

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Five IFC events in 2011 come to mind as we enter into 2012.

The first occurred at the Annual Meeting exactly a year ago. The program featured a review of this organization's history since its founding in the late 1970s. by Rev. Bob Geller, long-time campus minister at CSU and a founding member, who recounted how IFC evolved over the subsequent decades. Nina Rubin of Har Shalom added to that remembrance, particularly noting the 501c3 role played by IFC in the aftermath of the 1997 Spring Creek Flood. This historical mind-set has continued with the regular featuring of the origin of our constituent faith communities, as these have been inserted in six of this year's E-Bulletin. Going forward all others are invited to submit their stories via the option provided on our website.

Turning now to the other three notable events, each could be cited as making history in their own right. Next to come was the Annual Appreciation and Awards Supper in March, when both an attendance record, with over a hundred in attendance, and recognition of the number of groups exercising outreach to homeless persons, with Ken Johns of Homeless Gear the keynote speaker.

Because last year marked the decade since 9/11/01, IFC took the lead in organizing a Commemoration for the occasion on that Sunday in September at Plymouth Congregational Church. The music composed and performed in New York in the aftermath of that day by Rabbi Ben Newman and replayed by him at the service was most moving and featured in the next day's edition of the Fort Collins Coloradoan.

The two other events of note occurred at the same meeting in November. One came as IFC then provided the 501c3 status to the newly forming Faith Family Hospitality. This effort, modeled on the national Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality program, consists of nine host faith communities and seven support congregations providing supper, overnight accommodation and breakfast for a week on a rotating basis for up to four homeless families. Referrals and a Day Center are offered through the Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope, in cooperation with Catholic Charities, and with the United Way of Larimer County serving as fiscal agent.

Finally, it was at that same November meeting that the vote was taken to combine the IFC business and program meetings on the first Thursday of the month for the first half of 2012 on a trial basis. By mid-year, a second vote will be taken to determine if the membership decides to continue this consolidated format permanently, based on increased attendance and participation.

So with the momentum of the preceding year carrying over into this one, I believe we can anticipate a report of further progress at this Annual Meeting in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Thompson

Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council Annual Financial Report

Beginning Balance:	\$3479.00
Administrative	\$1180.00
Grants	\$1999.00
Restricted	\$300.00
New Income:	\$9456.00
Administrative	\$1600.00
Grants	\$7681.00
Restricted	\$175.00
Funds available total	\$12,935.00

Disbursements:

Administrative:	\$479.00
Awards Dinner	\$1221.00
Restricted	\$475.00 (Distributed to Homeless Day Shelter Initiative)
Grants	\$9610.00
Total Disbursements	\$11784.00
Ending Balance:	\$1151.00
Administrative	\$1079.00
Grant	\$72.00

Twenty-two Faith Communities contributed to IFC in 2011 with Grant monies being distributed to area non-profit agencies. A detailed report is available on request.

Carol A. Smith, Treasures

**Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council
2011 Grants Team Annual Report**

The 2011 year started with a change in the position of Chairperson. Carol Smith who had served as Chairperson since the inception of the Grants Team retired, and Kristi Stingley took the reins. We thank Carol for her dedicated service to the Grants Team and thank her also for her service as Treasurer.

The Grants Team awarded grants to 24 Fort Collins area non-profit agencies during the 2011 fiscal year. While few of these organizations received the full amount of their request, we know that the amounts awarded met a critical need. We awarded \$9,610 in grants during the year in addition to the \$3,467 raised through fundraising events for a total of \$13,077 awarded during the year.

The decisions of how to distribute the limited funds available for grants take considerable work and time. The team considers each grant carefully and makes recommendations based on a range of criteria. This year, categories of service were established to make this process more straightforward. After a few changes during the year, six categories emerged: Social Concerns, Special Needs, Housing, Children, Healthcare, and Food. The charts on the next two pages illustrate the distribution of funds for 2011: the first chart without fundraising and the second with fundraising. A relatively even distribution between categories was targeted and obtained for grants awarded without fundraising. Since both fundraising efforts benefited organizations providing housing, the chart with fundraising appears skewed to housing. In any case, the team feels the grants awarded benefited the broadest spectrum of the community.

