

The mission of FISH Hospitality Program is to serve homeless women and families by providing shelter and meals, and such other assistance as we are able, in order to give them a new opportunity to live independently in their communities as respected families and individuals. FHP does assist and enable our guests to obtain housing, jobs, medical services and other assistance to which they are entitled, as far as resources allow. FHP serves people in need without regard to race, religion, national origin or disability.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 11 Children's Christmas Party 1:00 pm**
Our Lady of Fatima School
501 New Market Road, Piscataway
- December 12 A Festival of Carols**
Trinity Reformed Church
401 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield
FREE CONCERT
and refreshments All are welcome -
young and old Bring your family and
friends
- January 18 FISH Hospitality Program Annual Meeting 7:30pm**
Wesley United Methodist Church
1500 Plainfield Avenue, South
Plainfield
EVERYONE WELCOME !!!
- February 8 Coordinators Meeting 7:30 pm**
First Presbyterian Church 218 Dunellen
Avenue Dunellen, NJ
- February 27 FHP's Annual Concert and Silent Auction**
Trinity Reformed Church,
401 Greenbrook Road North Plainfield
Silent Auction items are available for
your bids at 1:00 pm and concert begins
at 2:00 pm. Winners announced after the
concert.
Tickets on sale January 3, 2011
Call FHP office at 732-968-5957

SERVICE STATISTICS

January 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010

Persons sheltered -	69
Family units -	32
Bed nights provided -	2,634
Average stay (days) -	53
Average daily census -	9.6

Volunteer View

From where I sit in my corner
I take a little peek.
Two children are playing
while a baby's sound asleep.

Their mother scours the newspaper
looking for a job.
She wonders in her head
I almost hear her out loud

"What am I going to do now
life can be so hard.
I'll pray and seek His guidance
I know it can't be far.

Thank you Jesus that I'm in
the Fish Hospitality Program
where love does abide.
There's food, a place to sleep
and others by my side."

Keep the faith I tell her
God loves you very much.
His will for you in everything
love, joy, peace and such

Now rest your weary head,
you know He will provide.
You are on a new road now,
and He will always be at your side

*I am so blessed and thankful for
the opportunity to volunteer.*
Tony Wargacki

***And whatever you do, whether in word
or deed, do it all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
Father through him.***

Colossians 3:17

Thank You To...

Rev. Jeffrey Wildrick and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Dunellen for allowing FHP to hold the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner and 20th Anniversary Celebration at their church.

COOL STAR Book Club who prepared and served dinner to our guests at Friends Meeting, Plainfield.

A Note from a Former Guest

I want to say thanks to you and all the churches and the members in the Hospitality Network. Nicole and I are settled and are doing fine. I just wanted to let you know how I truly appreciate all you have done for me and my family. The program is a blessing to anyone who has the opportunity to be a part of it. The members were very warm, kind and always willing to help. To be a part of the program has definitely made me look at myself mentally, emotionally and financially. The program has changed my outlook on people. I can say today that there are people out there who really do care. Please thank everyone for me especially Frank for his professionalism and his ability to be on time. I just want you to know that I love you all, especially you. May God bless you in everything you do.

Bertha and Nicole

WISH LIST

NEW pillows laundry detergent dryer sheets
fabric softener laundry bleach unscented baby
wipes body lotion

Guest Successes and Feedback

Elizabeth moved into her own rented room. She had been with us for a while and is very happy to be in her own place.

Sonja moved into her own rented room. She believes that she would have never made the progress she has if she had not entered our program. She thanks everyone for their kindness.

Jourdanne and Keyvai moved into their own very nice apartment.

Bertha and Nicole left transitional housing and are now in their own apartment.

How can I help?

Monetary donations should be sent to:
FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.
P.O. Box 170
Dunellen, NJ 08812

To volunteer with the program call 732-968-5957
Please pray for the well being and success of our
guests

What it's like living in a shelter

Living in a shelter is like a ray of sunshine, shining down on you if you let it. Going to the different churches gives you a chance to see different religions and congregations at work helping the poor and needy. And if you are on the spiritual level you might think about joining their church.

As far as the other ladies in the program it's really a pleasurable feeling in your heart to see someone come in and leave in a positive way after reaching their intended goal.

And to me living in a shelter is a positive thing because I intend to use the program to help me reach my intended goal in a professional way.

From a former guest

GUEST'S FEEDBACK

"The volunteers are very good and some are excellent"

"The meals are excellent and some very good. But all are nutritious"

"The move each week is hectic sometimes, but mostly good and on time"

"This program makes me feel like the workers really care. Whereas other programs made me feel like a number"

"I can honestly highly recommend this program"

"I think a lot of the volunteers are excellent. I marvel at their unending patience"

"This program was a growing/growth experience"

"The Program is great and the Social Worker is really dedicated in helping the guests reach their goals"

"Although this is a homeless program it is excellent, it is not over-crowded and dirty. There are good Christian people taking care of you with the comforts of home"

"Excellent food with good company"

"This program is excellent and there is no comparison to other shelters"

"I have no complaints and recommend FISH Hospitality employees and volunteers highly to God for His blessings and mercy for them giving abundantly to His own! God bless you all"

"The living accommodations were great and very clean and comfortable"

"The volunteers were excellent. They were very nice and helpful"

"The move each week was a little difficult but doable"

"It was great having a home cooked meal every night"

"The other guests were very nice people and I made long lasting friendships"

CONSIDER WHY YOU ARE IMPORTANT

If repeated setbacks cause you to ask, "What's the use?" take time to read these words of Cardinal John Henry Newman:

"God created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission..." I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth..." Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about."

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

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FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.

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PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

Host Congregations (night and/or day):

Bound Brook Presbyterian Church - n
Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway - n
First Baptist, Sewaren - n
First Presbyterian, Avenel - n
First Presbyterian, Dunellen - n
Friends Quaker Meeting House, Plainfield - n
Middlesex Bible Chapel - d
New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene, Edison - n
Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield - n & d
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick - n
St John the Evangelist R. C. Church, Dunellen - d
St Paul's United Church of Christ, Milltown - n
Trinity Episcopal, Woodbridge - n
Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick - n
Wesley United Methodist Church, S. Plainfield - d
Woodbridge United Methodist Church - n

Buddy Congregations:

New Dover United Methodist Church
St Cecelia's R.C. Church, Iselin
St James R.C. Church, Woodbridge

Support Congregations:

Grace Alliance, Piscataway
Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Piscataway
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