

Mark Your Calendar for the Volunteer of the Year Celebration!



Join us on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, for our Volunteer of the Year Celebration. This year we are honoring Carol Haddix.

Carol has volunteered in many different capacities over the years for many wonderful organizations including Little League, Project Prom, Cub Scouts and as Treasurer for the Boy Scouts and the Parent Teacher Group. While volunteering at the Haddon Heights Library, Bob Hunter suggested Carol try Interfaith Caregivers. Bob showed her the assignments online and she realized the available opportunities.

Carol was hooked! She has met so many wonderful people and had the honor of helping many of Interfaith's clients. Carol cherishes the friendships she has made with our clients and realizes how much her help and care means to them.

A Tribute to Norie

On June 16, 2025, Eleanor "Norie" Wisniewski joined the Church Triumphant. Norie was the first salaried Executive Director of Interfaith Caregivers (IFC). For the first few years of IFC services the program was run by its founder, Dr. Joan Gault, and a Board of Trustees that operated as one unit. Dr. Gault trained volunteers and once the word was out about its services, the clients readily signed up. When the program grew larger Dr. Gault found it more than she could handle and the board looked to hire an Executive Director. As a member of the board, I participated in the selection of Norie for the position.

Having trained as a teacher and worked in leadership positions in community organizations in Haddonfield, Norie brought the skills and abilities IFC needed. She moved the board from a fledgling "kitchen table" discussion group to an organized board that revised the By-Laws, set up committees and a program that moved IFC forward.

Norie's unique ability to develop relationships brought significant support to IFC. She secured corporate sponsors, businesses and other non-profits to support fund raisers, underwrite special programs and donate to IFC. Her contacts with local schools resulted in responses from both elementary and high school students. Girl Scout troops also signed up.

Realizing the importance of communication, Norie started a newsletter (*The Caring Times*). In it were News and Notes from Norie, notices of activities, important information for both clients and drivers, opportunities for special service and learning seminars. But very importantly, it also provided a way to

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publicly recognize and thank people for their efforts and support. She kept the lines of communication open with the governing bodies and congregations in Haddonfield and Haddon Heights to ensure their support. In addition, a big plus was Norie's recruitment of volunteers to set up and maintain a computer program with a database of people, as well as the means to more efficiently match volunteers and clients. These efforts contributed to promoting IFC in the community, a high priority for Norie.



Norie worked diligently with the board to develop ways to raise funds. There was the Annual Mail Appeal, requests for grants, cocktail and dinner gatherings, special events like an Oyster Supper in conjunction with the Rotary Club, a Night at Plays and Players for a show and basket raffle. One of the biggest events, in more ways than one, was Touch-a-Truck featuring a wide array of different trucks that kids and kids-at-heart could not just touch but climb in and out of.

In 2003 the Board of Trustees with Norie's guidance, accepted an invitation to join the Faith in Action Network, a national network of caregivers dedicated to the expansion and successful operation of care-giving programs nationwide. The network offered resources and programs provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, NJ, that supported and enhanced the operation of local care-giving groups just like IFC. This was of great benefit to IFC for five years while the program was in existence.

Norie most ably guided the day to day operations of IFC for fifteen years. Her passion, dedication, energy, enthusiasm and expertise gave great impetus to the work of IFC and laid a strong foundation on which succeeding participants have built to continue the mission of Interfaith Caregivers. Interfaith is most grateful for Norie's service.

Ginny Ritchie

Note from the Executive Director



Volunteering is Good for You. If you are already a volunteer with Interfaith Caregivers you know the good feeling you get from supporting an older adult with a ride to the doctor, grocery store or the hairdresser. According to the Mayo Clinic, there are three specific benefits from volunteering: It improves physical and mental health; provides a sense of purpose; and nurtures new and existing relationships. "Volunteering reduces stress and increases positive, relaxed feelings by releasing dopamine.

By spending time in service to others, volunteers report feeling a sense of meaning and appreciation, both given and received, which can have a stress-reducing effect." Mayo Clinic – Speaking of Health 8.1.23.

If you know someone who might be interested in volunteering, have them give us a call. Volunteers are our biggest need. The more volunteers we have, the more people we can serve. Please call 856-354-0298 or visit our website (giftofalift.org) for more info.

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year Carol Haddix! Thank you for all you do for our clients. We can't wait to celebrate YOU on October 15 at Tavistock Country Club. If you would like to join us, please visit our website for ticket information.

