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LOCAL TEAMS SPONSOR HOMELESS FAMILIES THROUGH INTERFAITH'S ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM | Dallas, TX

More than 27,300 Dallas residents with full-time jobs live below the poverty level. Community support is needed now more than ever as roughly 50,000 children are affected. Interfaith Family Services aids working poor families through its Adopt-a-Family program, through which individuals, companies, churches and other groups can help break the cycle of poverty by sponsoring a homeless family during their transition to self-sufficiency.

Teams from companies such as TBK, Highlands Residential Mortgage, and Texas Instruments have helped decorate apartments and move in sponsored families. Because of their support, families are now able to have a place to call home. These sponsorships not only help eliminate HUD funding; they also help save Dallas taxpayers over \$8 million annually.

"The strength of our communities is important to TI, and our team enjoys getting involved with United Way organizations throughout North Texas," said Laura McLaughlin, vice president of TI's External Manufacturing organization. "Adopting an Interfaith family is one project that allows us to see an immediate positive impact on a family; and we have great fun as a team doing it."

Because of the community philanthropy efforts of Interfaith's corporate partners, each adopted family will receive a fully furnished apartment, extensive financial coaching, career coaching and nurturing after-school programs for children. If you are interested in Interfaith's Adopt-a-Family program, contact Ashley Agnew, Chief Development Officer, at aagnew@interfaithdallas.org or 469.828.1805.

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: Stability + Self-Worth + Skills = Self-Sufficiency. First, we stabilize about 100 homeless families (nearly 90% of them female-led) each year by providing them with fully-furnished housing for up to a year in one of the 26 units that we own debt-free, and we offer daily children's programs tailored to the unique needs of homeless children. Next, we increase their self-worth through on-site counseling for parents and play therapy for children. Finally, we develop their skills via career coaching, financial coaching, and life-skills classes for parents, daily homework assistance, and individualized tutoring for children. These comprehensive holistic services lay the foundation for the families' long-term self-sufficiency. Our outcomes prove that our model works. Interfaith families earn more (\$13.51/hour), save more (\$1,631 on average), reduce more debt (\$1,167 on average), and remain self-sufficient longer than the members of any other transitional housing providers that report their outcomes publically.

For more information about Interfaith Family Services 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.

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