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SAVE HOMELESS CHILDREN FROM SUMMER LEARNING LOSS | DALLAS, TEXAS

For many homeless and disadvantaged children in Dallas, summer is a time of isolation, stress and academic regression. While children may enjoy being outside of the classroom for the summer months, it is vital to their future success that they continue their academic gains while on summer break. Through, **Socialization, Academic Advancement, Volunteer Opportunities, and Exploration**, Interfaith is able to **SAVE Summer** by giving homeless youth a summer to remember. During the program, children will receive 1-on-1 tutoring, volunteer locally, go on a college tour and more.

Help us **SAVE Summer for homeless children in Dallas!** Please [give](#) one of these memory-making, confidence-building gifts!

- **EXPLORER** — \$100 will provide a child with 2 weeks of swimming lessons.
- **EDUCATOR** — \$250 will help provide one (1) month of tutoring to help prevent summer learning loss for a student.
- **ENGAGER** — \$500 will sponsor five (5) summer field trips for an Interfaith class of 10 students.
- **EXPERIENCER** — \$1000 will sponsor a child's complete summer experience.

Interfaith Family Services invites the community to our Summer Camp Kickoff and Open House on Thursday, May 4th from 6PM-8PM. This event is open to all ages and will include games, refreshments and s'mores building activities! Come meet our families, tour our campus and connect with local volunteers while enjoying campfire bites and crafts! RSVP to development@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: **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's **SAVE Summer** program, please contact Ester Harrison, Senior Development Manager, at eharrison@interfaithdallas.org or (469)828-1806.

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