In 2012, the Grants Team plan to make minor changes to the grants process. The most notable change will be the timing of grant awards. With the change to a calendar fiscal year, the Grants Team decided to make awards only in July and December.

We invite anyone interested in participating in the grant process to join the Grants Team as either a regular member or visiting observer.

The Grants Team thanks all members of the Interfaith Council for your support in our process. I wish to thank all team members for their dedication and hard work.

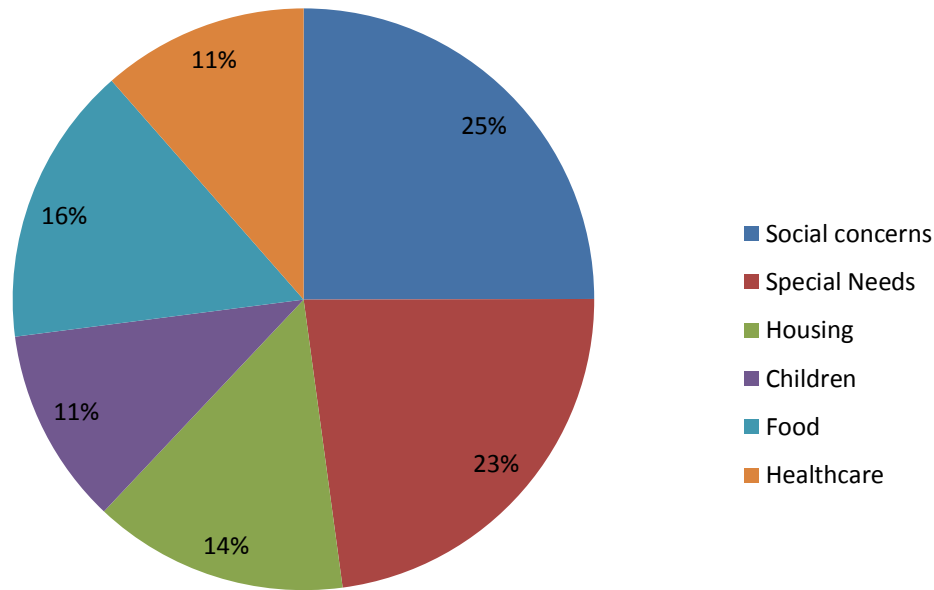
Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Stingley, Chairperson

**Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council
Grants for 2011 - Total Distribution w/o fundraising**

	Social Concerns	Special Needs	Housing	Children	Food	Healthcare	Total
1Q	\$800	\$600	\$700	\$250	\$1,000	\$550	\$3,900
2Q	\$800	\$550	\$550	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$2,500
3Q	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$350	\$1,000
4Q	\$800	\$700	\$110	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$2,210
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	\$2,400	\$2,200	\$1,360	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$1,100	\$9,610

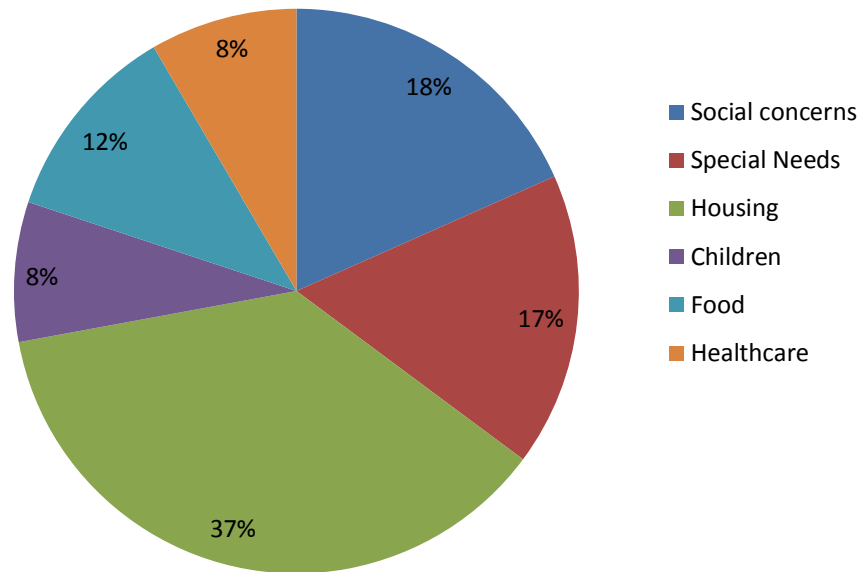
2011 GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS WITHOUT FUNDRAISING



**Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council
Grants for 2011 - Total Distributions with fundraising**

	Social Concerns	Special Needs	Housing	Children	Food	Healthcare	Total
1Q	\$800	\$600	\$3,277	\$250	\$1,000	\$550	\$6,477
2Q	\$800	\$550	\$550	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$2,500
3Q	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$350	\$1,000
4Q	\$800	\$700	\$1,000	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$2,210
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	\$2,400	\$2,200	\$4,827	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$1,100	\$13,077

2011 GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS WITH FUNDRAISING



FORT COLLINS INTERFAITH COUNCIL

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

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In 2011 the Communications Team undertook a variety of new projects. July of 2011 saw the revision of the IFC Brochure, with an updated list of Faith and Agency Members.

We actively sought out more publicity for IFC through the Coloradoan and got a great write-up on our Annuals Awards and Appreciation dinner. We also worked to get publicity for our September promotion on the subject of Human Trafficking. We had good coverage and response to our September 11 Interfaith Service of Remembrance, which was held at Plymouth Congregational Church, during which several hundred people attended.

We completed a successful migration to Constant Contact, and the e-bulletin has been sent out in a timely, and more professional, manner each month thanks to Sarah Alessi, who left Fort Collins, and now, Jamie McMannes.

The Communications Team also successfully added two new additions to the IFC Website. These are the Agency Information and Faith Information buttons, which allow our members to fill out information sheets and get their info out to others in the community.

The team mailed out 2012 Covenants to all current members and sent letters to 27 churches who are not currently involved. We will follow up with these letters to see if we can glean any new members to our fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Garcia, Communications Team

Under the very capable leadership of JoAn Hopkins and Sue Beck-Ferkiss the Programs and Social Concerns Team has provided an array of excellent programs. The programs have opened discussions on a variety of concerns not only for the InterFaith Council but in the broader community as well.

Program and Social Concerns Team Annual Report

The Programs and Social Concerns Team has provided monthly presentations for the InterFaith Council. The goal has been to provide programs with topics and concerns to the entire group but with broader concerns for the Fort Collins community.

Effort was made to provide input for the purposes and goals of the program presentations. Programs are presented to

- Inform and update the Council of agencies and resources which provide services consistent with the goals and purposes of InterFaith Council
- Expand the network of agencies serving the Fort Collins community
- Discover areas wherein the IFC can contribute to services and ministries offered
- Better involve the member agencies of IFC
- Identify areas of concern wherein IFC can extend its resources to make a difference
- Educate the public as to the identity of IFC as an agency of faith in action

An attempt has been made, with varying success, to move program sites out into the community among the faith groups and member agencies. We will continue to explore the possibilities and interest in continuing this effort. Logistics continues to be of concern.

Included in the programs and issues presented during 2011 were Crossroads Safe House, Pathways Hospice, Affordable Housing, Mentoring the Homeless, McDonald's Family Trust, SAVA, Concerned Larimer, Legislative Process, l'Arche, Angel House and assistance with the Annual Awards Dinner which centered on homelessness issues.

Two programs which were introduced and have gained impetus for future exploration and action were Human Trafficking and the outgrowth of the effort known currently as Angel House which is projected to be entitled Faith Family Hospitality.

Programs generally have received positive feedback. Projected ideas for 2012 programs include Crossroads Safehouse – presentation and tour of new facility; Affordable Housing update; Youth Advocacy Issues; Concerns for Aging Populations; Immigration Issues; AIDS Awareness; Sexual Abuse Issues; Adult Literacy; and Restorative Justice.

Projected program presentations likely will be effected by the decision in June with reference to the frequency of monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bunch, Chair