd County are provided TARC, Transit Authority of River City, tickets (on a limited basis) to assist with transportation to work, school, training or to obtain medical care.

**Allied Seasonal Appliance Program:** Individuals and families of Floyd County receive an air conditioner, fan or space heater.

**Snack Attack Café Partnership** - Serving Floyd County's children a nutritious snack or meal five evenings per week at five locations after school.

This is a unique partnership that continues to change and evolve over time. We all know that kids often pay the highest price when money is in short supply. In addition to what they receive at school, these meals go a long way toward helping our kids live healthy, productive lives. Our partnership includes New Albany Floyd County Parks Department, New Albany Housing Authority and The Salvation Army.

**Volunteerism** - Interfaith Community Council puts a lot of effort into facilitating work teams, Eagle projects and more that benefit not just Interfaith, but many other nonprofits. This is important because it helps people utilize their skills to benefit an organization, regardless of the age of the volunteer. We have facilitated various ages of work groups and team building exercises for places of business. Some examples are: Catholic Youth Heartcamp, Eagle Scout projects, SamTec, UPS, Culbertson Baptist, Northside Christian and more.

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** - Providing meaningful opportunities for adults, 55 years of age and older, to volunteer.

This program covers Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson and Scott counties of Southern Indiana. We currently have nearly 1300 volunteers. Last year alone, the volunteer hours provided through this program valued more than \$4,000,000 in services for area nonprofit organizations, churches, municipalities and educational facilities. This is an extremely cost effective program that utilizes the education and life experience values it provides from our seniors to those they serve. There is a real and lasting benefit to the volunteers as well. There is a growing need for volunteers.

**Dial-A-Care Program** - A sub-program of RSVP, providing reassuring telephone calls to those who are elderly, alone, homebound or have a disability.

This past summer, we had our first homebound recipient caller to become a person who calls others. This is representative of when an organization knows its program is truly effective: when those



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being served become the server. (Partnerships – area churches, individuals, nursing homes, retirement facilities and complexes, hospitals, etc.)

**Youth Development Services** - Promoting the positive development of youth through building developmental assets.

This is an evolving, ever-changing aspect of ICC.

- We work with area churches to assist the youth ministers and leaders with youth development utilizing Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets, ministry version entitled Scripture and Assets.
- In 2009, we held our first Rise to the Challenge middle school retreat over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. It was very successful and encouraged us to make this an annual event. This event is for the benefit of middle school students, but includes high School students as mentors, Interfaith youth board members, youth leaders from area churches, adults and Interfaith's administrative staff.
- We also were a founding partner in You<sup>th</sup> Count, creating a community where youth are valued, investments are made in their well-being, and all youth have the opportunity to succeed. We continue to serve on it Governance & Administrative Council. Please see [www.youthcount.com](http://www.youthcount.com) for more information.
- Another program we are involved with is the Youth Philanthropy Program of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana. Our involvement with this group fluctuates from year to year. During 2009, we took a hiatus from being active participants to being active recipients of their funding efforts.
- We work closely with area schools to provide whatever needs the children of Southern Indiana have, providing "desk drawer" dollars for teachers through various donors in our area.



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### Community Collaborations and Associations that perpetuate healing and growth –

Interfaith and its programs work as collaborators in our community continually. This is not all-inclusive.

Association of Christian Ministries (Regional Group)

Better Business Bureau

Case Consortium

Christian Formation Ministries

COAD (Community Organizations Aiding in Disaster)

Community Foundation of Southern Indiana's Scholarship Committee

Department of Corrections

Family & Children's Place's Homeless Prevention Specialist - *housed in our building*

Floyd County Youth Shelter

Human Services Organizations of Southern Indiana

Impact

InfoLink (MUW 211 Call Center) - *housed in our building*

Leadership Southern Indiana

Metro United Way including: Council for Agency Executives, Harrison County CSC, Clark County CSC, CILT, CEO Development Calls in two counties, Campaign Speaker, 4Community 1 & 2 Planning and Implementation Committees)

One Southern Indiana and its nonprofit committee

Personal Counseling Services

Probation Office

Prosecutor's Community Advisory Team

Rauch's Healthy Families

Rotary Club of New Albany

Southern Indiana Asset Building Coalition (SIABC) – *Interfaith is a permanent site*

Southern Indiana Housing Initiative

Step Ahead Council of Floyd County

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