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***Local Housing Agency Opens Its Doors to the Community***

(Dallas, Texas) – Interfaith Housing Coalition (IHC) has put the final touches on plans for their “Taste & Tour” Open House at 5600 Ross Avenue on Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The event will provide an opportunity for individuals to learn more about the agency’s transformational programs and increase awareness about homelessness in Dallas County.

The “Taste & Tour” Open House will feature complimentary wine and hors d’oeuvres, door prizes, tours, and guest speaker, Dawn Belcher Neufeld (wife of former Dallas Cowboy TE, Ryan Neufeld). Dawn is a corporate attorney specializing in business litigation as well as the reigning Mrs. Frisco.

“We are excited to open our doors to the community to highlight the important work we do each day to help families break the cycle of poverty, improve their stability, and develop a personal path to self-sufficiency”, says IHC’s Chief Executive Officer, Kimberly Williams. “We have become a vital resource in the Dallas area as the number of homeless families continues to rise.” The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance recently reported in their 2012 Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Census that the number of homeless families in Dallas County has increased 36 percent from 2010. These families—typically a single woman with young children—are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population.

IHC was founded in 1985 with the mission to help homeless families transition to self-sufficiency and new hope. Approximately 100 families receive a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives each year via IHC’s rigorous self-sufficiency programs. Services include transitional housing through 49 decorated private apartments that IHC owns debt-free; extensive financial literacy training; job search assistance; career development; and nurturing after-school and summer programs for children and teens.

For more information on the “Taste & Tour” Open House or Interfaith Housing Coalition, please contact Monica Cooper, Director of Donor Relations, at 469-828-1805 or visit [www.ihcdallas.org](http://www.ihcdallas.org).

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