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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## GROUNDBREAKING HELD AT INTERFAITH FAMILY SERVICES FOR NEW FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER | DALLAS, TEXAS

Interfaith Family Services is hosting its groundbreaking ceremony on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to kick off the construction of its new Family Empowerment Center. The additional two buildings will include a 3-story childcare center and an adult education center. These facilities will allow Interfaith to expand upon its highly successful model by providing services to working families in crisis *before* they become homeless. Interfaith will continue to offer its transitional housing program for working families experiencing homelessness and will provide career and financial coaching, counseling and free, on-site childcare for an additional 200 local families in need. The ceremony will take place at Interfaith's campus at 5600 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75206.

We invite you to join us for the momentous occasion as we continue to strengthen the Dallas community by providing working poor families the hand-up they need to break the cycle of poverty. To RSVP to the Groundbreaking Ceremony, please contact Tenetia' Kelley, Community Relations and Events Manager, at tkelley@interfaithdallas.org.

## ABOUT INTERFAITH FAMILY SERVICES

For almost 30 years, Interfaith Family Services (Interfaith) has been a leading resource for working poor families and a haven for homeless children who long for stability and hope. Today, we are even more committed to our mission to empower families in crisis and break the cycle of poverty. At the core of our work is a simple yet effective program formula: Eliminate Barriers + Equip Parents + Educate Children = Empower Working Families. Our first step is to eliminate the barriers that keep families in crisis from achieving stability. For families facing homelessness, we provide transitional housing in one of 25 fully-furnished apartments that we own debt-free or low-interest loans via On the Road Lending, in addition to providing free after-school and summer childcare. Next, equip parents to overcome poverty by helping parents identify a purpose that will help them to go from "working to live" to "loving their work" via career coaching. We also provide financial coaching to help reduce debt, build a savings safety-net and make the most of their new income. Simultaneously, children are stabilized via our structured and nurturing Hope & Horizons Children & Teens Program through tutoring, play therapy and counseling. This holistic combination of services produces results that elevate entire families out of poverty. For more information on Interfaith, or to discover other ways you can support Interfaith's work, please contact Destiny DeJesus, Marketing and Media Coordinator, at ddejesus@interfaithdallas.org or visit www.interfaithdallas.org.