

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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 9 **Coordinator's Meeting**  
7:30 pm Christ United Methodist Church  
485 Hoes Lane, Piscataway
- Nov 4 **Volunteer Recognition Dinner**  
4:00 pm First Presbyterian Church  
218 Dunellen Avenue, Dunellen
- Dec 8 **Children's Christmas Party**  
Rose of Sharon Community Church  
825 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainfield

## SERVICE STATISTICS (January 1 – August 31, 2012)

Persons sheltered - 45  
Family units - 25  
Number of adults sheltered - 28  
Number of children sheltered - 17  
Bed nights provided – 2,533

## WISH LIST

Dove soap, laundry detergent, Purex baby detergent; baby wipes; body lotion, body wash & feminine products. Gift cards are welcome.

## WE NEED YOU

**Yes – we need your help to increase the number of volunteers on our floating volunteer list. We often need volunteers to help at our day center primarily on the weekends. Add your name by calling Kathy at 732 968-5957.**

***Please note our new email address:  
fishhospsw@verizon.net***

## From Intern to Executive Director

*I would like to introduce myself. My name is Theresa Donatiello Neidich. I am the new Executive Director & Social Worker for FISH Hospitality Program, Inc. It is an honor to have been selected from what I am sure was a great number of applicants.*

*For many years I worked in the legal profession in both large firms and very small law offices. In the 80s I took a job with AT&T in the legal department which turned into a 16 year career. I was productive but unfulfilled in the corporate environment.*

*In the 90s I decided it was time to pursue my lifelong dream of working in a helping profession. I started attending Rutgers part-time in the evenings. One of the first classes I chose was Social Policy and loved it. My professor said “no one chooses social policy” and he delighted in my enthusiasm. He suggested I follow the social work curriculum.*

*After completing all the required coursework for a double major in psychology and social work, the time had come to do an internship. I am thankful that FHP had an opportunity that matched my passion and my scheduling needs. I had a wonderful supervisor, Frank Grassi. I admired him and learned much from him and everyone at FHP, the Coordinators, Volunteers, as well as Norma Elliott, Emily Mlinarovich and Kathy Steiner.*

*I talked about FHP to everyone and took the time to explain how the hosting congregations work, highlighting what I saw as one of the most important parts of the program. It is a win-win for both the guests and the volunteers. Because the volunteers only work one week at a time a few times a year, there is very little volunteer ‘burn out’.*

*Both my parents were raised in Newark. We frequently visited my grandmother and drove through the City to get to her home. As a child I continually questioned my parents about the disparate living conditions. I could not understand why everyone didn't live in a house like ours in Nutley. When my father told me that some people even live on the streets, I was incensed and sad. I vowed that someday I would be in a position to do something about this.*

*Today I am in that position and am blessed to have this opportunity.*

*Please feel free to call me. I look forward to meeting you.*

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## **FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.**

A tri-county program for homeless women and families serving Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties in New Jersey

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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  
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield - 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  
Our Lady of Mount Virgin R.C. Church, Middlesex  
Pilgrim Covenant, South Plainfield  
St Francis Cabrini R.C., Piscataway  
St Luke's R.C. Church, North Plainfield  
St Paul's Episcopal Church, Bound Brook  
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield  
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield

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