New Life and Growth

In spite of the cold, the snow, and the harsh wind, the trees are blossoming and the flowers are starting to pop out in full color. No matter how difficult winter has been, growth and new life come at the time scheduled by nature. The Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants (ICDI) also continues to grow and have new life no matter how many obstacles have been set in our path along the way.

When Ricardo Wong, the Field Office Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Midwest, came to Broadview with Jeh Johnson, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Mr. Wong told the secretary that our program was like a well-oiled machine having all the bases covered. Yet recently, the outside team helped us grow by creating a number system so that families coming to say goodbye are able to stay in their cars until it is their turn to go inside. Also, our program director, Elena Segura, has talked with the Mexican Consul to find out the details of the new system when Mexicans are deported so that everyone can be properly informed.

The Court Watch Program was covering the courts, educating students, working with lawyers and yet, there is expansion. A committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America wanted to start a court watch program in the children’s court and were told to partner with our well organized program – growth and new life.

In February we were privileged to be accepted into the Kenosha County Detention Center to do pastoral visits. Here we have major growth spurts as over 30 new volunteers have been trained and are beginning to form the teams. The numbers of men coming to see us keeps increasing and the gratitude is bountiful. There are fewer women, but one volunteer spends time with them.

Finally, our Post-Detention program has two houses which are filled with men, women, families, and our newest addition, eighteen year olds. As an alternative to detention, we have been able to receive two young men who, when released from one of the children’s houses, came to us instead of being sent to the adult detention centers. Our biggest growth spurt in this program is that we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and Immigration and Customs Enforcement which will enable us to bring families from the family detention centers on the border. We are hiring a case manager to provide the case management. This is made possible with a grant from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

And so the growth continues. As you can imagine, the growth has caused our budget to more than quadruple over the past year and increase even more into our next fiscal year. Much of this newsletter is devoted to our upcoming benefit and the kick-off event which was held in March. This benefit will greatly assist us in the cost of the rapid growth of our programs.

We are so grateful to our Board and those who made the kick-off event possible. Also, we are grateful to our many donors and volunteers who partner with us in this journey and through these growth spurts. Any way that you can help with the benefit or invite others to do so will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the beauty of nature and celebrate the growth of ICDI which enables us to reach out to so many more of our immigrant sisters and brothers.

~~ Sister JoAnn Persch, RSM
Executive Director — Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants
An Afternoon at Sanfilippo 2015 Kick-Off Event

On March 9th, Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants hosted a “kick-off” event for our upcoming fundraiser, “An Afternoon at Sanfilippo 2015” to be held on August 8, 2015. The evening was a huge success and it was sponsored by the following friends of our program: Billy and Anne Lawless, John W. and Jeanne M. Rowe, Denis and Martha Pierce, Tom and Mary Owens, and Loretta Rosenmayer, CEO, INTREN, Inc.

Over 75 guests attended this gathering at the Union League Club of Chicago and heard about the latest programs at ICDI along with exciting news about our upcoming fundraiser in August. Many guests were new to the program and learned about ICDI and their network of volunteers doing important and extraordinary work.

One of the event sponsors, Martha Pierce is also an active volunteer. She spoke of her experiences at McHenry County Jail. I was very moved by listening to Martha’s personal experiences working with detained immigrants. I now have a better understanding of how much comfort and support these volunteers have provided immigrants that are caught in the detention and deportation systems.

Sister JoAnn Persch, RSM, Executive Director of ICDI, spoke about their committed volunteers representing 16 different religious denominations. Guests were able to view a new video showing these volunteers working with immigrants in the deportation center, jail, courts and with their post detention network.

Our wonderful volunteer Event Director, Barbara Sipe spoke about new sponsorship opportunities for the fundraiser. ICDI is currently relying on 100% private funds. ICDI responded to a great need and opened two “Marie Joseph Houses of Hospitality” that have quadrupled our budget. We are relying on these sponsors to help support the rising costs of rent, staff, food and supportive services for the homes. Please consider becoming a sponsor and supporting this great work!

On August 8, 2015, we hope that you will bring your family and friends and make this fundraiser, “An Afternoon at Sanfilippo 2015” a big success.

~~ Julie Owens Mineman
Board Member — Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants

Thank you to our event Sponsors

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Sister JoAnn Persch greets guests at the March 9, 2015 Kick-Off Event.

