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August 2025 Newsletter

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A letter from
RHONDA RANEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

August marks a time of transition; we say goodbye to summer schedules and hello to fall, with school, meetings, activities, and projects on the horizon.

This month typically brings an increase in calls to our crisis line as hundreds of college students arrive for the fall semester and households adjust to new school routines. Our trained volunteers are ready to assist as crisis line counselors, court navigators, front office receptionists, and sexual assault response advocates.

On the administrative side, our board of directors will hold its first meeting of the new fiscal year. We are continuing work on our annual audit, and fall grant applications are due. Later this month, InterAct's leadership team will host an employee appreciation event.

We are also beginning serious preparations for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, collaborating with community partners to organize various events. Our development staff is laying the groundwork for the end-of-year campaign, which will kick off with Giving Tuesday on December 2. Additionally, plans are underway for our beloved Holiday Bazaar.

I hope your summer was filled with rejuvenating activities and restful relaxation. Welcome, August! Now it's time to get to work!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhonda Raney', with a stylized, flowing script.

Rhonda Raney,
Executive Director

Making a challenging time a little easier.

Why Meal Kits?

For families in crisis, preparing a complete meal can be overwhelming, especially when access to a kitchen, time, or energy is limited.

That's why InterAct offers **Meal Kits**: ready-to-go bundles that include easy-to-use, shelf-stable ingredients designed to create a complete meal. Instead of having to gather items from their pantry, recipients are provided with everything they need in one thoughtful package.

Beyond providing food, a Meal Kit represents a gesture of care—it serves as a reminder that someone in the community has taken the time to make life a little easier during a challenging period.

Hosting a Meal Kit event is a meaningful way to support survivors, providing both nourishment and kindness.

UBS and RBC Raleigh contributed nearly 150 meals earlier this month.



Meal kits Information

Get your group or organization involved.

Camp HOPE - Update



InterAct is in the middle of a powerful week at **Camp HOPE America**, which concludes August 25, 2025.

Pictured above are members of InterAct's Camp Hope team, who dedicated an entire week to our campers — sharing stories, offering mentorship, modeling positive examples, and building leadership skills that empower every boy and girl who attends.

What is Camp HOPE?

Camp HOPE is a specialized summer camp for children impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the camp is completely free for families. Participants engage in outdoor activities, team-building exercises, and personal growth activities, all within a safe and trauma-informed environment.

At **Camp HOPE**, kids find:

- Safety in a supportive, healing environment
- Connection through mentorship and peer bonding

- Resilience through activities that build confidence and coping skills
- Hope—with proven outcomes like reduced anxiety and stronger emotional well-being

Camp HOPE is an important part of InterAct's mission to break the cycle of violence, beginning with the next generation.

Learn more at interactofwake.org/camp-hope.

Give for InterAct's Programs

Making an Impact



We're grateful to **RBC Bank** for their hands-on support of InterAct's mission.

On August 8, six dedicated RBC employees spent the day learning about our services, assembling Meal Kits, and sorting donations for survivors and their families.

*"Our company (**KBI Biopharma**) provided us with the opportunity to allocate 8 hours per year for community service or volunteer work, allowing us to choose an organization we wanted to support. I wanted to volunteer with InterAct, an organization whose work I believe in. I also wanted to learn more about how to volunteer with them in a*

Their time, energy, and willingness to get involved make a real difference in helping InterAct provide safety, support, and hope.

Thank you for being such valued partners in this work.

more permanent situation and thought this would be a great introduction.”

Thank you, **KBI Biopharma**, for supporting your employees and, in turn, the community.



As a new school year begins, children healing from domestic violence are looking for more than supplies — they’re seeking stability, safety, and a sense of normalcy.

At InterAct, we help young survivors and their families navigate this important transition. With community support, we can ensure every child has the tools they need to thrive in the classroom and beyond.

