



# IHN Family

sheltering families in crisis

## Quarterly Happenings

February 2014

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### Celebrating Our 15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary in 2014

Just Neighbors (Interfaith Hospitality Network) of Greater Fort Wayne (Just Neighbors (IHN)) was created in 1999 as a grassroots response to the need for emergency shelter for homeless families in our community. Modeled on national programs promoting family stability and self-sufficiency, Just Neighbors (IHN) opened its doors to local families in November 2000.

Originally, Just Neighbors (IHN) used available space in local churches to provide night-time shelter for families. Each morning, the families were transported to Just Neighbors (IHN)'s Day Center in a small house in downtown Fort Wayne. The maximum daily capacity of the program was 14 individuals. In February of 2009, Just Neighbors (IHN) moved to a new family center on State Street so that it could increase capacity to 40 clients and provide on-site services. Since 2007, Just Neighbors (IHN) has more than doubled the number of families served annually. Today, Just Neighbors (IHN) is the only local shelter in Fort Wayne providing emergency housing for homeless families.



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### Wish List


- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Soap (liquid)
- Bleach
- Lysol
- Gas Cards
- Diapers (sizes newborn to 6)
- Pull Ups (girls and boys)
- Bath Soap
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Bed Pillows
- Twin sheets and pillow cases

### Renovations Continue



Plymouth Congregational Church completed its remodeling of guest room #5 which houses up to five guests with new beds, mattresses, carpet and painted walls. What a huge difference our partner churches are making for our guests. Words cannot express our gratitude. You truly are making a difference by volunteering and financially supporting Just Neighbors (IHN).

### Have you considered?

- ... making a special financial donation in recognition of IHN's 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary?
- ... including IHN in your estate planning?
- ... donating your tax refund to IHN? 
- ... conducting a food drive and donating to IHN?



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**The IHN Mission: To serve homeless families by providing emergency shelter, meals and comprehensive, compassionate and ongoing support.**

### 2013 Stats at a Glance thru December

**Individuals Served 225**  
**Avg. Length of Stay 65 days**