



Introduction to Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)



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IHN is a national, non-profit organization, established in 1986.

The Network brings communities of faith together to help families regain and sustain their **housing, their **independence** and their **dignity**.**

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Areas of Focus:

- 1. Organize congregations to provide shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services for homeless families.**
- 2. Train volunteers as mentors for families at risk of homelessness.**
- 3. Promote and support the growth of locally developed Network outreach initiatives.**
- 4. Advocate for adequate housing and support services for low-income people.**

IHN of Yellowstone County

established in June 2004

A Community Response for Homeless Families

Mission:

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Yellowstone County is to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence.

First and foremost, there is no discrimination as to age, sex, or race when it come to qualifying as homeless.

A recent Mayors Committee study indicated over a years time period there is 2000 individuals in Billings, who are homeless.

With the changing economy it is more difficult then ever to secure employment and housing for our IHN families. Some landlords believe it is a risk for them to rent to the IHN families, as some of these families have poor credit. If you know any landlords who are looking to rent property, please call Adela, the IHN Director at 294-7432, as lack of decent, affordable housing is one of the obstacles that prevent families from becoming independent.





This photo represents where an older woman lives. Due to extenuating circumstances this is where/how she lives, but it's not because no one cares. This is a Billings, Church located on the west end of our community.

This ramp in Billings, houses seven people!



OUR MISSION IS ACHIEVED BY:

Collaborating with diverse communities of faith and various community resources to provide shelter, meals, case management and supportive services to homeless families in addition to promoting awareness in the community regarding homelessness.

IHN

operates a Day Center

where adult clients receive

case management services from the IHN

Case Manager.

Day Center Provides Referrals To Existing

Community Resources For:

- ✓ *Medical Assistance*
- ✓ *Employment*
- ✓ *Housing*
- ✓ *Children's Services*
- ✓ *Mental Health Services - Counseling*

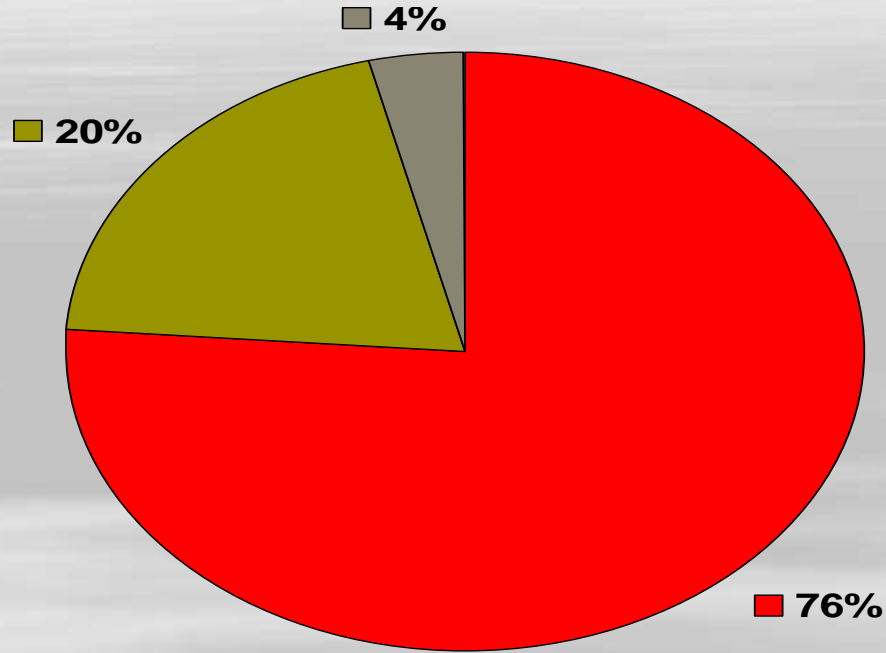
IHN provides a case manager and other services that include:

- ✓ ***resume writing***
- ✓ ***job interview skills training***
- ✓ ***life skills classes***
- ✓ ***parenting classes***

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE **BY IHN**

- Drug and Alcohol Free
- Working or Searching for employment
- Applying for/seeking permanent housing
- Participating in skill building activities
- Compliance with IHN rules/regulations

