

Through the sharing of God's love, we reach out and assist those in need so that all may live their lives more fully and more capably.

Contact: Brett King
InterServ (816) 238-4511, ext. 222 or (cell) 262-3675
bking@interservstjoe.org

INTERSERV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAVID HOWERY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

HOWERY RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS OF STELLAR LEADERSHIP

St. Joseph, Mo. _ David G. Howery, executive director of InterServ, has announced his planned retirement after 20 years as executive director of the 110-year-old community service organization. His last day will be September 30, 2019.

Howery, a licensed clinical social worker, informed the InterServ executive committee of his plans in the spring of 2018, allowing for an orderly transition of leadership. Since last fall, a succession planning task group has been working toward finding a new executive director and the InterServ board plans to have one hired by July 31, 2019.

InterServ, more formally known as Interfaith Community Services, is a faith-based, not-for-profit, human service organization that brings people together in service and advocacy to help children, youth, families and seniors live life more fully and more capably. InterServ has been united in this service to St. Joseph and the surrounding communities since 1909.

InterServ operates under the slogan "Faithfully Serving People" and carries out a range of programs that make life better for the youngest children up through the elderly. (Please see the accompanying fact sheet with details about those programs and the numbers served in St. Joseph and the region.)

During Howery's tenure, InterServ has taken on a number of new challenges to the community, including the organization's leadership in creating Community Missions, which addresses the needs of St. Joseph's homeless, and its assistance to the local immigrant population. Most recently, he helped oversee the organization's move from the century-old Wesley Center to the new InterServ Community Center on the corner of King Hill Avenue and Cherokee Street.

Through the sharing of God's love, we reach out and assist those in need so that all may live their lives more fully and more capably.

STATEMENT BY DAVID G. HOWERY, INTERSERV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to have served in a leadership capacity with such a wonderful organization and to have joined in the work with so many talented and compassionate people throughout my time here. I am always mindful of those who have been a part of InterServ’s rich history which has shaped the community’s response to people in need, especially to the poor and the vulnerable.

With major changes taking place, including our new InterServ Community Center, we can see a new era filled with promises and challenges. Yet to our donors, stakeholders and community, you can be confident and comforted in knowing that certain things stand the test of time – and won’t change; the commitment to the values within the social teachings of the Gospel, the faithful servant, the voice of the advocate and the call to prayer of the convener. These values which reveal our vision and fulfill our mission, will continue to be a guide and support to faithfully serving people, in all seasons.

Peace.”

STATEMENT BY KEN NEWTON, INTERSERV BOARD PRESIDENT

“For many people like me, it’s hard to imagine InterServ without Dave Howery. He has been a leader of enormous ingenuity and heart. True to his devotion to the organization, Dave has given the board a long lead time to plan for this transition to a new executive director. It is a unique and multi-faceted position, one that requires not only a business sense for running a multi-million dollar non-profit agency but a passion for living out the Gospel call for helping those in need. He managed this in stellar fashion, along with inspiring the InterServ staff and remaining open to new unmet needs in St. Joseph. He has left InterServ in great shape, and the board hopes to be up to the task of finding a worthy successor.”

InterServ

Faithfully Serving People

“Through the sharing of God’s love, we seek out and assist those in need so all may live their lives more fully and more capably.”

InterServ Community Center

5400 King Hill Avenue

(816) 238-4511

Administrative Offices
King Hill entrance

Programming

Cherokee Street entrance

Mitchell Woods

5210 Mitchell Avenue

(816) 279-6784

Clothing Store

629 South 8th Street

Calvin Center Tax Site and Commercial Kitchen

1412 N. 3rd Street

PROGRAMS

Early Care and Education

Mitchell Woods

5210 Mitchell Avenue

(816) 279-6784

Infants (6 weeks) to 5 years



Open Monday - Friday from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm.
State licensed and NAEYC accredited.

