

Dear IFM Family,

It has been my deepest privilege to lead Interfaith Food Ministry for the past 8 years. Working at IFM has meant working in a place where, with all our diversity, we come together to make sure no one in Nevada County goes hungry. We are a community of volunteers committed to helping. We are a team of supporters that give generously of our time, talents and resources. We are people who realize that no one walks through life alone and we are better sharing life together.

Gratitude compels me to thank you all. In so many ways you have followed your hearts and sometimes stepped out of what is comfortable to navigate uncharted territory and ultimately change lives.

Thank you Riverhill Farms for starting a movement of local farmers, supporting IFM's vision of a community where no one knows the hurt of hunger.

Thank you United Way for partnering in a new reality, offering Saturday food assistance to working Nevada County families.

Thank you to every volunteer and to every donor for making each day at IFM possible.

Thank you to everyone who has shared your love of IFM with others, encouraging more to join in helping our neighbors.

In this spirit of gratitude I share with you that in the midst of many accomplishments, and a variety of challenges, I will be resigning as Interfaith's Executive Director. With aging parents and young grandchildren there just isn't enough time to do everything the job requires. Big changes don't happen quickly and I have no intention of leaving without a replacement in place.

The beginning of 2018 will bring a search for a new Executive Director by the IFM board. They are hoping someone will be ready to start by April 1st. For a month the new ED and I will work side by side sharing details, love and passion for this great mission. Then it will be time to say goodbye, at least for a short time.

There is no way for me to tell you what you all have meant to me. I have never experienced this kind community collaboration before. I have endless stories of miracles, of people who go above and beyond, of volunteers who work with such compassion and commitment, of donors who surprise me daily with their kindness and generosity. Working with you all has been one of my deepest pleasures. I have been proud to be a part of the IFM family.

I will miss you all more than you or I can imagine but I know this is the right decision. I don't know what the future holds but I am excited to see what it will bring.

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