

Interfaith Ministries, Inc.

CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

"Bringing God's People Together To Serve God's People in Need"

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERFAITH MINISTRIES OF CALHOUN COUNTY



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Interfaith Ministries 2009 Annual Report

Interfaith Ministries was established in 1975 by representatives from local churches and Temple Beth El to serve people in need in Calhoun County. Together we provide assistance and serve as an advocate for individuals and families in crisis. Our purpose is to foster interfaith cooperation and understanding as we provide a caring environment for people of all ages and socio-economic levels.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Open Door provides a place for homeless and displaced persons to have access to a phone, computer, a shower, toiletries, snacks and an address. Assistance with obtaining photo IDs, birth certificates, shelter and transportation is available. We have served approximately 119 persons.

Hebrews 13:2

“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

Emergency Assistance is provided to screened individuals for utility, housing, prescriptions and other necessities. In cooperation with the utility companies, vouchers may be available to waive deposits. The overall goal is to prevent homelessness and preserve dignity.

During 2009, 1541 persons were served:

- 650 utilities
- 126 shelter/rent
- 373 miscellaneous

The Adult Dental Program provides services to economically disadvantaged adults who cannot afford dental care. Individuals are evaluated and referred to local dentists or to The Interfaith Adult Dental Clinic. This past year 232 clients were served in the clinic and through dental appointments with local dentists. Thanks to those dentist who make this program possible.

Prescription Assistance was provided for 342 clients requesting funds to pay for their medications. Assistance is given as funds allow with priority given to drugs that treat mental illnesses. When possible, referrals are made to SenioRx.

SenioRx, with funding through East Alabama Planning Commission, provides long term prescription assistance for those without prescription insurance coverage and for those who have exceeded their Medicare Part D cap. This assistance is available at Interfaith through the cooperation of pharmaceutical companies and area physicians. Since 2002, SenioRx has accessed \$21,528,204.00 in free medication for clients with long term prescription needs.

The Angel Tree Camp is for area children with a parent in prison who are eligible to attend a week-long day camp. Names of the children are obtained through Prison Fellowship and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Volunteer youth and adults from local churches work with the children who attend the camp at no charge. This week at Camp Lee was the highlight of the summer for the 35 campers who participated.

Christmas Clearing House is a seasonal ministry for families seeking assistance at Christmas. Through community and church donations, eligible families receive gift certificates for food, clothes and toys. In 2009, 350 families and 1378 individuals were served.



Meals-On-Wheels' volunteers deliver hot nutritious meals from Stringfellow Hospital five days a week to those who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. Special diets are available. When funds allow, we provide free meals to clients who qualify. In 2009, we celebrated Meals-On-Wheels 25th Anniversary of service to Calhoun County.

The Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service was held on November 22nd at First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Tom Smith coordinated the service and Bishop Will Willimon preached. Participants in the service represented area religious organizations with an adult and childrens' community choir performing. Banners were displaced including a new Meals-On-Wheels' banner.

The Pastors' Prayer Breakfast was held last fall in the Interfaith Conference Room. We had a full house of representatives from the faith community in attendance. Pastor Anthony Cook gave a devotional. The Chaplain's Office from Regional Medical Center sponsored this annual fellowship event.

Interfaith Ministries has been blessed with a dedicated staff and group of volunteers who make our offices efficient and hospitable.

Executive Director
Martha Vandervoort

Program Coordinator
April LaFollette

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Linda McAllister
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Everette Studdard
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Joyce Walker
Ramona Winn

Meals-On-Wheels Director
Angela McLaughlin Haynes

Assistant Director and Anniston Volunteer Coordinator
Patsy Young

Oxford Coordinators
Ray and Ann Brooks

Interfaith Ministries
Treasurer's Report on Fiscal Year 2009

The economy was tough during 2009, with many people losing jobs or taking significant reductions in their personal income. This was reflected in the contributions from churches and individuals.

	Change from 2008 to 2009
Contributions from churches	decreased \$ 6,340
Contributions from individual	decreased \$ 14,489

However, income from other sources was favorably increased.

Foundation Grants	increased \$ 5,100
Fees and Grants from Government Agencies	increased \$ 23,781
United Way	increased \$ 5,000

Specific Assistance to individuals reduced \$ 14,512 to the level of \$257,318 which is better than 56% of total income for Interfaith Ministries. The agency continues daily in their efforts to minimize other expenses so that more can be applied toward specific assistance. Please note the improvement in the assistance as a percent of total income that has been achieved in the last two years.

Total Cash Assets for the year decreased \$ 17,911 bringing the total cash assets available at the end of 2009 to \$140,859. This draw down of assets was in part attributable to a deliberate action by the Executive Committee so that more assistance could be offered during these difficult economic times.

In my capacity as Treasurer, I report that the financial status of the agency is good and that appropriate checks and balances are in place to control expenses and to provide assistance reflective of income and prudent use of all assets.


Ron Drury
Treasurer

INTERFAITH MINISTRIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee: Secretary - Shirley Morris
Chairman - Tom Smith Treasurer - Ron Drury
Vice Chairman - Lee Shafer Immediate Past President - Melvin Walker

CLASS OF 2010	CLASS OF 2011	CLASS OF 2012
Rebecca Littlejohn First Christian Church	Shirley Morris Haven United Methodist	Cathy Coleman St. Michael & All Angels
David Rice First Presbyterian Church	Bob Davis Grace Episcopal Church	Ron Drury Church of the Good Shepherd
Dot Thomas Trinity Lutheran Church	Roland Brown Golden Springs Baptist Church	David Copeland First United Methodist Church, Anniston
Melvin Walker Haven United Methodist Church	Lee Shafer Grace Episcopal Church	Dave Pawsat St. Charles Catholic, Jacksonville
Terry Bostick First Baptist Oxford	Inez Ragland AD Church of God, Piedmont	Marcelle Battle Parker Memorial Church
Bryan Lowe Sacred Heart Catholic	Shirley Young First United Methodist Church, Weaver	Bob St. John Anniston Bible Church
Esta Spector Temple Beth El	Anthony Cook Christian Fellowship Bible Church	Chris Thomas Fairview Heights Baptist Church
Kevin Garrett Parker Memorial Baptist	Janice Beverly Eulaton Methodist Church	Jane Kline Sacred Heart Catholic



"Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land."

Deuteronomy 15: 10-11



Programs Available:

- Meals-On-Wheels
- SenioRx
- Dental Assistance
- Christmas Clearing House
- Homebound Program
- Food & Clothing
- School Supplies

Yearly Events:

- Pastors' Breakfast Prayer Service
- Community Thanksgiving Service
- Annual Meeting
- Angel Tree Camp



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1 John 3:17

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"



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