

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

- Dec 8 **Children's Christmas Party**
Rose of Sharon Community Church
825 West 7th Street, Plainfield
- Jan 15 **Board of Directors/Annual Meeting**
Wesley United Methodist, So Plainfield
- Feb 12 **Coordinators Meeting**
Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
409 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook
- Feb 24 **FISH Hospitality Silent Auction
And FHP Benefit Concert**
Christ United Methodist Church
485 Hoes Lane, Piscataway

SERVICE STATISTICS

(January 1 - November 30, 2012)

- Persons sheltered - 51
Family units - 27
Number of adults sheltered - 30
Number of children sheltered - 21
Bed nights provided - 3393

As the holidays come and go over the next few weeks, please consider donating an item or two to the FISH Hospitality Silent Auction. The Auction, along with the annual FHP Benefit Concert, will take place on Sunday afternoon February 24, 2013 at Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway.

Concert tickets will be available at the office after January 15, 2013.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

GUEST'S CORNER

We became very desperate and depressed once we became homeless due to a shortage of hours on my husband's job. Friends and family did what they could but they too were struggling. We spent money that we needed to find another place just to not sleep in our car. When FISH Hospitality Program responded to us we were very grateful.

The Staff and Volunteers were very generous and friendly. They supplied us with nourishing food, warm beds, clothing, personal items, laundry and medications, a social worker, and transportation. The Van Driver, **Frank**, was very responsible. He was dependable and friendly. Frank always smiled and made us smile as well. It made our day to see him. **Theresa** helped us to deal with the different personalities in the program, and how to handle different situations in life. **Emily** was always there to talk to and had many words of wisdom for us. She is truly a blessing. **Kathy** in the office helped with all our paperwork including our resumes, and anything else we needed. We also want to thank the **Gentlemen in the Food Pantry** and **Gerri** from the FISH clothing room. Gerri is hard working and very generous - a loving person, and so is her staff.

FISH Hospitality was truly a blessing for both of us. **All the volunteers who cooked for us were very nice, and made sure we had everything we needed.** We are truly thankful **for all those** who helped to make our experience with FISH easier. We also thank everyone who helped us with a new start and to continue to prosper.

We truly need more people like you to make this world a better place. God bless you and the FISH Hospitality Program and may He continue to bless you and all your efforts.

THANK YOU, THERESA, EMILY, FRANK, KATHY, AND GERRI, AND ALL OF THE CHURCHES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED US THROUGH A MOST TRYING TIME. May you continue to grow and help those who need help and are willing to comply with your program.

May God also continue to carry those in need and bless them as well.

Former Guests/Happy & Satisfied Married Couple

WISH LIST

Liquid Fabric Softener; laundry detergent, Purex baby detergent; baby wipes; body lotion, body wash and mouthwash. Gift cards are welcome.

DECEMBER 2012

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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Dorothy Blae 11/26/31 – 10/23/12

*An extremely dedicated member of Board of Directors
(1997-2012) and Coordinator for Wesley United
Methodist Church (1998-2010)*

PLEASE NOTE

*Our Volunteer Dinner originally scheduled for
November 9 was cancelled due to Hurricane
Sandy. It has been rescheduled to May 5,
2013. Details coming soon.*

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, Cranford - 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 Paul's United Church of Christ, Milltown – n
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield - n
Trinity Episcopal, Woodbridge – n
Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick - n

Support Congregations:

Grace Alliance, Piscataway
New Dover United Methodist Church
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Our Lady of Mount Virgin R.C. Church, Middlesex
Pilgrim Covenant, South Plainfield
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St Paul's Episcopal Church, Bound Brook
The Rescue House of Prayer, S. Plainfield
Trinity Reformed Church, N. Plainfield
Wesley United Methodist Church, S. Plainfield
Woodbridge United Methodist Church

Affiliate of Family Promise
Affiliate of FISH, Inc. Dunellen, NJ
Member of New Jersey Alliance for the Homeless

A United Way Agency

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, and at our night hosting churches. Please call Kathy to add your name at 732 – 968 - 5957.

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