School Essentials (per student)

- Reusable lunchbox or lunch bag(1)
- No. 2 pencils (24 pack)
- Large erasers (3)
- 7-inch student scissors (1)
- Glue sticks (3 pack)
- Folders (3–4)
- Refillable water bottle (1)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks (3–4)
- Crayola colored pencils (12count)
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- Crayola markers (10 count)
- Wired headphones (1)

We are collecting the following school essentials and snacks. Any items not distributed to InterAct families will be donated to local schools. Thanks to NC State for donating backpacks!

Snacks

- Juice boxes
- Granola bars
- Goldfish crackers snack packs
- Sunbutter & jelly
- Fruit snacks and pouches
- Snack bags of chips or pretzels

Donations can be dropped off at InterAct (M–F, 9 AM–4 PM) at 1012 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC. A tax receipt is available upon request. Items may also be shipped directly to this address.

Thank you for helping our kids start the school year empowered, prepared, and full of hope.



IF YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW.

The red dot isn't just a sale—it's a little wink from the universe saying, "Today's your day."

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Have you heard about the "red dot"?

*"I walked into Pass It On Thrift Store thinking I'd just browse. You know, take a few minutes and maybe find a cute shirt. Then I spotted it—the tiny **red dot** on a tag.*

***If you know, you know.** That dot means "game on." Suddenly, I'm holding a vintage Coach bag that looks like it stepped out of a magazine spread, but the price? Let's just say lunch cost me more. I dug deeper and found a silk scarf with the same dot, then a pair of designer heels in my size, like they'd been waiting. The red dot isn't just a sale—it's a little wink from the universe saying, "Today's your day."*



Spot the red dot. Score the deal.

At Pass It On Thrift, the red dot means treasures waiting just for you — designer clothes, handbags, accessories, and gifts at prices that feel like a secret. If you know, you know. Come experience the thrill of the red dot!

📍 Visit Pass it On in **Raleigh** or in **Fuquay-Varina**.

Learn more about Pass it On

Partner Spotlight



Raleigh Housing Authority

The Raleigh Housing Authority – Has provided safe, quality, affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families in the greater Raleigh community since 1938.

The Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) and InterAct have a strong and successful partnership. InterAct refers those needing stable housing to RHA for programs like the Housing Choice Voucher Program or public housing. RHA, in turn, connects individuals facing domestic violence or sexual assault to InterAct for crisis support, counseling, or shelter. InterAct and RHA work together on initiatives to increase access to safe, affordable housing for survivors. This partnership ensures that survivors are housed and supported in rebuilding their lives.

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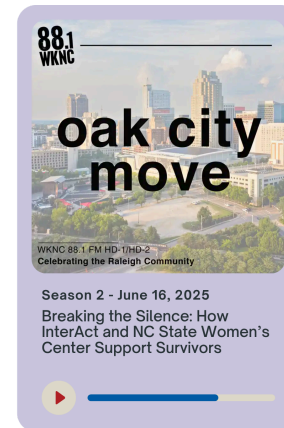
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Pass It On Thrift Stores support InterAct's mission to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our donors. Your contributions make a big impact.



Tune in to a recent **podcast** featuring InterAct team members in conversation with NC State's Women's Center, where they discuss domestic violence, local resources, and the many ways survivors can access support.



Please schedule your donation in advance by emailing passiton@interactofwake.org.

Check your inbox and follow us on social media to learn how you can support survivors and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

Support with Confidence



InterAct has received the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator.



InterAct holds the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid./GuideStar.

For over 47 years, InterAct has been committed to breaking the cycle of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County, North Carolina. As the county's only provider of comprehensive services for victims and survivors, we make a life-saving impact 24/7/365. With a dedicated team of over 60 staff members and nearly 50 volunteers, we serve approximately 10,000 community members each year—nearly 7,000 of whom are victims of abuse. InterAct saves lives, rebuilds lives, and secures safer futures for victims, survivors, and their families.

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