ICDI volunteer and Kick-Off Event Sponsor, Martha Pierce speaks of her experience as part of the ICDI McHenry County Jail Visitation Program.
Remembering An Afternoon at Sanfilippo 2014

Remember all the fun you had last year? There will be even more to enjoy this year! If you missed last year’s event, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 8. Tickets go on sale online and by phone in June.

Volunteers Sr. Maria Zeiman and Connie Saldivar enjoying treats at the ice cream social.

Sr. JoAnn Persch, Father Tom Long and ICDI staff draw the lucky winners of the raffle.

Sr. JoAnn Persch and guest.
There Are Many Ways to Help . . .

Preparation is underway for another successful fundraising event at the Sanfilippo Mansion to benefit Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants. As ICDI program needs continue to grow (see Sister JoAnn Persch’s page one article), fundraising needs grow as well.

New in 2015 are:
- Sponsorship levels available for business partners and individuals.
- A live auction emceed by a professional auctioneer.

Returning for the 2015 event are:
- Self-guided tour of the Sanfilippo Mansion.
- Fabulous organ concert by Jelani Eddington.
- Fund-A-Need donation opportunity.
- Ice Cream Social in the beautiful Carousel Room.

Please consider becoming an event sponsor, donating an item for the live auction, or taking out an ad in the event program book. For more information, please contact Kathy Murtha at icdi.kmurtha@outlook.com or 773-779-6011 ext. 3846 to request a Sponsorship Packet.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Level — $15,000
- 16 tickets to event
- Full-page ad in program book.
- Logo on invitation
- Acknowledgement in all pre-event communications.
- Thank you in program book and on signage.

Gold Level — $10,000
- 10 tickets to event
- Full-page ad in program book.
- Logo on invitation.
- Acknowledgement in all pre-event communications.
- Thank you in program book and on signage.

Silver Level — $7,500
- 8 tickets to event.
- Half-page ad in program book.
- Acknowledgement in all pre-event communications.
- Thank you in program book and on signage.

Bronze Level — $5,000
- 6 tickets to event.
- Half-page ad in program book.
- Acknowledgement in all pre-event communications.
- Thank you in program book and on signage.

Copper Level — $2,500
- 4 tickets to event.
- Half-page ad in program book.
- Acknowledgement in all pre-event communications.
- Thank you in program book and on signage.

Auction Donation Wish List

- Vacation condo or house for up to a week stay with accommodations for four or more people
- Airline ticket / miles for two domestic economy tickets.
- Chicago sport team tickets, either regular seating tickets or corporate boxes for two or more people.
- Round of golf at a renowned Chicago country club — if possible with a local celebrity in the foursome.
- Set of golf clubs or a golf bag.
- A vertical of wine.
- Single bottle donations, value of at least $25.00 or more.
- Single bottles of liquor, top shelf quality.
- Dinner for 8 or more with a renowned chef hosted by winner.
- Catering for a dinner party with Sister JoAnn and Sister Pat for 8 or more people.
- Get-a-way weekend condo or hotel room at fun destinations for 2 or 4 people.
- Gift certificate to Chicago restaurants — value, dinner for two.

Ad Levels

- Full-page — $500.00
- Half-page — $250.00
- Quarter-page — $125.00
- Business card — $75.00
- Patron — $50.00
**Memorials**

Patricia Strugalla  
By Sr. JoAnn Persch and Sr. Pat Murphy

Esther L. Tejeda  
By Antoinette Tejeda

Donna Reschke  
By an anonymous donor

Anthony Grosh  
By an anonymous donor

Sr. Norella  
By Joseph F. Cramer Jr.

John F. Fahey  
By Joan Fahey

Robert Nolan  
By Brother Michael Gosch

Lucille McArdle  
By John and Mary Trant

Kenneth Long  
By Sr. JoAnn Persch and Sr. Pat Murphy

Irene and Fred Flosi  
By Sarah and Fred Flosi

Anne Gosch and Marion Kuhn  
By Michael Kuhn and Susan Gosch Kuhn

Vincent and Vera Fisher  
By Sr. Michele Vincent Fisher, CSFN

Lucile Preston  
By Donna Preston

Amanda Baker  
By Randy Baker

**Honors**

Sister JoAnn Persch, Sister Pat M. Murphy  
By James Matthews  
By Kathryn Olsen  
By Joseph and Jeanne Foley