Don't forget to join us on December 11 for the Annual Haddonfield House Tour.

Larissa Willison

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Seeking Volunteers

We need you or your friend, neighbor, sister and/or brother to join the Interfaith Caregivers Community! Our volunteers provide essential services to our clients every day. An hour or two can make a difference in someone's life.

Without our volunteers, it is possible many of our clients would be homebound, isolated, lonely, miss doctor appointments, be unable to get groceries, or worst-case scenario, might be forced to give up living independently.

Being an Interfaith Caregivers volunteer is easy. You volunteer when you have the time, as little or as much as you'd like. There are no weekly or monthly time requirements. The more volunteers



Interfaith Caregivers has, the more clients we can serve. Please help us make a difference.

To sign up, visit www.giftofalift.org/volunteer and your application will come right to our office. We will reach out to you to set up training and you will be on your way to helping others.

Lunch is Served! We had a great time at our Client and Volunteer Lunch where we enjoyed plenty of conversation and a box lunch. Thank you to Shamrock Deli for providing our box lunches, to Haddon Heights Cabin for hosting us and to Forget Me Knot Flowers for the beautiful bouquets!







Left to Right: Photo 1: Ginny Ritchie and Marie Springer; Photo 2: Chris Feese (volunteer), Marion Easterday, Miriam Grossman and Nancy Gulick (volunteer); Photo 3: Jeanne Pinkham and Mary Jane Lange (volunteer)

Mark Your Calendar for the House Tour!

December 11, 2025 Tour Times: 11a-9p

This year's house tour is going to knock your socks off! We have a variety of amazing homes for you to tour. From big to little and old to new. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about the houses that will be featured in this year's Tour. Interfaith Caregivers will be using electronic ticketing again this year. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning in early November. Paper maps will be available at our office. Tickets will be \$25 until December 10 and \$30 on the day of the house tour.

All tour participants must remove their shoes to enter each home.



It's sure to be a fun day filled with Holiday Cheer!









Calendar of Events

October 15 Volunteer of the Year

Celebration, 6:30-9p

Tavistock Country Club

December 11 Holiday House Tour,

11a-9p

Office Closed/No Rides

Thanksgiving November 27 & 28 Christmas December 24, 25 & 26

New Year's Eve December 31
New Years January 1 & 2
MLK Day January 19
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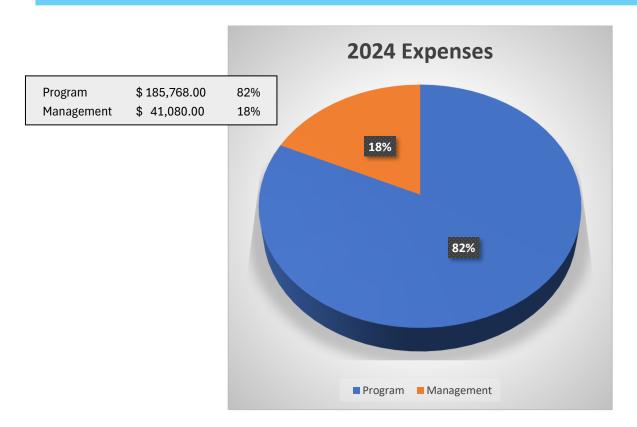
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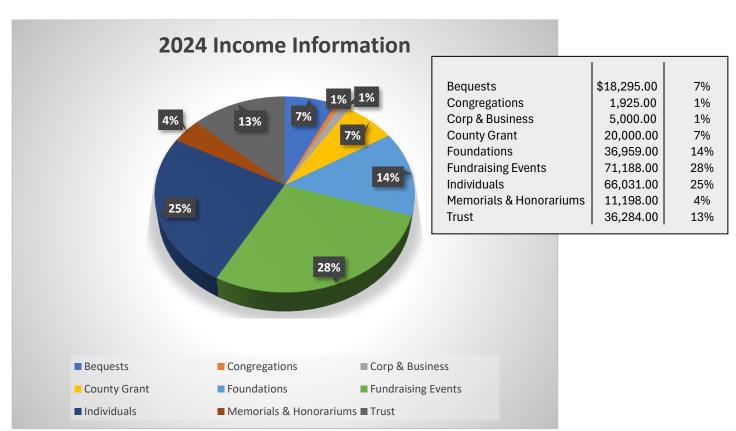
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