



# Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network

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## NEW GIHN STAFF

### Jon Andrews, Site Supervisor



Jon Andrews, has spent the last eight years with Love Justice International as a prominent speaker and activist in the fight against one of the greatest injustices of our era, modern day slavery. Jon is a local champion for the incarcerated, the homeless, and social injustice. Jon looked forward to returning to the

building where his Grandfather Edwin once worked out of when it was Albion Production Credit.

Jon and his wife Alison have been married for 16 years. They have 3 wonderful children Preston 13, Presley 10, and Palyn 9. He is a graduate of McPherson College with a degree in History and Political science. He is pursuing his master's degree in Social Justice at Kilns College. When not doing homework, he is a passionate and loyal coach of many of his children's teams, he is an avid reader and enjoys spending time with his family.

them. I appreciate all of the businesses and individuals that sponsored or gave the night of the event. We could not be the safety net for the homeless ladies and families in our community without the help and support of our friends like you!

As the holiday season approaches and the weather turns cold, windy and wet, I am reminded that our work continues and is very much needed. It was a privilege to be a part of the Fundraiser banquet in a different capacity this year, and now it is time to ensure that your generosity and support is put to good use. As summer leaves and fall turns into winter, this is the time that our community needs us most, making sure that homeless women and children have a warm, dry, safe place to sleep.

We are a home to our guests, but only a temporary home. Our goal is to help every homeless female and family find a home of their own, which is something that we all as human beings deserve. For now, we are the next best thing and I am so proud to know that I and my staff can help provide a place for them to feel less alone while making the necessary steps to get them into a home. We could not do that without your support. It proves to me how much our volunteers and donors really care about this community.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Mindy Morehead



*Thank you* to everyone who came out and supported Goshen Interfaith at our annual Dessert Fundraiser Banquet on October 25<sup>th</sup>! We had amazing entertainment, pies and coffee. Our Board of Directors worked really hard to set-up, cut pies and clean-up and the night could not have been possible without



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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking to increase our volunteer database. We could use volunteers for transporting guests to and from appointments and jobs. We also could use volunteers to help transport our meals from Faith Mission to St. Mark's United Methodist Church each day. You can do this by picking one day a week, or month. We also would like to have more volunteers that would like to serve our guests supper and spend the evening with them, with our biggest need for this being during the week of Thanksgiving and the two weeks of Christmas and New Year's. If your service group or Bible study group would like to take a night or week we would love to have you. Please email [mindygihn@gmail.com](mailto:mindygihn@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up.

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On one particular occasion, one of our congregation's GIHN hosts learned in talking with a guest that she was one of her husband's co-workers. It wasn't known in their workplace that the guest and her family were facing the challenges of being homeless. After learning about her situation, the host's husband talked with the guest and asked her permission to invite their colleagues to offer mutual aid, keeping the need anonymous. He noted that in their close-knit work community, he knew people would want to support a colleague if they were aware of a need. He then spoke privately with a Human Resources staff person, who organized a fund drive over the next couple of weeks to help the employee and her family. So a Spirit-led connection made through GIHN resulted in a workplace community also being given the chance to join the circle of support.

This, for us, is an example of the amazing gift that the ministry of GIHN offers: the opportunity to join with others in our community to offer support when it is needed and, by the Spirit's power, to do more together than any of us could do alone. Thanks be to God! And thank you also to the dedicated GIHN staff; we recognize and appreciate your good work.

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## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

BY: Annette Brill-Berstresser



We at Faith Mennonite are grateful to be able to share a week of hosting Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network with Assembly Mennonite and Walnut Hill Mennonite, which we've done for a number of years. This partnership has allowed us, as a smaller congregation, to be part of this important ministry and to get a glimpse of how it is making a difference in people's lives.

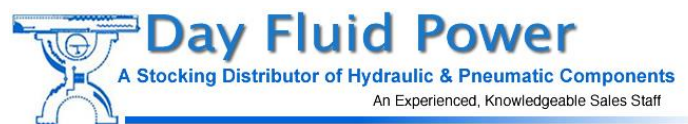
Over the years, we've enjoyed learning to know our guests through sharing meals, playing together and cleaning up together. On occasion, people who have been connected with our congregation and/or our own transitional housing ministry have been GIHN guests, or GIHN guests visited our church at a later time. At other times, conversations have led to serendipitous connections.

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

BY: Mindy Morehead

We are going to start spotlighting a business each newsletter that has been involved with GIHN in some way. Our first business spotlight is Day Fluid Power.



Day Fluid Power is a stocking Distributor of Hydraulics & Pneumatic Components. Day Fluid Power has been a continuous support for GIHN and our families from table sponsoring at our annual fundraiser to hosting a night multiple times throughout the year and spending time with our guest. We appreciate your continued support for us. Please check out their website at [www.dayfluidpower.com](http://www.dayfluidpower.com).

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## GIHN NEEDS

Make a difference with GIHN by sending in a donation from the following needs list or by monetary donations being sent to 105 S. Third Street, Goshen, IN 46526.

Toilet Paper  
Trash bags  
Cleaning Supplies  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Napkins/Paper Towels  
Size 5 & 6 Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
Snack Items (pretzels, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc)  
Cereals  
Soups



### *GIHN Staff*

Mindy Morehead • Jon Andrews •  
Daisy Gaspar • Brian Snyder • Jasmine Morehead •  
Becca Briscoe  
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### **GIHN would not exist without Host Churches—Thank you!**

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### *GIHN Board Members*

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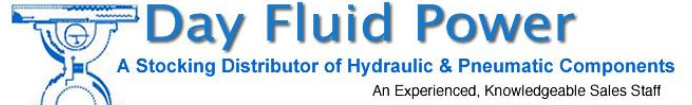
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**If you would like to have your church's name on this list please contact us today and be a part of our volunteer team.**



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**WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS  
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