

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
**Between the Irvington Community Advocacy Network
and Partners in the Irvington Community.**

The Irvington Community Advocacy Network (**ICAN**) and organizations in the Irvington Community (hereinafter known as **Partners**) share a common population and have common community interests. This MOU outlines ways that ICAN and Partners can be in relationship together to serve the people of Irvington.

ICAN serves as an umbrella organization that connects and supports five main areas of outreach to people in need: two food pantries, an assistance bureau, Hope Counseling, and a clothing closet. As individual and family needs indicate, members of the community are invited and encouraged to make use of these resources as a safety net for necessities of life including food, clothing, shelter and transportation. ICAN services are funded by individuals, businesses, organizations and churches.

Partners are those businesses, organizations, churches and individuals in the community who wish to serve people in need through ICAN's services. Service opportunities may include volunteering for ICAN, promoting ICAN's services or by providing financial and other in-kind contributions to ICAN. Partners may also serve on an ICAN Advocacy Board which will provide vision and direction to ICAN services.

The Irvington community can expect that **ICAN** will:

- Treat all people with respect, care, and fairness who seek services from ICAN;
- Provide assistance to people who fit the criteria established by the ICAN Advocacy Board;
- Provide services without any requirement for a person to hold a particular religious faith, sexuality, marriage status, gender, or country of origin.

The Irvington community can expect that **Partners** will:

- Support ICAN services in voice and action;
- Promote ICAN services and special events;
- Make referrals to ICAN services;
- Place an ICARE/ICAN sticker on display in their public area;

ICAN and Partners agree in this MOU to actively engage in processes to improve the safety and care of members of the Irvington Community.

Now, therefore to create this MOU as an official document illustrating their mutual relationship and in agreement with their mutual expectations, the following leaders of the two groups sign this arrangement to acknowledge the mutual understanding and agree to review and reaffirm or cancel this relationship on an annual basis.

Partner Representative

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Please return the signed MOU to:

ICAN Office / Irvington United Methodist Church / 30 North Audubon Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219