



## All-Staff Christmas Party

Catholic Community Services and Catholic Community Services Foundation Boards of Directors cordially invite all CCS, CCSF and ISN staff to the Annual All-Staff Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 6th** from **11:30am-1:00pm** at St. Edward Catholic Church. Door prizes, games and lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP by December 1st** to [mrutten@ccswv.org](mailto:mrutten@ccswv.org).

To view, or to print the flier for your site, click [here](#).

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## **FHI Takes Collective Impact to the Next Level**

After nine years of delivering collaborative, neighborhood-based solutions for families facing adversity, the Fostering Hope Initiative is taking collective impact to the next level. During a recent visit from the Tamarack Institute of Vancouver, Canada, CCS and Fostering Hope Initiative partners gathered to learn more about how collective impact is evolving to address the challenges of transforming complex, adaptive systems like neighborhoods and the social determinants of health.

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## **United Way Campaign: Big Basket Blowout & Potluck**

Our final United Way event, the Big Basket Blowout and Potluck, is just around the



corner. Don't miss out on your chance for the *biggest* and *best* basket bragging rights! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 14th** from **11:30am-1:00pm** to attend, and contact Stephanie Stoker at [sstoker@ccswv.org](mailto:sstoker@ccswv.org) to get involved.

The winning entries from the Souper Social will be announced at the Basket Blowout. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Souper Social and the Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale. The Souper Social attracted 9 soups and raised \$135, and the Bake Sale raised \$575.

If you're interested in volunteering, email Heidi Frederick at [hfrederick@ccswv.org](mailto:hfrederick@ccswv.org).

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### **ISN Spotlight - Stephanie Stoker**

ISN's Stephanie Stoker has worked with the company for 10 years and reports that helping people achieve their goals is the most rewarding part of her job. Stephanie recently was honored with the Marilyn Williams Staff Excellence Award for her outstanding contributions to ISN. In addition to co-chairing our United Way Campaign, Stephanie is an active member of the World Beat Dragon Boat Club, and has even learned to till a dragon boat.

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## 2017 Annual Luncheon

Thank you to the many CCS, ISN and CCSF staff members who helped out at our 13th Annual Fundraising Luncheon. Whether you greeted guests at registration, hosted a table or helped assemble gifts, your support helped bring together hundreds of community members to support our work and help our community *flourish together*.

Your support truly makes a difference.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to view and share our customer stories from our luncheon. View the event gallery [here](#).

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## Sanctuary Theme of the Month - Safety

The holidays are a joyous time, but they can also be stressful. With family parading in and out of town, dinner parties, and the pressure to come up with extra money for gifts, we can begin to feel frazzled and emotional. Fall is a good time to review and update your safety and self-care plans. As part of our commitment to being a trauma-informed organization, we should all have our personal safety and self-care plan in place. A safety plan identifies things you can do in the moment to remain calm if faced with situations in which you feel physically, emotionally or ethically unsafe. These can

be simple things that you can do on the spot without anything but yourself. Personal self-care plans outline 6 categories to achieve optimal personal well-being; the categories are physical, psychological, social, moral, professional, and societal. The self-care plan is a great tool to help us maintain balance in our lives during the busy holiday season.

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