Denny Conway  
By John and Mary Trant

Paul and Christine Prendergast  
By Sr. Tori Lynn Gallagher

David A. Knotts  
By an anonymous donor

Thanks to Mary Naftzger for her court watch work and her McHenry County Jail work and for all the ICDI volunteers  
By Sara Wallace Pitcher

Sr. Evangeline  
By Joe Cramer

Sisters of Mercy Jubilarians  
By Sr. Carol Mucha  
By Jane Schlosser  
By Nancy Cahill  
By Sr. JoAnn Persch and Sr. Pat Murphy  
By Joy Clough  
By Sr. Anne Flanagan, RSM  
By Sister Rita Specht

In honor of Timothy Gosch’s 56th birthday  
By Susan Kuhn

In honor of family and friends  
By Sr. JoAnn Persch and Sr. Pat Murphy

Sr. Evangeline  
Joseph F. Cramer

Dave Warren, OFS  
By Joan Sanders, OFS

Brian Clarke and Margaret Feit Clarke  
By Gregory Bork

In honor of Elaine Layden and all her work for this cause  
By Marty and Andrea Singer

Mary Naftzger  
By Robert J. and Sheila Bator  
By Sharon Hunter-Smith
**Honors**

Ann and Matt Michaels  
By Cheryl Graham

Br. Michael Gosch, CSV  
By Lynda Connor

Reverend Thomas Long, CSV  
By Lynda Connor

In honor of the O’Shea and Stretch families and friends  
By Kateri O’Shea and Tina Stretch

In honor of the PDAN volunteers  
By Michael Burke

In honor of Pat Bugos’ 75th Birthday  
By Sr. Mary Sheehan  
By John and Mary Trant  
By Peg Schneider

In honor of Kateri O’Shea’s Birthday  
By the Birthday Group

Tom and Mary Owens  
By Jim and Kay Mabie

In honor of M. Keane, A. Sullivan, M. Brennan, and B. Finnegan — all daughters of immigrants  
By Nancy Cahill

Kathy Kelly  
By Jim Cusack

**Sustaining Donors**

Deborah Conway  
Frank and Danita Covington  
Ann Legg  
Charlaine and Patrick McAnany  
Kathleen and Larry Morkert  
Mary Naftzger  
Fr. Alan Syslo, CSV  
Sr. Sylvia Wehlisch  
Fr. Francis White, CSV

**How Can I Help?**

Please see our Wish List below and “How can I donate?” on page 8.

To volunteer in one of our ministries, please call our office at 773-779-6011 ext. 3846 or one of the Program Directors:

Broadview — Elena Segura (esegura@archchicago.org)  
Court Watch — Mary Naftzger (maryandbob.n@sbcglobal.net)  
Visitation — Sr. Pat Murphy (773-779-6011 ext. 3846)  
Post Detention Accompaniment Network — Br. Michael Gosch (mgosch@viatorians.com)

**Wish List**

Please consider making a donation to fulfill our wish list. Our Post Detention Accompaniment Network, Broadview and visitation ministries are in particular need of the following items:

◊ Nonperishable food items, especially beans, rice, cereals, and canned vegetables.

◊ Perhaps a parish or other group would like to volunteer to cook a meal at one of our Houses of Hospitality. Please contact Br. Michael Gosch for details at mgosch@viatorians.com

◊ New men’s underwear in medium and large sizes.

◊ CTA (Ventra) cards

◊ International phone cards

◊ English and Spanish Bibles  
(MUST BE PAPERBOUND — not hard-covered)

◊ Monetary donations to help offset the cost of replenishing detainees’ commissary accounts

◊ Art supplies for use at the Children’s Centers

◊ Shoelaces
How can I donate?

Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity by the IRS. And, quite frankly, we depend on your donations throughout the year to continue our ministries. So, how can you help?

- Donate online at www.icdichicago.org using PayPal.
- Send a check made payable to ICDI to:
  
  ICDI
  10024 S. Central Park Ave.
  Chicago, IL 60655

- Consider a gift donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. We will send a card to the recipient of your gift, notifying them of your contribution and your tribute will be published in our newsletter.

- Help us throughout the year by becoming a Sustaining Member. Some of our benefactors choose to send us a donation each month, thus sustaining us all year long.

All of your gifts will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged. If you have questions, please call us at 773-779-6011 ext. 3846 and speak to Kathy Murtha.

Thank you!