



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

**INTERFAITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF BUCKS COUNTY**

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**Interfaith Housing Development Corporation Receives \$18000 Grant to Continue Bucks
for Beds Program**

Bristol, Pennsylvania - The Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Bucks County (IHDC), at 805 N. Wilson Avenue, Building 100, Suite 102, in Bristol, has received an \$18,000 grant from the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust, West Conshohocken, PA.

“Our Fresh Start Donation Center program, in conjunction with our Bucks for Beds program, helps low income families transition from homelessness into homes by providing, free of charge, much needed furniture, household items, and beds,” said Christopher J. Auth, Executive Director of IHDC. “The generosity of the W. W. Smith Charitable Trust will help us to continue to provide beds for local families in need. By providing needed items free of charge through the donation center, and beds through the funds received through this grant, families are able to use their money to cover other needs. It also allows IHDC to continue with our mission of providing services to low-income and homeless families in Bucks County.”

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. IHDC also hosts the Fresh Start Donation Center which collects donations of gently-used furniture and household goods and redistributes them to families rebuilding their households after recently struggling with homelessness.

About W. W. Smith Charitable Trust

The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust is a private foundation established by William Wikoff Smith. The Trust is specifically focused on areas involving basic needs for food, clothing and shelter; supplementing higher education scholarship programs; and basic medical research primarily in Heart Disease, Cancer and AIDS.

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