

IHM Outreach Commission Meeting

January 10, 2019

1. Opening Prayer
2. Intro- Robert Baldwin liaison to finance committee
3. Minutes from 11/8/18 reviewed
4. Lightbulbs from IPL program distributed at Boulevard Food Pantry and St. Anthony's parents' night
5. Outreach Corner followup
 - response: Gary gained one new volunteer for Mens' Club
6. Updating web info
 - use what's being used for Outreach Corner to update website ministry description
7. Opportunity to speak at mass about ministries
 - Trinda (Boulevard) will speak at the end of January/beginning of February
8. Outreach Corner Write-ups completed or scheduled:
 - Service Saturdays
 - Honduras Missions
 - Men's Club
 - St. Vincent DePaul
 - Right to Life/Birthline (see copy in "Ministry Updates" below)
 - Boulevard Place Food Pantry
 - Cathedral Soup Kitchen
9. BUDGET UPDATE (see attached)
10. New Ministry Opportunities

- Habitat for Humanity (see attached)
 - Expectations:
 1. volunteer to build (16+)
 2. financial (contribution to build)
- Bread for the World (see attached)
 - Expectations
 - letter writing (advocacy)
 - pro: might draw on a different type of parishioner

11. The Hidden Housing Crisis (see attached flyer)

12. Ministry Updates

Boulevard Place Food Pantry

2017: 20000lbs

2018: 26000lbs

food drive bags being used by patrons of pantry

Cathedral Soup Kitchen

There has been a consistent group of volunteers

Respect Life

Outreach Corner Report - IHM RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY - January 2018

As we listen to the words of the Christmas carol, *Away in a Manger* “no crib for His bed” it can remind us that there are pregnant moms in Indianapolis who do not have a crib for their baby. In December the Respect Life ministry located twelve Pack ‘n Plays on clearance at a

local store. We purchased and donated all twelve cribs to Birthline, a ministry of the Archdiocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity located at the Catholic Center. Birthline provides assistance to struggling pregnant women and mothers of infants, serving nearly 1,450 families last year. They needed these Pack 'n Plays to give to pregnant moms, who do not have a crib, along with their layette of donated baby items. A car full of wonderful new baby items were donated to Birthline again this year as part of the IHM Advent Giving Tree by many of you. Jena Hartman, Birthline director is so grateful for your generous donations of new diaper bags, baby clothes, toys, board books, diapers, socks and so much more to meet the needs of moms they see each week.

For more than 15 years the IHM Respect Life ministry has sponsored a collection of new and gently used baby clothes and items in remembrance of the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, January 22, 1973. The annual collection has been valuable to address Birthline's need for gently used baby clothes including sleepers, onesies, zipper jackets, all children's clothing (up to 2T) and maternity clothing. There is always a need for donations of baby wipes, baby wash and diapers. Thank you if you have given to the Giving Tree. If you have not donated please consider placing any baby items in the boxes or the white crib at the church entrances between January 13-31.

One year ago, the white crib was placed at the top of the archway entrance steps to collect donations of gently used baby clothes and items all year long. Every week IHM parents place in the crib their small children's outgrown clothes and toys to be given to Birthline to help mothers who can return for what they need as their baby grows. The IHM ministry also makes an annual monetary donation to help purchase needed items like baby wash and shampoo not usually donated.

Consider getting involved in the IHM Respect Life ministry or becoming a volunteer for Birthline. They need people to answer the Helpline from home every other week or sort donations and put together layettes at the Catholic Center on Monday or Wednesday between 9:30am and 2:30pm. For more information on the IHM Respect Life ministry, Birthline, or for home pick-up of large baby items (Birthline cannot accept used cribs) contact Mary Dougherty (mbdoughert@aol.com, 317-790-6060).

Donations to Birthline - December 2018

Respect Life Committee purchased 12 Graco Pack 'N Play Portable Playards on clearance at Target (original price \$49.95 for 24.95 each - total cost - \$ 299.76) and donated then to Birthline

IHM Advent Giving Tree Collection 2018

1 winter hat

1 snow suit

1 sleep sack

2 fleece jackets

6 diaper bags

9 outfits (newborn - 18months)

10 toys

12 pajamas

17 pants (infant-2T)

18 shirts (infant -2T)

18 board books

51 bibs (10 packages)

90 onesies (23 packages)

121 pairs of socks (23 packages)

280 wipes

326 Diapers (6 packages)

And a large plastic bag of gently used 12month-2T boy's clothes

There are also donations left in the white crib most every week of baby clothes, toys, packs of diapers and other baby items including strollers and bounce seats.

Mens' Group at St. Anthony

- Scholastic Book Sale- 16 hrs of volunteer time + \$120
- Chaperoned trip to IRT
- Christmas gifts for staff (\$1100) and luncheon
- Volunteers for Career Day
- Lent Fish Fry committee - 100% to St. Anthony

- in search of 2nd grade tutors

SVDP

- 12/13 Graduation for 10 graduates
- 2nd resale shop to open (another Mission 27 on Shelby south of Fountain Square)
- several Changing Lives graduates have found employment at Mission 27 or Food Pantry

Honduras

The Honduras ministry has 16 adults going on the February mission trip (Feb 4-11) collecting: backpacks, household goods and underwear and socks for school uniforms

Service Saturdays

November event was cancelled at the last minute by the agency we had planned to help (Outreach, Inc. - agency for homeless and at-risk teens) due to an illness on their staff. December event was to help the IHM annual support of the St. Patrick's Christmas Posada. January plan to work at Crooked Creek Food Pantry on the NW side of Indy has been postponed.

