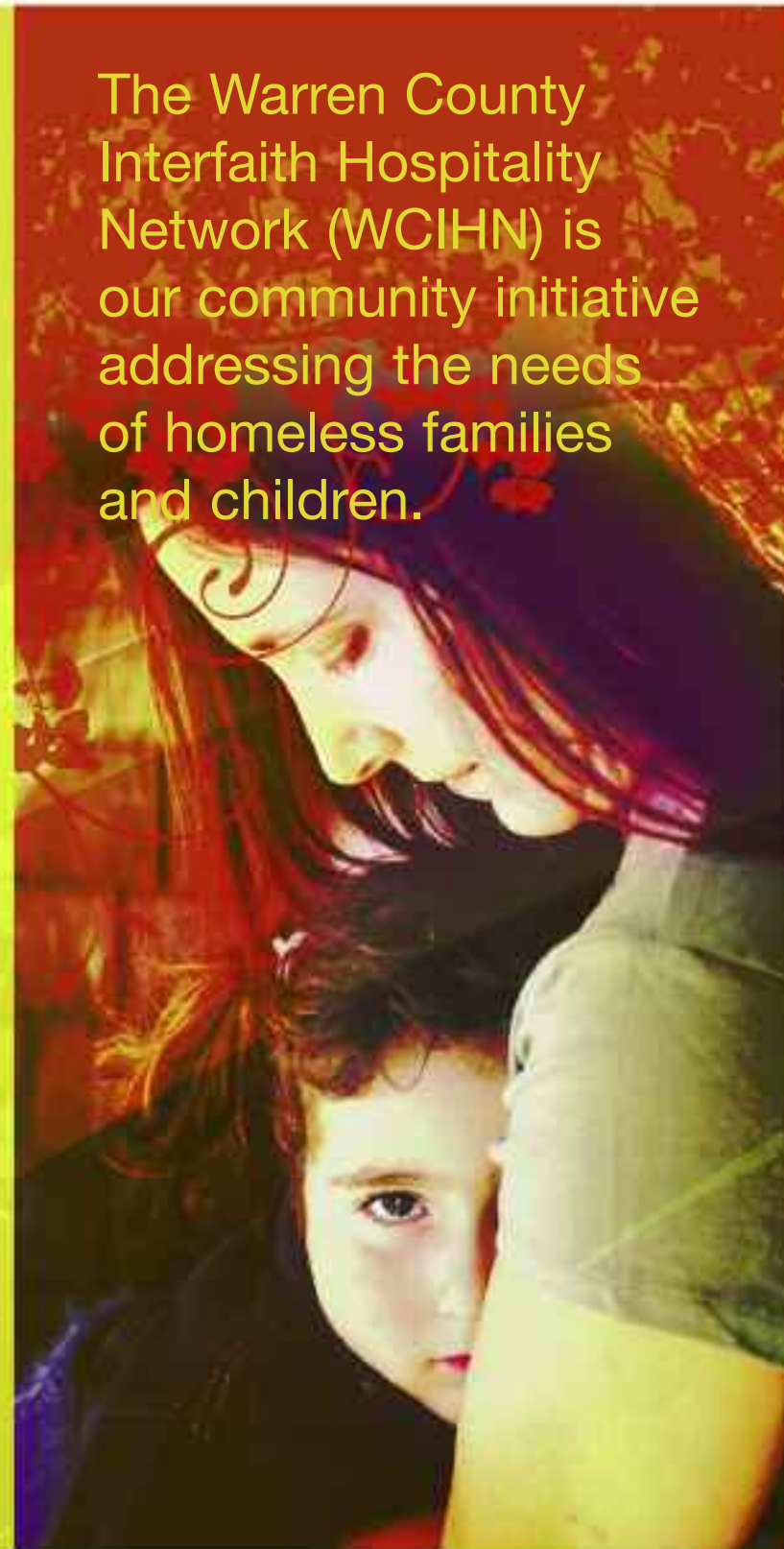




What would it be like to not have a home or bed to call your own?

Full of grace, hope, love, and innocence, a child's world can change in a whisper of a moment to the fear, hunger, and uncertainty of being homeless. + In Warren County, there are about 20 children, tonight, who will experience this darkness of not having a home and a bed they can call their own. + Won't you please help? + Inside our lives, what is more important than the health, happiness, safety, and well-being, of our children?

The Warren County Interfaith Hospitality Network (WCIHN) is our community initiative addressing the needs of homeless families and children.



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WARREN COUNTY INTERFAITH
HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Extending Compassion, Care, and Hope

Through the Warren County Interfaith Hospitality Network, we extend compassion, care, and hope to families through a network of Host and Support Congregations, social and business organizations, and individual volunteers. We provide emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and other support for helping families regain their independence while offering essential services and programs for locating and securing housing, employment, and job training as well as helping families rebuild their savings, repair their credit, and restore their unity.



A Place to Call Home

At the core of our network is the WCIHN Family Center. In addition to providing case management, the Family Center offers guest families a safe, home-like environment with living, play, and work areas as well as restrooms, dressing rooms, showers, kitchen, and laundry facilities. The Family Center also offers families a means of communication; it is their temporary address and telephone. Near public transportation and county agencies, parents can easily access housing

and employment opportunities as well as appropriate social services. And because it is centrally located in Warren County, children, who are attending school, are picked-up in the morning from the Family Center and returned in the afternoon by their school districts.

Hosting and Supporting Our Families

In the evening, the WCIHN transports guest families to a Host Congregation for dinner, overnight accommodations, and breakfast; guests arrive about 5:30 PM and leave the next morning for the Family Center by 7:00 AM. Congregations host only 14 family members, about 3 to 5 guest families, for one week of evenings anywhere from 4 to 5 times a year. Hosting begins on Sunday evening and ends the following Sunday morning. Support Congregations and volunteers assist Host Congregations in preparing meals, hosting evenings, providing family activities, helping with homework, telling bed-time stories, feeding infants, and so forth. There are more than 50 volunteer opportunities available each week. For example, volunteers can assist in setting up and taking down WCIHN furniture and beds at Host Congregation facilities or in providing other services. The WCIHN coordinates these daily and weekly activities among its participating congregations and volunteers.

Creating a Healthy and Safe Environment

The WCIHN interacts with local community and government agencies for needed support services and for guest family referrals. In ensuring the WCIHN remains a healthy and safe environment for both families and volunteers, guests are assessed in advance for substance and alcohol abuse, acute psychiatric problems, or issues of family abuse. Families admitted into the WCIHN include families with single parents or both parents and children only; homeless individuals unfortunately cannot be accommodated in the network.



Your Support and Help Are Needed

Please help us provide compassion, care, and hope for our families in the Warren County. You, your family, community, and congregation can help in three ways:

1

Please make WCIHN your local mission. Please prayerfully consider making WCIHN a line item on your budget every year and making donations. Donations can be made directly online at www.wcihn.org.

2

Please support WCIHN by volunteering. There are several opportunities for all ages, skills, talent, and experience. Consider what gifts you can provide other families in the community.

3

Please donate personal and household goods. There is need for new, unused personal and household items like linens, blankets, pillows, and other necessary items.



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