Youth Program

Open during the school year: Mon-Thurs 3 – 6 pm

(3rd – 8th Grades). Games, speakers, field trips, snacks.

(816) 238-4511, ext. 135.

Wesley Weightlifters: Practice and instruction times available. (816) 238-4511, Ext. 135.

Summer Jam Basketball and Summer Spike

Volleyball: Seven week sports leagues during the summer. (816) 238-4511, Ext. 135.



Volunteer Services

Volunteer opportunities for InterServ and other organizations in St. Joseph and Northwest Missouri.

CLAIM program (Medicaid and Medicare recipients) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE).

(816) 238-4511, ext. 262.



Individual and Family Services

Financial assistance for qualified individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. (816) 238-4511, ext. 265.

Food Pantry at the ICC Open Monday-Friday 1-3:45pm for food distribution. (816) 238-4511, ext. 229.

Clothing Store - Free clothing and small household items. Monday, Thursday and Friday 9 – 12 Noon. 629 South 8th Street.

Budget Counseling - (816) 238-4511, ext. 223.

Immigrant Services - Helping immigrants obtain legal documentation and services. (816) 238-4511, ext. 228.

Senior Services

In-Home Services - including Homemaker/Personal Care/Respite Services; Consumer Directed Care Services; and Professional Medical Services/Medication Management. In St. Joseph call (816) 232-8080. Outside St. Joseph call 1-800-794-0007.

Senior Nutrition - Hot meals at no charge for people ages 60 and over. Meals served Monday – Friday 11am -12:30 pm. (816) 238-4511, ext 235. Wesley Senior Towers, 1002 Francis Street, (816) 232-2839.

Meals on Wheels - Delivered to homebound and disabled individuals. Monday – Friday. (816) 238-4511, ext 234.



InterServ is a United Way Community Partner. Other Partners include: United Methodist Women, Inc. and the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church, The Heartland Presbytery (PCUSA); The Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ; St. Joseph Community Development; and the USDA - The USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider; MO General Revenue & DHSS/ Division of Senior & Disability Services through the Older Americans Act of 1965 and a contract with NWMO Area Agency on Aging, Inc.



2018 Service Statistics

In 2018 InterServ provided 7,810 people with a total of 237,405 units of service.

- ❖ 15,807 days of care were provided at our two Preschool and Childcare Early Education Centers.
- ❖ 15,057 days of recreation, weightlifting, tutoring and youth programming provided at Southside Youth.
- ❖ 693 youth participated in Southside Youth afterschool program, Wesley Weightlifters, Summer Jam Basketball and Summer Spike Volleyball leagues.
- ❖ 252 people received assistance in the areas of counseling, budget management, aging counseling, case management, and immigration services totaling 2,178 units of service.
- ❖ 5,399 Family Food Orders were provided to feed 3,946 people with 16,197 days of food provided.
- ❖ 5,039 visits for free clothing and donated household items from our clothing store.
- ❖ \$211,546 of direct financial assistance was provided to those in need of housing and stabilization.
- ❖ 21,197 meals were served at our two Senior Neighborhood Centers and 95,035 meals were delivered by volunteer drivers in the Mobile Meals Program and 7,361 meals served to children and youth for a total of 123,593 meals provided.
- ❖ 12,075 hours of volunteer service were provided throughout the community by RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). Other volunteers provided 5,094 hours of service. The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corp provided 4,555 hours of service in the community.
- ❖ TCE volunteers prepared 1,291 Federal, State and Property Tax Credit returns for elderly and low income persons totaling \$1,137,761 in refunds – which includes \$85,359 of Earned Income Tax Credits.
- ❖ Volunteers assisted 71 persons in the CLAIM and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Programs.
- ❖ 46,290 hours of Homemaker and Consumer Directed Services helped frail elderly people remain living in their own homes rather than being placed into nursing homes.
- ❖ InterServ convened 18 events in the community around social justice and diversity issues.