



Rotary Club of

Centennial Colorado

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Centennial, Colorado

November 29, 2016



The scheduled speaker called in sick the day before the meeting and Todd McPherson from Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) was gracious enough to come speak at the last minute. Integrated Family Community Services is the former Interfaith Community Services which is the former Interfaith Task Force For Community Services. From 1964 to 1999 they were the Interfaith Task Force for Community Services. They changed their name because of confusion of what Task Force meant. They changed their name in January of this year by deleting Faith from the name.

IFCS is the largest social services agency in the south metro area. They focus on low income families, hunger, housing issues, crime victims, birth certificates, prescription assistance, school supplies, etc. They are the largest food and clothing bank in the south metro area.

90—92 percent of every dollar they receive is used for assistance. Last year they provided over 124,000 meals.

Why do people living in Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village, Centennial, Highlands Ranch, and Lone Tree need assistance? Some need is because of bankruptcy or domestic violence, as examples.

Earlier this year the Southview Senior Apartment Complex was hit with a fire. 189 ended up homeless as a result of the fire. A company bought the building for scrap and is in the process of renovating it. It is a problem because they are

having to remediate for lead and asbestos. This will take a longtime to complete and the residents have been told that when they move back in their rent will increase \$1,000 per month and in a couple of years, it will increase again to about \$1,250 per month. This is for individuals living on a fixed income.

Other reasons people might need help is because of foreclosures, evictions, domestic abuse. 76 percent of people seeking assistance from IFCS are single mothers.

IFCS is feeling increased pressure for their service because other agencies are closing their doors.

Todd specifically singled out Centennial Rotary for the assistance they have provided to IFCS.



Here is Todd drawing the number for the elusive Blue Marble. Jessica Reagan was lucky enough to get her number drawn, but she could not find the marble. Next week's prize is over \$1,100.

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ment—Trip Butler
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Club Business

- Santa Clothes is 12/7. An e-mail will be coming out from Diane.
- Nibbles and Sips will be February 25, 2017. It will begin at 5:30 PM. Remember this supports IFCS.
- Cherry Creek Unified Flag Football team sent us a thank you for the jerseys our club provided.
- A thank you was received from the Rotary Foundation for the approximately \$350 our club donated to Polio Plus. The money was from tips received during the beer sales.

Travel Gift

- Diane present a bowl from Maui.

UPCOMING

EVENTS

DEC 6—RUTT BRIDGES, AU-
THOR OF SHIFTING GEARS

DEC 7—SANTA CLOTHES &
AM

DEC 7—BOARD MTG, 7 AM

DEC 10—HOLIDAY PARTY

DEC 13—LEARN ABOUT THE
CENTENNIAL RC WEBSITE -
ROXY HAHN, JOHN PETERSON,
AND ANDRES OSUNA

DEC 20 AND 27—DARK

JAN 10—INTERNATIONAL EX-
PERIENCE— LUCIO TRUBBAS
AND BO GARFINKEL