



## St. David's in Partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network

On November 7, 2014, Jill and Joe Bonn graciously opened their home on behalf of St. David's to thank the Interfaith Hospitality (IHN) volunteers for their service to the program's homeless families. The group also honored George Vosburgh who brought the program to our church community in 2006. "It doesn't take much in today's society to render a family homeless these days," said St. David's Frank Allen, "a mother or father loses their job or a family is forced from their home by fire or natural disaster or whatever the situation, coupled with families who can't find affordable housing or stay with family, are forced out into the street. This organization mobilizes community resources and helps families regain their housing, their independence and their dignity. I would personally like to thank George for leading the charge on this valuable program along with his wife, Melissa, as well as Foster Mayes as the co-founder of St. David's IHN program, Cindy McCallum and Jill Bonn (IHN Co-chairs) and all the volunteers who have cooked meals, played with children, helped on homework, stayed overnight and have supported these families as they struggle to get back on their feet...and for helping our community's most neediest."



The group presented George with an inscribed camping lantern which said: ***Lighting the way for IHN, thank you George!*** to show their appreciation in starting up IHN at St. David's. "I heard of this program and was moved to see what I could do to bring it to St. David's; I went to see Frank that next day and he approved of it on the spot and I began organizing the details. As I look back on what we've achieved over the years, I can wholeheartedly say that this is a program that works and is truly changing the lives of the families that are in it. I'm just thankful and humbled for the wonderful volunteers here at St. David's who have made it such a success. And we are always looking for new volunteers—it's a great way to make a

difference in someone's life. And, many thanks again to Jill and Cindy for organizing a wonder surprise for me and a tribute to the many volunteers who help make IHN work so well. "

IHN is a partnership of congregations within a community helping families who are facing homelessness. Interfaith Hospitality Networks are currently operating in 41 states and DC. Nationally, nearly 80% of the families that INHs serve go on to long-term housing.

Wanting to help? Contact George at [gbvosburgh@aol.com](mailto:gbvosburgh@aol.com), Cindy at [cr4mccallum@gmail.com](mailto:cr4mccallum@gmail.com) or Jill at [JillBonn@comcast.net](mailto:JillBonn@comcast.net).