13. Closing Prayer

The Hidden Housing Crisis

Thursday, February 28, 2019 • 6:00 p.m.

The Toby at Newfields, 4000 North Michigan Road,
Indianapolis, IN

About the Event

Evictions used to be rare. But today, for many poor Americans eviction has become a way of life.

Matthew Desmond's groundbreaking book ***Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*** follows tenants and landlords swept up in the process of eviction. Drawing on the urban reportage and original statistical data gathered for the book, his lecture will show that eviction is a cause, not just a condition, of poverty and that the face of America's eviction epidemic belongs to mothers and children. Presenting new insights into the fundamental role housing plays in deepening inequality in America, Desmond affirms the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Tickets and more info: <https://give.indyhabitat.org/event/the-hidden-housing-crisis/e210599>

Why is Habitat Needed?

Few communities are untouched by the effects of poverty. Greater Indy is no different. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, **nearly 20% of Marion County residents are in poverty**, which the federal government defined in 2010 as a household income of **\$22,314 or less** for a family of four.

A major barrier to breaking the cycle of poverty is homeownership. Owning a home is a significant means in helping provide a stable quality of life for low-income families and individuals. For some though, decent, affordable homeownership is out of reach. In Indiana, the average hourly wage necessary to afford a two-bedroom FMR unit is \$14.03; more than half of Hoosier renters (52%) cannot afford the fair market rate, according to an Indiana 211 Partnership Community Report.

In our community many are paying more than they can afford for housing, not leaving enough for other necessities like good nutrition, health care, transportation, education or saving for the future.

Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity seeks to transform lives by partnering with families, individuals and our communities **to create and preserve affordable housing solutions**. The benefits of our program extend beyond housing to support both the community and homeowners' well-being.

DECEMBER 2018 YTD OUTREACH COMMISSION ACTIVITY								
	B/S Account	2018-2019 Budget	Beg Balance in Reserve	Fundraisers/ Special Collections	Total Amount Available	YTD Expenses	Balance Remaining	Comments
Honduras -Adult trip	2402413	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
Honduras -Youth trip	2402413	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500	
Honduras -Young Adult trip	2402413	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
Respect Life	2402413/2402410	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,389	\$ -	\$ 2,689	\$ (980)	\$ 1,709	Birthline pack-n-plays (\$300), RTL Dinner table (\$680)
Caring Community	2402413	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ (140)	\$ 860	Mass intentions (\$140)
MOMS Service Ministries	2402413	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,250	\$ (360)	\$ 890	Cinch Sacks (\$360), Giving Tree individual donation \$500
General Outreach	2402413	\$ 4,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,750	\$ (1,000)	\$ 3,750	Honduras Christmas trip \$1,000
Healthy Haughville Knitting Ministry St. Patrick Xmas Party	2402413	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 1,000	\$ (753)	\$ 247	Supplies, baby wipes (\$753), Individual donation \$100
Service Saturdays	2402413	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ (200)	\$ 1,000	The Lord's Pantry (\$100), Outreach Inc. (\$100)
Garden Ministry	2402404	\$ -	\$ 1,952	\$ -	\$ 1,952	\$ (5)	\$ 1,947	Sullivan's - seeds (\$4.84)
Anna's House/Lord's Pantry	2302330/2402407	\$ 4,840	\$ 1,467	\$ 777	\$ 7,084	\$ (2,681)	\$ 4,403	School Mass collections - \$777, Wednesday dinner (\$225), Prime 47 Event (\$1,000), General Operating Donation (\$1,064), Brownie project (\$392)
Boulevard Place Food Pantry	2302330	\$ 9,415	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,415	\$ (4,854)	\$ 4,561	July-Dec payment (\$3,600), YTD Pantry Bags (\$1,254)
SVDP - IHM parishioner requests & support for Indy SVDP programs	2302330	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 2,000	Budgeted request (\$2,000)
Cathedral Soup Kitchen	2302330	\$ 1,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,345	\$ (250)	\$ 1,095	Qtrly Soup Kitchen donation (1)
OUTREACH TOTAL		\$ 44,000	\$ 4,808	\$ 1,377	\$ 50,185	\$ (13,223)	\$ 36,962	
Mens Group	2402412		\$ 6,528	\$ 5,163	\$ 11,691	\$ (1,788)	\$ 9,903	Individual Donations \$3,100, School Masses \$1,063, Northern IN Comm \$1,000, Mission shelter paper products (\$1,025), Healthy Haughville (\$53), Coffee/Donuts (\$12.35), Academy GC's (\$150), Headphones (\$90), St. Anthony's Staff Lunch (\$338), St. Anthony's Book Sale (\$120)