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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, created to provide hope for families as Dallas continues to identify ways to reduce its poverty rate and provide options for the working poor. This one-of-a-kind center will address the main barriers that working poor families face: lack of employment with livable wages, lack of affordable childcare, lack of adequate financial knowledge, and lack of transportation. The Center consist of two three-story buildings. The Adult Education Building will serve up to 300 struggling parents annually, and will include case management offices, computer workstations for job hunting, a mock interview room, professional clothing boutique, and 15 financial coaching suites. The adjacent Childcare and Youth Services Building will offer extended-hour and weekend care for children ages 0 to 18, serving up to 500 children a year. This Center will also include children's computer lab, play therapy and counseling room, a teen lounge, and a sick care facility. Interfaith's goal is to duplicate the success of their existing program and expand the ability to holistically help more Dallas families to break the cycle of poverty.

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. The ceremony will take place at Interfaith's campus at 5600 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75206. To RSVP to the Groundbreaking Ceremony, please contact Tenetia' Kelley, Community Relations and Events Manager, at [tkelley@interfaithdallas.org](mailto: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](mailto:ddejesus@interfaithdallas.org) or visit [www.interfaithdallas.org](http://www.interfaithdallas.org).

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