



*A partnership to address the problem of homelessness and lack of affordable housing in Bucks County*

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**Interfaith Housing Development Corporation Launches “Bucks for Beds,” with the support of the Bucks County Foundation and Croydon Mattress Factory**

**Bristol, Pennsylvania** – The Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Bucks County (IHDC), at 805 N. Wilson Avenue, Building 100, Suite 102, in Bristol, has launched the “Bucks for Beds” program as part of IHDC’s Fresh Start Donation Center. Bucks for Beds will provide homeless families transitioning to permanent accommodations in Bucks County with a “fresh start” in the form of vouchers for new mattresses, box springs and bed frames. IHDC was able to initiate this program because of the generosity of the Bucks County Foundation, which provided a \$5,000 starting grant directly to the program. IHDC is also working closely with the Croydon Mattress Factory to provide these services to our client families.

Clients of the Donation Center are frequently transitioning from homeless shelters or other transitory housing situations. Though the Donation Center can provide nearly everything families need to rebuild their households, beds are always the primary concern for many of the clients who are often starting over. Mattresses and box springs are rarely donated to the Donation Center. “The Donation Center frequently fields requests for mattresses and box springs. Previously, we were often unable to meet those requests because donated mattresses were so rare.” said Chris Auth, IHDC executive director. “The ‘Bucks for Beds’ fund will allow us to at least partially meet this demand and will provide these families with brand new beds, which we have never been able to do before.”

IHDC invites the public and the press to a photo opportunity at the Fresh Start Donation Center, located at the above address, on Thursday, November 18, at 1pm.

**About the Fresh Start Donation Center**

The Fresh Start Donation Center, located in Bristol and hosted by IHDC, collects donations of gently-used furniture and household goods and redistributes them, free of charge, to

families who are rebuilding their households after recently struggling with homelessness. The Fresh Start Donation Center was founded in 1992 and has assisted over 4,000 families since its founding. Fresh Start is nearly entirely staffed by volunteers, and continues to give approximately 250 families a year a “fresh start” with the help of its dedicated volunteers.

### **About IHDC**

IHDC was founded in 1987 as an interfaith partnership dedicated to alleviating the problems of homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in Bucks County. Our mission is to provide housing via lease, lease-purchase, and direct-sale programs to low-income and homeless families as they work to become self-sufficient. IHDC works toward its mission by rehabilitating blighted homes and occasionally building new ones, and then makes these homes available to its local client families.

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