



Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens

A community response to homeless families.

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Dear Robert,

I want to sincerely thank you for your congregation's dedication to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens. Enclosed please find statistics that show the financial value of your congregation's volunteer hours, meals provided, bed nights and financial support for 2017. Thank you so much for making this important work of supporting homeless families possible!! We are also thankful for a wonderful intern who completes these sheets for us, spending countless hours going through our volunteer data to provide our congregations this valuable information. We hope that you will share this information with your congregation and celebrate the good work you do for IHNA!



As you know, IHNA is one of over 200 affiliates of the national organization, Family Promise, with affiliates in 43 states, 14 of these are in Georgia. Because these networks make use of existing community resources, intervention can be implemented quickly and can engage the larger community by providing shelter, meals, and support to families experiencing homelessness.



The past two years IHNA's network has grown from 7 host congregations and 11 support congregations, to 15 host congregations and 27 support congregations. We now have over 1200 volunteers in the network. We are so thankful for this growth and for each congregation's commitment to supporting homeless families!

I personally want to thank you for supporting my work with IHNA these past 2 ½ years; October 18 will be my last day serving at IHNA. I will be moving jobs to serve as the Co-Senior Minister at First Christian Church, Athens. I have

so enjoyed my time with IHNA and celebrate with you the good work of this organization!

Best wishes,

Stacy Pardue
IHNA Assistant Director

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Athens, GA

Congregational Statistics

For the year 2017

Congregation: EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL Date: _____

Hosting Weeks : 4

of Volunteers: 36

Volunteer Hours: 557.8

Financial Value of Volunteer Hours (\$12/hr): \$ 6,693.60

Meals Provided: 438

Financial Value of Meals Provided (\$5/person): \$ 2,190

Bed Nights Provided (\$35/person): \$ 7,665

Financial Support: \$ 4,100

Total Financial Support Value: \$ 20,648.60

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW AT EMMANUEL



Perhaps parishioners with children in Emmanuel’s acolyte and EYC programs have joined them in a breakfast or two or a pancake supper cooked and served by a group of Emmanuel’s men. Or perhaps you’ve been aware of a parish workday for some service project or other around our fine church grounds. Maybe you’ve seen a group of parish men preparing sack lunches in the kitchen, or just been aware that an Emmanuel men’s group meets from time to time in church spaces. Most likely then, you’ve noticed some of the activities of Emmanuel’s men’s group, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international lay men’s organization, begun in Chicago in 1883 by an Episcopal layman. It offers Christian men a gathering place to meet in common purpose to encourage each other in the Faith, and to follow the three Disciplines around which the Brotherhood is organized: The Discipline of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ’s kingdom especially among men and youth. The Discipline of Study is to study the Holy Scriptures regularly. The Discipline of Service is to make continuous efforts to bring others nearer to Christ through His church.

Our Emmanuel Chapter meets monthly during the spring and fall to pray, discuss, and plan. We share our own thanks and experiences, and read and study various selected books to inform and strengthen our inreach and outreach. From these meetings come participation in such things as the meal-preparation and campus service projects mentioned above but more importantly, we seek to grow and strengthen our faith and understanding. Through our Brotherhood liturgy, the lessons of Holy Scripture and our selected books, and by sharing our own experiences and witness we look to be strengthened to carry Christian living out into the street. And with the Discipline of Prayer, we hope to grow and to be more and more comfortable in our relationships with God.

From Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” The Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets in communion as Christian men. By that open confession of the Faith we seek to take courage from each other so as to put faith into our days as a comfortable thing. Whether working or retired, younger or older, we look for guidance in our persons, our families, and our daily lives.

The Brotherhood meets the fourth Sunday evening of the month, with the occasional social time added in, to share our experiences and to pray, study and plan. More information is available from 2019 president Phillip Moery (pmoery@piedmont.edu) or our Secretary/Treasurer Andy Simmonds (andysimmonds44@gmail.com), or through the church office at 706 543-7912. The study and discussions are lively and fun, and the encouragement of being in community among fellow seekers is constantly reassuring as we pursue the living of Christian lives. Emmanuel’s Brotherhood of St. Andrew has a long parish history, and continues to openly welcome all the men of Emmanuel.