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Interfaith Outreach Home

Letter from the Executive Director

The People's Inaugural Project gives one IOH family the opportunity of a lifetime

On January 20th of this year, Americans from across the nation gathered in Washington, D.C. to witness President Obama step into office.

Among the crowd of millions, were some familiar faces. Kenneth and Telisha Brown and their two sons, Donovan and Dylan, current residents in the IOH program, attended the inauguration as

part of the People's Inaugural Project. Earl W. Stafford, head of the Stafford Foundation sponsored the project at the JW Marriott Hotel. The People's Inaugural Project invited disadvantaged persons and wounded soldiers to witness the inauguration from the prime location on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Brown Family along with other guests of the project enjoyed access to a heated balcony overlooking the parade route, as well as tickets to the Inaugural

Address.

The day's festivities ended with an Inaugural Ball co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia Urban League.



The Brown Family was very excited to be selected to

attend the Inauguration and have the opportunity to represent IOH. Kenneth Brown describe the experience as "life changing" and was thrilled to be able to share a piece of history with his family and especially his sons, who until this trip had never been outside of Georgia.



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Don't forget the Golf Marathon this Fall.

Contact IOH at (770) 457-3727 for more information.

There are four golfers that participate in this event every year. We are looking for 2 or 3 golfers who are willing to put their skills to the test and join us in the attempt to play 54 holes of golf in one day. If its not for you, we also need people to sponsor these brave souls in their efforts!

Homeless to Home Ownership Families in the IOH program continue to make amazing recoveries

Since opening its doors in 1992, IOH has served over **250 families** and is pleased to report that we have a **graduation rate of 75%**. The majority of families to graduate the program move into independent rental housing. In 2005, a single mom with a teenage son proved that it is possible to make the transition from **homelessness to home-ownership**. The idea of

owning a home was one that none of the IOH residents, including this family, thought would ever be a real possibility. This brave family started a trend. Today, we are proud to report that IOH has helped 17 families become first time home buyers. The most recent family to make the transition to home ownership is a two parent family with four children. This family turned what

could have been a devastating accident into an amazing recovery. The father, who worked in apartment maintenance, suffered an injury at work, resulting in the loss of his job. The family worked with an attorney to advocate for a fair settlement. They used the settlement money in combination with the almost \$20,000 that they saved while in the IOH program to pay cash for a house in foreclosure.

The family closed on their new home in March 2009 and is secure in the knowledge that they can never become homeless



14th Annual IOH Golf Tournament raises funds for IOH programming

The 14th Annual IOH Golf Tournament was held, March 31st at Rivermont Golf and Country Club in Alpharetta.

We want to thank all the volunteers who came out to help during the day including Kristy Caycee, Elen Christopher, Lou Bickes, Dunwoody Women's Club, Irene Garth, Reginald Grant, Jacqueline O'Donnell, and Barbara Schwendler.

We also extend a huge thank you to McKendrick's Steak House for providing every golfer with a \$50 gift card to their restaurant. We are very thankful to the other corporate sponsors that supported the event including: Blue

Moon Pizza, The Corporate Shop, ETC Golf, Honey Baked Ham, Max Lager's American Grill & Brewery, and The Ravinia Club.

One hundred and four golfers braved the uncertain weather and enjoyed a great day out on the course despite rain showers. Golfers had the opportunity to test their skill through several contests, including a hole-in-one contest and putting contest. Congratulations to Bill Schoder for winning the putting contest and Dick DeNell who placed second. Both golfers sunk the incredibly difficult put.

The day ended with an awards cere-

mony and reception hosted by Rivermont County Club. The reception included a silent auction of golf and sports memorabilia by Heritage Golf Shots and a raffle contest that included some amazing prizes.

The staff, residents, and Board of Directors would like to express its sincere gratitude to all the golfers, sponsors, volunteers and others who participated in the 14th Annual IOH Golf Tournament. Together, we raised \$18,000 to support IOH programming and make a difference in the lives of homeless families and children in our community.

A Special Thank you to all the people that supported the event

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of IOH, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the many friends of IOH who have been faithful and loyal supporters of this program. Through our combined efforts, we can create lasting change in the lives of homeless families.



Thank you,
 Frederick Zak,
 Executive Director

Volunteers at IOH:

IOH depends on the generosity of volunteers to support programs that are critical parts of the IOH program. We are very thankful to the many volunteer groups that offer their support. Below is a list of volunteer groups who have helped with pantry drives, Life Skills workshops, and work days during recent months.

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 Atlanta Youth Academy
 Bethesda Baptist Church
 Brookhaven Christian Church
 Church Women United
 First Alliance Church Youth Group
 Girl Scout Troup #1640

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 Saint Martin in the Field Episcopal Church
 Saint Monica's Guild
 Saint Teresa's Circle
 Snellville Church of Christ Youth Group
 Sugar Loaf United Methodist Church
 YMCA
 The Zoo Crew

Sixth Graders sacrifice their weekend to make a difference at IOH

The sixth grade class at Saint Jude Catholic School spent the weekend of April 18th and 19th beautifying the IOH grounds under the watchful supervision of teachers and parents. The group worked hard, weeding old flower beds, planting many flowers, painting a fence, planting a vegetable garden and moving lots and lots of mulch.

We are very excited to nurture the new vegetable garden and are looking forward to enjoying fresh produce throughout the summer.





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