2008 IHN FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

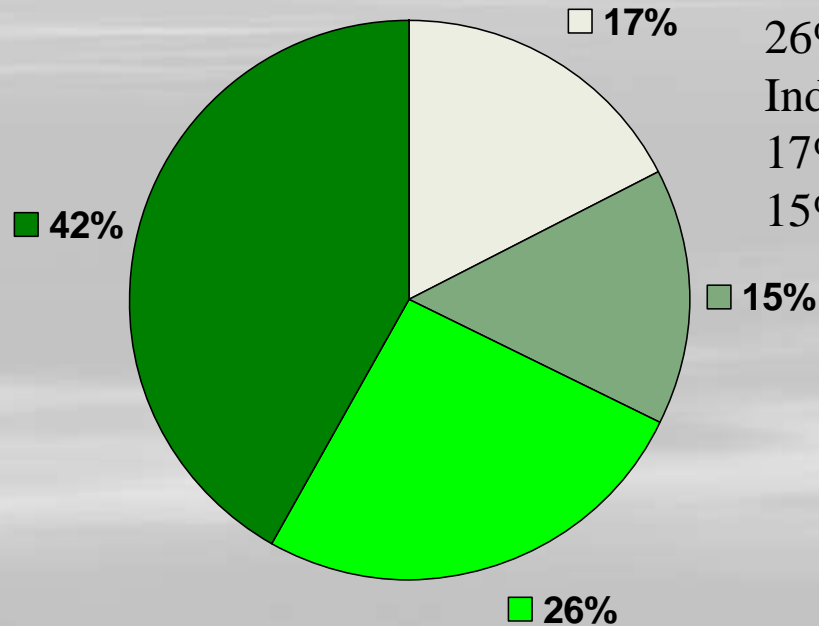


1. Program Expenses: goods and services distributed to fulfill the purpose of the organization.

2. Administrative Expenses: costs of business management, record keeping, budgeting, and finance and other management and administrative activities.

3. Fundraising Expenses: costs of fundraising campaigns and events.

2008 IHN INCOME ALLOCATION

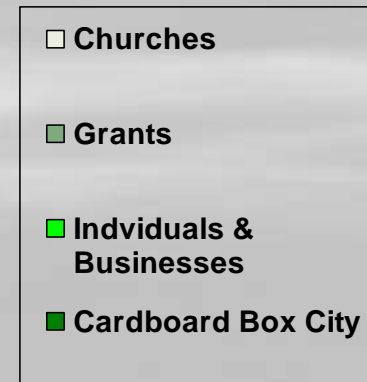


42% of the income came from Cardboard Box City.

26% of the income came from Individuals and Business donations.

17% of the income came from Churches.

15% of the income came from Grants.



FAMILIES HOSTED BY IHN:



Facts regarding the families hosted through IHN:

- Most come to IHN unemployed.
- 85% of the people leave IHN employed.



Thomas & Holly



Sophia & Promise



Volunteer, Susan Plath and Promise



Interfaith Hospitality Network

exists because

communities of faith in Billings

share the commitment to

End the Cycle of Poverty and Homelessness,

One Family at a Time.



Many Thanks to our 2009 Volunteers

- **More than 20,000 hours of service.**
- **More than 1700 volunteers in 20 participating congregations.**
- **365 evening dinners repaired.**
- **365 nights of overnight hosting.**

YOU CAN HELP BY:

- ✓ **Volunteer to assist KOG with hosting the IHN families.**
- ✓ **Participate in the fundraisers such as:
Cardboard Box City Fundraiser**
- ✓ **Share with us the names of Landlords who rent to
low income families.**
- ✓ **Van Drivers who have good driving records and a
concern for safety.**
- ✓ **Volunteer your time at the Day Center.**

Please Contact any of the IHN Coordinators

Set-up:

Colleen Nichols: 656-0494

Kathy Kastelitz: 855-8437



Activities:

Sue & Russ Plath: 652-3145



Team Coordinators:

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Laurie Stockman: 698-8048



Meals:

Joan & Frank Felke: 671-6701



Take-down:

Eileen Rodriguez: 534-4448

